



## THE EARLY WARNING FACTSHEET

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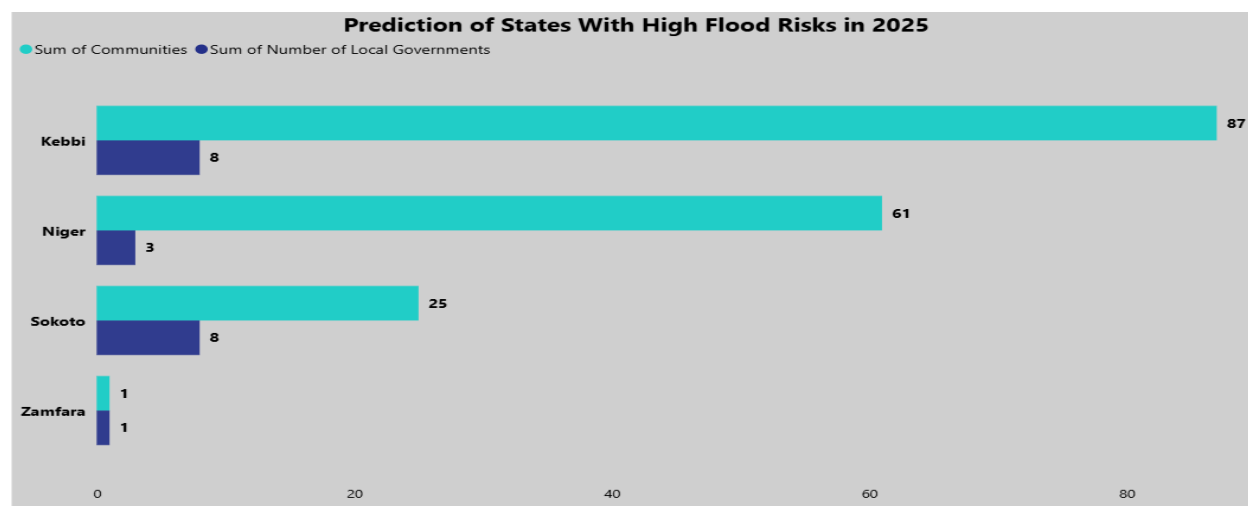
### Flood Incidents in Nigeria (2025)

#### Preamble

Flooding has increasingly become one of the most unavoidable natural disasters worldwide, occurring year after year across continents. From Africa to Asia and North America, floods continue to disrupt daily life—causing the loss of lives, destruction of property, and displacement of communities. This highlights the urgent need to track flood patterns across different regions, particularly in Nigeria.

