

**COORDINATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND  
NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANISATIONS,  
ADAMAWA STATE, NIGERIA.**

**INITIAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FORUM  
SUMMARY REPORT, July 2024**



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A meeting of key stakeholders was convened in Adamawa state on 29th June 2024, between the State Government's Ministries, Departments and Agencies, Civil Society and Non-Governmental Organization representatives, International Non-Governmental Organizations and United Nations Agencies to highlight some of the ongoing projects and operations in the state and articulate a bird's eye view of the challenges and solutions towards a coordination mechanism which supports the alignment of the activities of CSOs and NGOs in the state with the State Government's Durable Solutions Action Plan. The various representatives presented briefs on their projects and current operations in Adamawa. Key highlights included:

### **Government MDAs:**

Ongoing initiatives and efforts of the Ministry of Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Re-integration and Humanitarian Services toward execution of the State Government's plans for embedding durable solutions.



The Adamawa State’s Planning Commission’s highlights on the establishment of the Technological monitoring and evaluation framework- Citizens Eyes and Ears promoting transparency, accountability and inclusivity including a mention of the several programmes initiated towards enhancing the capacity of local organizations, fostering community participation and ensuring that development interventions are tailored to the unique needs of the people of Adamawa state.



The Adamawa State Emergency Management Agency (ADSEMA) clarified its key functions and operations with partners in the emergency spectrum and the agencies ongoing efforts towards data capturing of persons affected by natural disasters and propagated violence. ADSEMA provides swift response to emergencies with the support of CSOs and NGOs in the state.



The State Government’s office for World Bank and Development Partner Projects highlighted its current coordination mechanism for the execution of World Bank and other donor supported projects in the state.



### CSO/NGO Coordination Team



The Special Adviser CSO/NGO Coordination Ms. Asmau Durnin began by thanking His Excellency Rt Hon. Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri for granting herself and Mr. Yohanna Moses the Principal Special Assistant CSO/NGO Coordination the opportunity to be part of the ongoing coordination efforts in the state. The CSO/NGO Coordination team outlined plans for regular meetings, joint assessments, and harmonized efforts to maximize impact and minimize duplications with the government MDAs. The team also conveyed their plans to contributing to a concise framework which documents viable strategies in which development partners in the state can best align their activities to support the State Governments Development Action Plans amidst other plans to support capacity building of NGOs, provide interfacing solutions between NGOs and the State Government and support with the consolidation of new partnerships with international development organizations in key thematic areas aligned to the Governor’s development agenda.



## Adamawa's CSO and NGOs



Mr. Usman Dadah, Executive Director of Dadah Foundation represented Mr Peter Egwudah, the Chairman of the Network of Adamawa Non-Governmental Organisations (NANGO) shedding light on the functions of NANGO and its existing efforts on coordination; His keynote address highlighted that the activities of CSOs and NGOs varies across a wide spectrum of development themes. However, he commended the efforts and fruitful collaborations they have with the State Planning Commission which has aided the existing coordination system within the network in terms of registrations. He streamlined the functions of the network in the state to humanitarian response, advocacy, community development, capacity building and project delivery.

Mrs Galaxy Thami, chairperson of the Network of Women Led Organisations (NAWLO) whilst delivering her address, strongly commended the Executive Governor for his relentless inclusion of women in running the affairs of the state, especially in allowing women to run as vice-chairs in all local governments of the state. Mrs Thami also praised the strong-will of women as a whole and the indispensability of this gender in every home. The chairperson applauded the presence of the Executive Director of Adamawa People living with Disabilities, Mrs Salamatu Abdullahi who was also present at the workshop. She finally highlighted the functions of the network as they focus on improving the rights and privileges of women in the state through activities surrounding Gender based violence prevention and support, women's economic empowerment, education and literacy programs for girls and women; and combating gender discrimination and stereotypes.



