According to a United Nations 2018 OCHA report:
• The crisis in northeast Nigeria is one of the most severe in the world today.
• An estimated 10.2 million people need humanitarian assistance.
• Children constitute 63 percent of those in need.
• The crisis shows no sign of abating.

Celebrate: Much has been accomplished
The Church of the Brethren response to the crisis in Nigeria has been an inspiring outreach of Christian love to the Nigerian Brethren. Since October of 2014, over $5.2 million has been used, in partnership with Ekklesiyar Yan’uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) and local non-profit organizations, to help save lives and support recovery in Nigeria through food distributions, medical assistance, trauma awareness and peace building programs, building new homes in safer places and rebuilding homes that were damaged, providing widows and youth with the means to support themselves, helping children return to school, assisting with agricultural production through seeds, fertilizer, tractors and a soybean project and providing support to the EYN leadership.

Pray: Violence continues – many are still in need
Violence continues to plague Northeast Nigeria. Boko Haram is still a threat to many areas close to the Sambisa Forest and through suicide attacks in NE Nigeria. Fulani Herdsmen have been attacking Christian villages, destroying homes, farms and businesses and killing many people. The underlying uncertainty in these areas continues to take a physical, mental and spiritual toll on our Nigerian brothers and sisters. Over two million Nigerians are still internally displaced, or are refugees in Niger, Chad and Cameroon, and cannot return to their homes in areas where Boko Haram continues its terror.

Join the response
The journey to recovery remains long and the Nigerian Brethren desperately need our continued support. Please give to the Nigeria Crisis Fund and Church Rebuilding Fund. www.brethren.org/nigeriacrisis

Worshiping and Praising God in the Ruins... and in Recovery
Members of the youth praise band at Michika, Nigeria, faithfully sing and worship God despite meeting in a temporary church structure next to their destroyed church. As churches and homes rise up from the ruins, the hope for recovery also rises.

Emergency Disaster Fund
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FOOD AND MEDICAL DISTRIBUTION

Celebrate: Over $1 million in food distributions and medical assistance have assisted more than 200,000 people.

Pray: Approximately three million Nigerians are considered food insecure and 500,000 children are severely malnourished.

PEACE BUILDING AND TRAUMA RECOVERY

Celebrate: Peace awareness activities and Trauma Recovery are bringing tools to individuals and communities to promote healing. Training seminars have been held for leaders and listening partners, over 50 basic workshops have benefitted thousands of participants. EYN leaders were sent to Rwanda for training in trauma recovery and resiliency and a children’s trauma program has been implemented. 

Pray: Millions of people experienced profound trauma and loss due to the Boko Haram insurgency and will continue to need care to move towards healing.

EDUCATION

Celebrate: Education has been invigorated with the setting up of new schools and learning centers and the renovation and repair of school properties. School fees are covered for some children and 200 orphans are receiving full-time care. Books sent from the U.S. have benefitted all educational levels.

Pray: Thousands of children, including one-third of the children in Northeast Nigeria, do not attend school. In Borno State alone, fifty percent of the schools were destroyed. Dedicated teachers and administrators face continued challenges.

EYN STRENGTHENING

Celebrate: The Nigeria Crisis Response supported EYN at its temporary headquarters in Jos, and later as it moved back to the headquarters at Kwarih, so that it could continue to minister to its displaced and distressed membership. Support included staff and visitor housing, printing of devotional materials, assistance for Annual Conference, repair of Kwarih headquarters, installation of a solar powered internet cafe at headquarters and encouragement, training and much prayer.

Pray: The EYN leadership, many of whom have experienced long journey of recovery and hope.

PRAY FOR ALL IMPACTED BY THIS VIOLENCE

The violence in Northeast Nigeria has had an impact on everyone. Since the violence began in 2009, most families in NE Nigeria, both Christian and Muslim, have experienced at least a few, if not all, of the following life crises:

- Loved ones or friends killed or kidnapped by Boko Haram
- Home and/or business damaged or destroyed
- Children out of school for two to four years
- Farm or business where it is unsafe to work
- Dependence on others for food and shelter
- Deep thirst, hunger and heartache—a loss of hope

The daily struggle for families, and the church, amidst the continuing violence in Nigeria, makes full recovery and healing difficult. The financial and spiritual support of their U.S. brothers and sisters nurtures the strength and hope to continue on their long journey of recovery.

RESPONSE PARTNERS

Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN), Church of the Brethren in Nigeria (EYN) is the primary COB partner receiving 70% of the response funds.

Mission 21: This development organization from Switzerland is partnering with EYN and Church of the Brethren to expand the response.

Center for Caring, Empowerment and Peace Initiatives (CECPI)

Education Must Continue Initiative (EMCI)

Favored Sisters Christian Fellowship (FSCF)

Reconciliation Trainers Africa (RETA)

Lifeline Compassionate Global Initiative (LCCI)