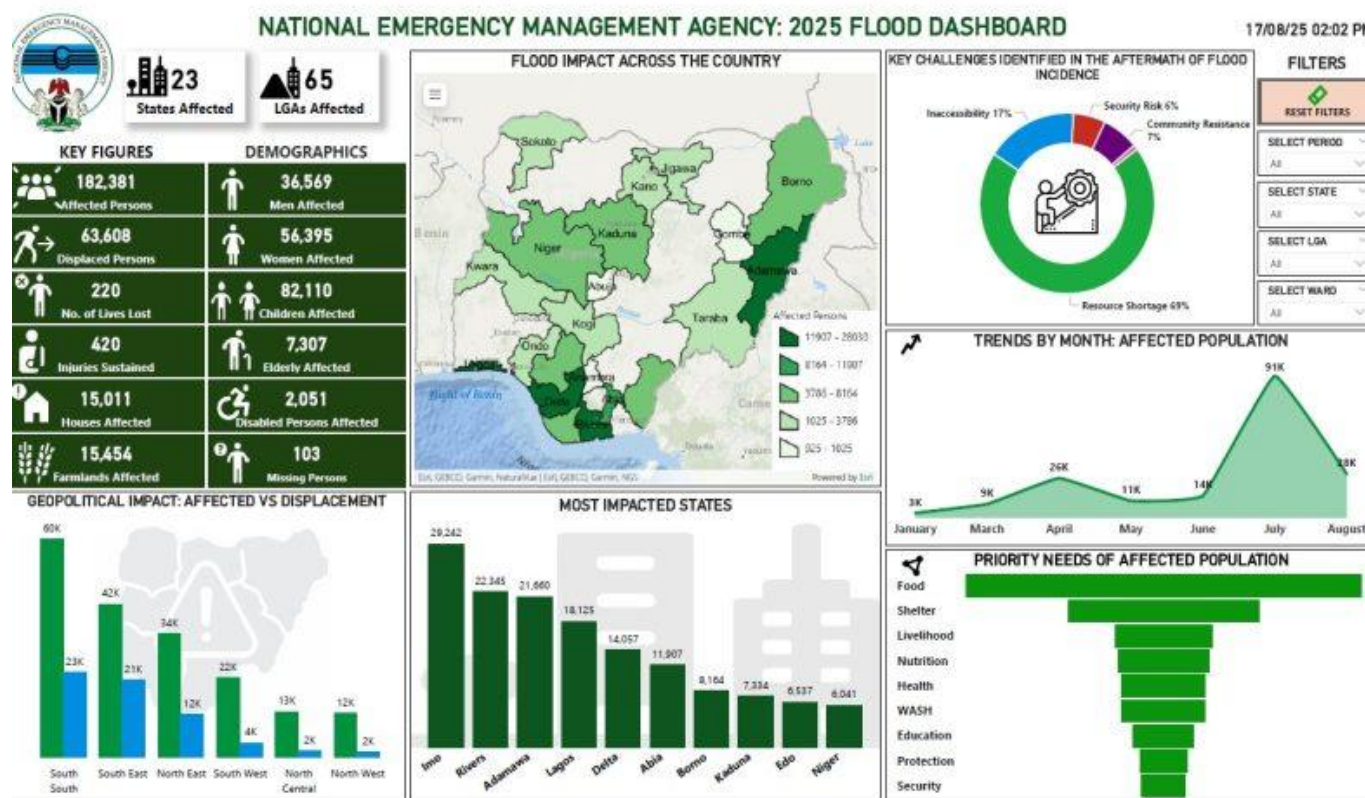
Focusing on Nigeria, this analysis examines recent flooding trends among the population in 2025, alongside projections of potential flood events for the remainder of the year. With the rainy season intensifying, the risks of flooding remain a pressing concern. According to the National Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA), the chart below presents the predicted states most at risk of severe flooding in 2025.

Figure 1: Prediction of States with High Flood Risks in 2025



Data Credit: NIHSA

Figure 2: National Emergency Management Agency 2025 Flood Dashboard



Credit: National Emergency Management Agency

- The National Emergency Management Agency's 2025 flood dashboard highlights several key insights into the flood occurrences in Nigeria so far in 2025. With 23 states and 65 local government areas affected owing to the floods, 220 lives have been lost due to these floods so far, and over 15,000 houses have been affected.
- The dashboard indicates that 15,454 farmlands were affected, translating to over 10,000 means of livelihood disrupted, as agriculture is one of the significant sources of revenue in Nigeria. Also, the most affected states include Imo, Adamawa, Rivers, among others, with July being the month with the highest flood occurrences around Nigeria, as it is recorded to be the peak period of rainfall.