## United Nations Agencies

Represented by Mr. Abdullahi Usman of the Food and Agricultural Organisation stated in his address that UN Agencies play a significant role in Adamawa State, particularly in addressing various socio-economic challenges. He reiterated that their functions can be summarized but not limited to the following parameters: Humanitarian Response, Livelihood Support, and Community Development Projects. He furthered that in Adamawa State, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) plays a vital role in improving agricultural productivity, enhancing food security, and promoting sustainable practices. FAO provides farmers with seeds, tools, and training in modern farming techniques, as well as vocational training programs to help individuals gain employment or start their own businesses. He added that since the beginning of crises in Adamawa state, FAO has offered emergency relief, including food aid and agricultural support, to affected populations.



Mr Soulayman Hajjaj, Head of Field Office, UNHCR in his keynote address captured the functions of United Nations (UN) agencies as they play a vital role in supporting Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), refugees, and vulnerable populations in Adamawa State. He stated that UNHCR has been relentlessly working in the country for the past 14 years and for the last 10yrs the agency has been present in Yola to support the state government in its efforts to support internally displaced persons. He continued that UNHCR, is mainly focusing on refugees and displacement, general enforcement and securing the international protection of asylum seekers from other countries. He statistically said that Adamawa state host over 30000 refugees mainly in the 5 LGAs in the North; Maiha, Michika, Madagali, Mubi North and Mubi South posing a challenge in addition to the existing internal displacement.



Finally, Mr Hajjaj reiterated that UNHCR activities in the next few years will be aligning with the drawn action plan with strong focus and partnership with the local NGOs and grassroots organizations whilst giving strong considerations to the women led organizations.

## INGOs

Senior Manager, Economic Recovery & Development of International Rescue Committee (IRC), Mr. Ishaku Yohanna. In his statement, Mr. Yohanna congratulated Ms. Durnin on her well-deserved appointment as the Special Adviser on CSOs and NGOs coordination in Adamawa State. He praised the Adamawa State government for providing a very good and enabling environment for all national and international



organizations to provide services in the state. He furthered that IRC has been in Adamawa State for about 10 years, implementing different activities in different thematic areas in terms of health, WASH, economic recovery development and protection among others. He also stated that IRC is committed to collaboration with sector working groups evident in the organizations presence in WASH cluster coordination operation chaired by the Ministry of Water Resources. Finally, he pledged IRC's necessary support in the coordination of CSOs and NGOs in Adamawa State.

***The keynote addresses fleshed out the responsibilities of each actor in the state thereby ensuring clarity for further collaborations and engagements among the working groups.***

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The breakout sessions divided the present stakeholders into groups of UN agencies, INGOs, CSO/NGOs and Government Representatives. The breakout session was characterized with deliberations on the following questions:

- What are the expected functions of a Coordination Mechanism?
- What are the existing coordination systems in Adamawa state?
- What are the challenges?
- How can they be resolved?
- How can we enhance bilateral relationships between the state's development actors and international partners?

