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Abstract

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) are vulnerable due to the displacement they have experienced from their natural homes and this vulnerability is increased due to various factors such as lack of access to humanitarian aids, lack of privacy and violation of their fundamental human rights which can be restricted by insecurity. This insecurity includes food, health, and personal insecurities, and lack of access to basic needs and privacy. Human security approach and structural theories are the two theories which the study is anchored upon. Primary and secondary data were gathered for the study. Interviews were conducted with some key informants on the issue of study. The study found out that the insecurity issues associated with displacement include physical insecurity of people, health insecurity, food insecurity, and environmental insecurity. Also, the IDPs have relied on several strategies such as sticking to their traditions, forming communities to provide physical and emotional support, engaged in trading, skills acquisition and participating in group activities, and negative strategies such as begging for alms, engaging in transactional sex and outright prostitutions in order to make ends meet. Based on these findings, some of the recommendations made are: government should invest in comprehensive conflict resolution mechanisms at the community, state, and national levels; improved early warning systems should also be established which can be achieved through the integration of local community networks, technology, and information sharing platforms to detect and respond to early signs of tension or violence; humanitarian assistance should be strengthened and emphasis should be made on how to enhance security measures by the government.

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List of Acronyms

Abbreviation	Meaning
BHI	Boko Haram Insurgency
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
FI	Food Insecurity
GAM	Global Acute Malnutrition
GBV	Gender Based Violence
GSV	Gender and Sexual-related Violence
GR	Government Response
HDR	Human Development Report
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IDPs	Internally Displaced Persons
IDMC	Internal Displaced Monitoring Centre
IHC	Impact on Human Casualties
IOM	International Organization for Migrants
KII	Key Informant Interview
LAC	Lack of Adequate Care
LOL	Loss of Livelihood

MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
NEMA	National Emergency Response Agency
PLWH	People Living with HIV
PSS	Psycho Social Support
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SEMA	State Emergency Management Agency
SGBV	Sexual and Gender Based Violence
SPHERE	Set of Principles and Minimum Humanitarian Standards in Four Technical Areas of Humanitarian Response
STDs	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
SVRP	Sexual Violence-Related Pregnancy
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children Emergency Fund
WASH	Water Sanitation and Hygiene
WFS	World Food Summit