### First Quarter (January-March 2025)

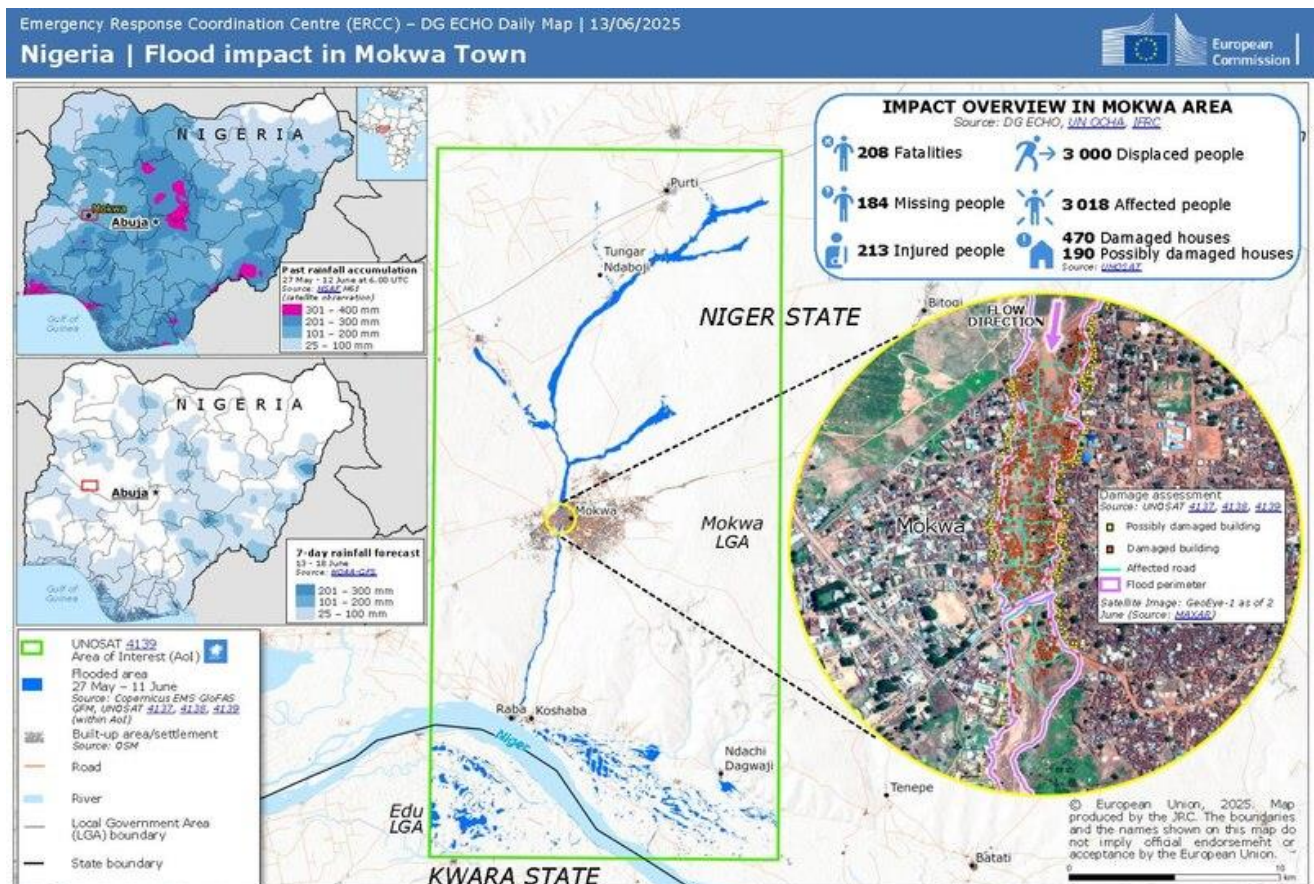
- Flooding is usually at its least minimal level during the first quarter of the year in Nigeria due to the dry season of harmattan.

- No reported floods during this period; instead, there were records of a high rate of fires in different parts of Nigeria, with 15 fire outbreaks in Yobe state & a major fire outbreak in Lagos state

## Second Quarter (April-June 2025)

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter marked an immense reporting of floods, flash floods, and heavy rainfalls, culminating in massive loss of lives, properties, and displaced individuals.
- A major flooding incident recorded in Nigeria this year is the Mokwa Flood, depicted below:

**Figure 3: Flood Impact in Mokwa Town, Niger State**

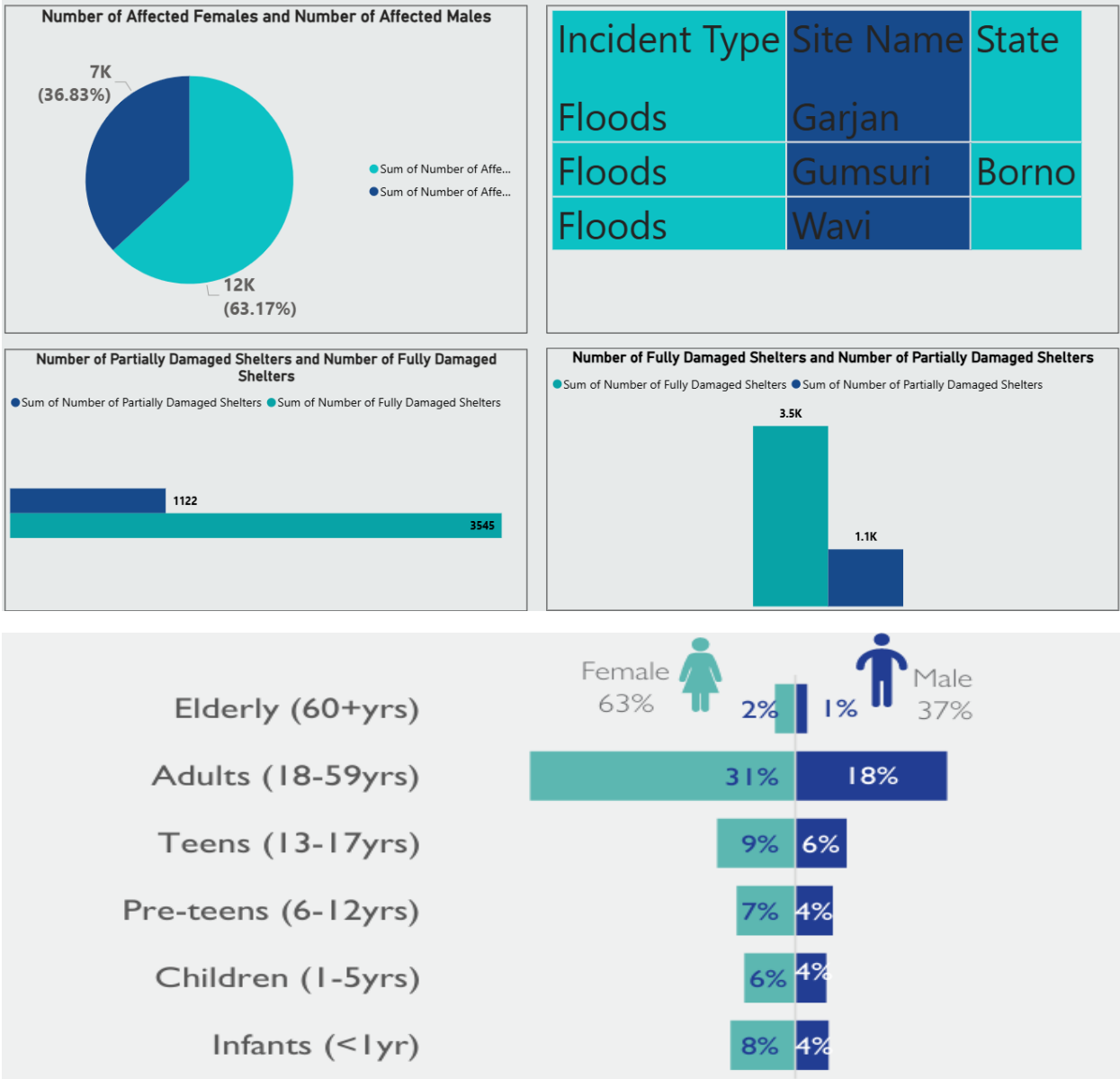


Credit: European Commission

- This map depicts an analysis of the Mokwa flood in Mokwa town, Niger state, on May 29th, 2025.

- It recorded 3000 displaced people, over 213 people injured, and 208 fatalities.
- Niger state, which is 70 miles away from the Federal Capital territory, recorded the highest level of flood so far in 2025 after several hours of torrential rainfall in Mokwa and its surrounding areas, such as Raba Koshaba and Ndachi Dagwaji, but Mokwa suffered the highest brunt.
- The part marked pink is the affected area in Mokwa. At the same time, the yellow dots indicate possible damaged areas within the local government, and the green lines represent the affected roads within the local government.