**Pictures from the breakout session**



*CSO/NGO Group*



*UN Agencies*



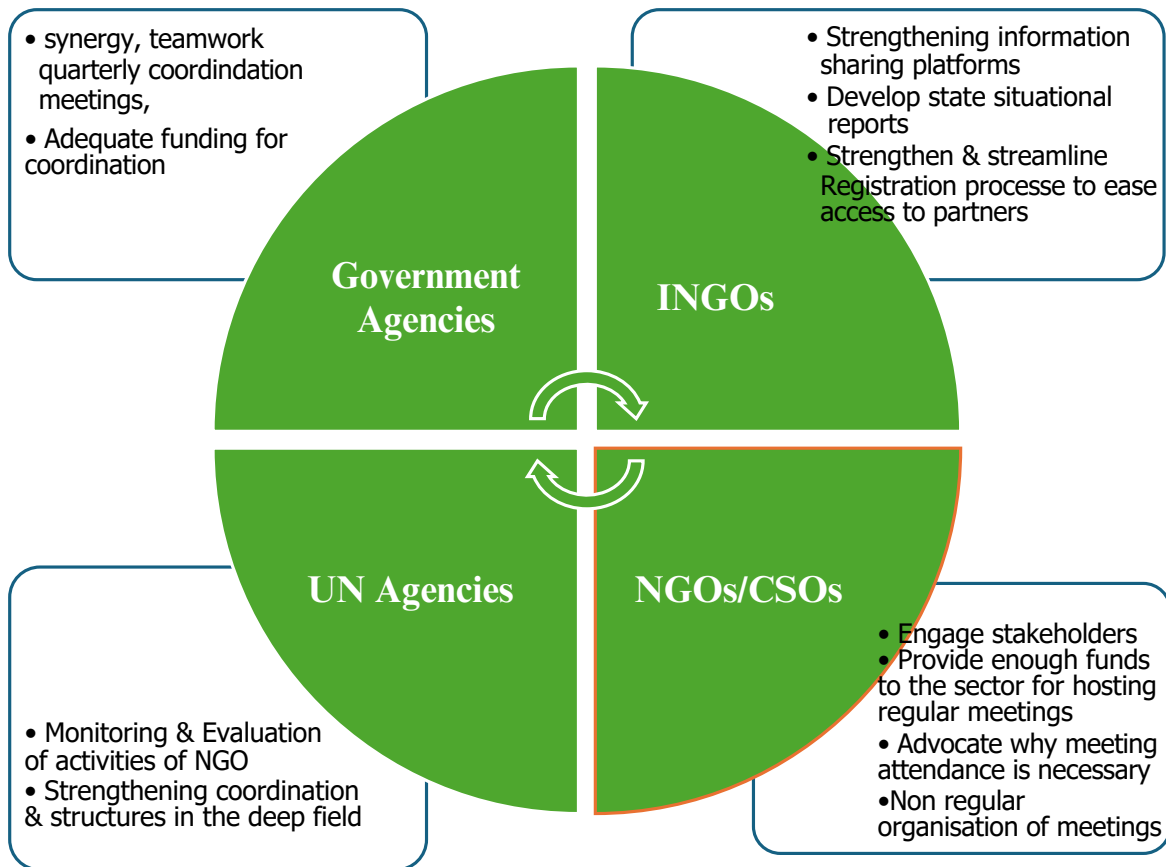
*Government Agencies*



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## Summary of Solutions to the existing problems of coordination by each working group

Each working group presented the outcomes of discussions and recommendations for further collaborations and synergized coordination. Below is a summary and diagrammatic illustration of the key recommendations.



Mr. Amr Osman Country Director of iMMAP delivered a summary of suggestions and conclusions from the breakout sessions.



## Summary of Suggestions

### **Towards Developing a Joint Planning and Programming Framework (acting as ONE):**

- Facilitate the development of joint strategic plans and programming among government authorities, NNGOs, CSOs, INGOs, and UN agencies, **led by the State Government authorities.**
- Alignment of activities and the identification of synergies to maximize the impact of interventions.
- Development of joint monitoring and evaluation frameworks to track progress and measure the effectiveness of joint, coordinated efforts.
- **Capacity-building support (towards empowering local communities).**
- **Localization, Localization and Localization**
- Focus on areas such as project management, financial management, monitoring and evaluation, and advocacy.

## Summary of Suggestions

### **Towards Strengthening Coordination among Humanitarian / Recovery / Development Programs and Actors:**

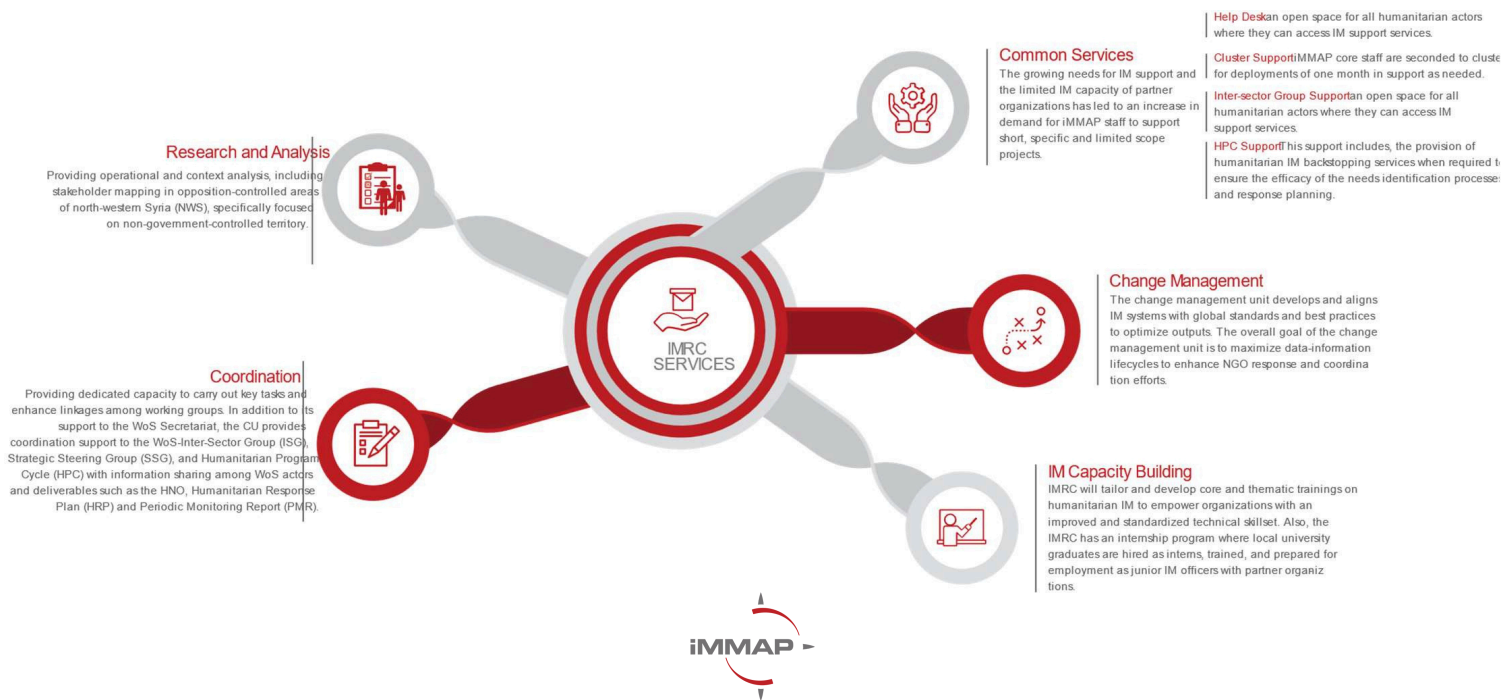
- Instituting a Common Coordination Platform to ensure the long-term sustainability of coordination initiatives.
- Systematically enhancing coordination, improving the effectiveness of interventions, and facilitating a smooth, effective transition to recovery and durable solutions.
- Supporting a State Government one-stop-shop approach to streamlining coordination efforts among Humanitarian- Durable Solutions- Recovery and development actors.
- Organizing and holding regular coordination meetings, workshops, and trainings that bring together all the stakeholders to share information and promote meaningful collaboration.
- Mobilize funding from various sources, including government budgets, international donors, and private sector contributions, to support and sustain the coordination efforts.