Figure 4: Flood Impact in Borno State

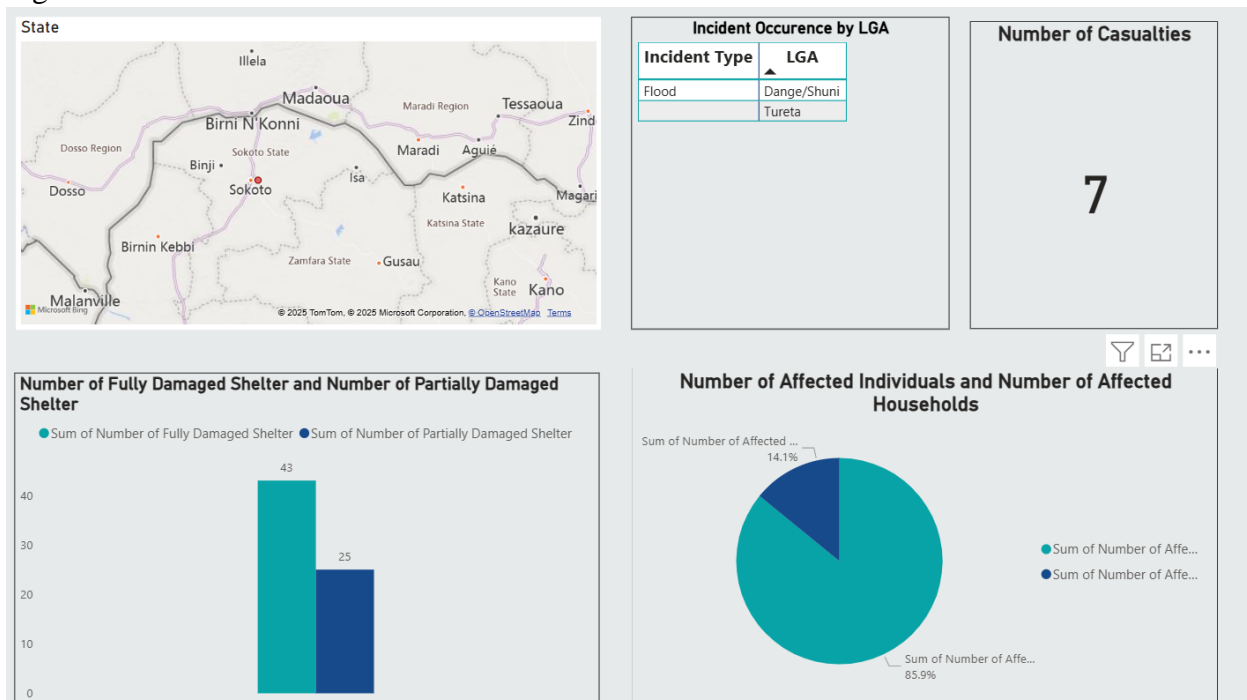




- In Borno state, flood affected three areas within the state, namely Garjan, Gumsuri, and Wavi.
- Females accounted for 63% of persons affected, and males accounted for 37% excluding children.
- Fully damaged shelters are approximately 3500, while partially damaged shelters from the incident are over 1000.
- Adults within the age bracket of 18 to 59 were the most affected individuals, followed by teenagers between 13 and 17 years, with 9% of females affected and 6% of teenage males affected due to the flood.

### Third Quarter (July-August 2025)

Figure 5: Flood in Sokoto State



Source: Compiled by Akinro (2025)

- The Sokoto Flood occurred in Dange/Shuni and Tureta local government areas of Sokoto state on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2025, displacing individuals and destroying properties. While there was a total number of 25 partially damaged shelters recorded, 43 shelters were fully damaged, thereby recording over 60 destroyed shelters.
- With a record of seven casualties from the flood, 1151 individuals were affected on different scales by the flood, amounting to approximately 86% of the population in Sokoto state being affected by the flood at the time of the flood.

## Conclusion

This flood factsheet highlights the flooding trends across specific regions in Nigeria for 2025. From flash floods to fluvial floods, the country experiences recurrent flooding each year with the onset of the rainy season. Despite improvements in early warning systems, response efforts by key stakeholders remain limited, reducing the effectiveness of these alerts. Without swift and decisive action from government agencies, Nigeria faces the ongoing devastation caused by floods—including loss of life, property damage, and environmental degradation. This factsheet serves as a clear call to action for timely and proactive responses to flood warnings, aiming to prevent small alerts from escalating into large-scale disasters.

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