# Summary of Suggestions

## Towards Evidence-based Strategic Planning: Better Information Management, Knowledge Management and Sharing among Actors in Humanitarian, Recovery and Development Phases

- Development of a Comprehensive Actor Mapping mechanism: A centralized database that includes information about actors, areas of operation, resources, interventions, etc. (5Ws).
- Identifying and prioritizing interventions that can enhance stability, integration and sustainable development.
- Regularly updating the actor mapping database to ensure it remains accurate, relevant and fit for purpose.
- Enhancing **Information Sharing and Communication** to facilitate the exchange of information, best practices, and lessons learned.

### Information Management Resource Center (IMRC) – the Syria Model



The meeting marked a significant step towards strengthening partnerships and improving the overall response in Adamawa.

## ADAMAWA CSO/NGO COORDINATION MEETING OUTLINE

<b>SESSION 1: OPENING REMARKS AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>			
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DURATION</b>
Opening Prayer	<b>Mr Emmanuel Agumdia</b> , Senior Outreach Manager, Mariam Ladi Yunusa Foundation <b>Mr Abdul-Aziz Usman</b> , Outreach Manager, MLY Foundation	9:55am – 10:00am	5 mins
Welcome address by the Adamawa CSO/NGO Coordination	<b>Asmau Durnin</b> , Special Adviser to the Governor on CSO/NGO Coordination and Partner Relations	10:00am – 10:05am	5 mins
Keynote Address by Ministry of Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Re-integration and Humanitarian Services	<b>Abdulkadir Bello</b> , TSA, Commissioner for RRR	10:05am – 10:15am	10 mins
Brief by the Planning Commission	<b>Mrs. Farida Bukar Kiri</b> , Director Donor Support	10:15am – 10:25am	10 mins
Brief by Adamawa State Emergency Management Agency (ADSEMA)	<b>Mr. John Maxwell</b> , Director Relief and Rehabilitation	10:25am -10:35am	10 mins
Brief by World Bank and Development Partner projects	<b>Dr Williams Kamale</b> , PSA World Bank and Development Partner Projects	10:35am – 10:45am	10 mins
<b>SESSION 2: ADAMAWA CSO/NGO COORDINATION</b>			
Proposed Coordination Agenda - An Overview	<b>Asmau Durnin</b> , SA to Governor on CSO/NGO Coordination	10:45am – 10:55am	10 mins
Address by Network of Adamawa Non-Governmental Organisation	<b>Mr. Usman Dadah</b> , Executive Director Dada Foundation representing NANGO Chairman	10:55am – 11:00am	5 mins
Address by Network of Adamawa Women Led Organisations (NAWLO)	<b>Mrs. Galaxy Thami</b> , Chairperson, NAWLO	11:00am – 11:05am	5 mins
Address by the Principal Special Assistant on CSO/NGO Coordination	<b>Mr Yohanna Moses</b> , PSA, CSO/NGO Coordination	11:05am – 11:10am	10 mins
Address by Sector Lead, Food Security and Livelihoods	<b>Mr. Abdullahi Usman</b> , Food security and livelihoods sector coordinator, FAO	11:10am – 11:15am	5 mins
Address by Head of Office, UNHCR	<b>Mr Soulaïman Hajjaj</b> , Head of Field Office, UNHCR	11:15am -11:25am	10 mins
Address by International Rescue Committee (IRC)	<b>Mr. Ishaku Yohanna</b> , Senior Manager, Economic Recovery & Development	11:25am – 11:30am	5 mins
<b>SESSION 3: INTERACTIVE BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>			
Discussions by Working Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government Agencies Civil</li> <li>• Society Organisations (CSOs)</li> <li>• Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)</li> <li>• International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs)</li> <li>• UN Agencies</li> </ul>	11:30am – 12:45pm	1h 15mins
	<b>LUNCH</b>	12:45pm – 1:10pm	25mins
<b>SESSION 4: SUMMARY OF KEY TAKEAWAYS AND CLOSING REMARK</b>			
Presenting the outcomes of the Breakout sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INGO summary/findings presented by <b>Mr Umar Yahaya</b>, Information Management Officer, IMMAP INC.</li> <li>• Government Agencies Summary/Findings presented by <b>Mr Yuanna Patrick</b>, IT Technician, Planning Commission</li> <li>• CSO/NGO summary/Findings presented by <b>Mr Usman Dadah</b>, Executive Director, Dadah Foundation</li> <li>• UN Agencies Summary/Findings presented by <b>Mr Bello Danladi</b>, UNOCHA</li> </ul>	1:10pm – 1:30pm	20 mins
Summary, Suggestions & Conclusions of the breakout Sessions / IMMAP recommendations	<b>Mr Amr Osman</b> , Country Director, IMMAP INC.	1:30pm – 1:45pm	15 mins
Closing Remark by <b>Dr Adamu Babbikoi</b> , Special Adviser, Good Governance, Adamawa State.		1:45pm-2:00pm	15mins
Closing Prayer by <b>Engr. Tijjani Ahmed, Senior Special Assistant</b> , World Bank and Development Partner projects.		2:00pm – 2:05pm	5 mins

<b>GOVERNMENT AGENCIES</b>			
<b>S/N</b>	<b>NAMES</b>	<b>DESIGNATION</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
1	Mr Mahmud Babangida	Director	Ministry of Reconstruction, Re-integration, Rehabilitation & Humanitarian Services
2	Dr Williams Kalene	Director	World Bank and Development Partners, Adamawa state
3	Mrs Farida Bakur Kiri	Director	Donor Support
4	Engr. Tijjani Ahmed	Senior Special Adviser	World Bank and Development Partners
5	Mr John Maxwell	Director	Relief and Rehabilitation
6	Mr Kpesit Takoba	Assistant	Planning Commission
7	Mr. Yuanna Patrick	IT Technician	Planning Commission
8	Hannatu Audu	Assistant	Planning Commission
9	Dr Adamu M. Babikkoi	Special Adviser	Good Governance, Adamawa State Government
10	Hauwa Guruja	Special Adviser	Women Affairs
11	Mr. Moses Yohanna	Principal Special Assistant	CSO/NGO Coordination
12	Mr. Abdulkadir Bello	Technical Special Assistant	Ministry of RRR
<b>NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS</b>			
13	Mr Usman Dadah	Executive Director	Dadah Foundation rep. NANGO chairman
14	Mrs Galaxy Thami	Chairperson	Network of Adamawa Women-Led Organisation
15	Barrister Salamatu Abdullahi	Chairperson	Adamawa People Living with Disabilities
16	Mr Sunday Anthony Garga	Project Officer	Justice Development & Peace Commission
17	Agatha Water	Monitoring & Evaluation Officer	Nigerian Local Coordinators Accelerators (NLCA)
18	Wilson Sugh	Programme Manager	Nigerian Local Coordinators Accelerators (NLCA)
<b>INGO</b>			
19	Mr Umar Yahaya	Information Management Officer	IMMAP INC.
20	Mr Amr Osman	Country Director Heron	IMMAP INC. International Rescue
21	Mr Baari Bazarma	Manager Programme	Committee (IRC) COMITAS
22	Emmanuel Milaye	Manager, Peace Building and Good Governance Project	
23	Damenso Njidda	Consortium Finance Coordinator	Plan international
24	Ishaku Yohanna	Senior Manager, Economic Recovery & Development	International Rescue Committee (IRC)
25	Mrs Adama Saleh Isa		Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
<b>UN AGENCIES</b>			
26	Dr Ahemen Terseer	Head	World Health Organisation (WHO)
27	Abdullahi Idirisa	Lead Sector Head	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
28	Soulaiman Hajjaj	of Field Office	UNHCR
29	Mr Bello Danladi	Representative	UNOCHA
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31	Mr Popoola Olusegun		
32	Mr Joshua Gamaraja		
33	Mrs. Juliet Tsoyo		
34	Mr Abdul-Aziz Usman		
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