Nigeria Crisis Response Comprehensive Report
October 2014-December 2018

The Church of the Brethren (COB) in the United States sent missionaries to Nigeria in 1923. Over the next several decades a church was established named Ekklesiyar Yan'ua a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria). EYN became independent from the U.S. church in 1972 and has grown into the largest Church of the Brethren body in the world. The Church of the Brethren in the United States continues to maintain relations with and provide support for the church in Nigeria both monetarily and with mission personnel.

There is a long history of extreme poverty, violence and religious tension in Northeast Nigeria, the heartland of EYN. The current violence erupted in 2009 when radical extremists, called Boko Haram (meaning western education is forbidden), burned 59 churches in the northern city of Maiduguri during the night of September 27. This included the largest EYN congregation. This attack on Christian Churches was soon contained by Nigerian police and military forces.

The extremists regrouped over several years and violence soon erupted again. In 2013, as violence escalated, a COB Compassion Fund was set up to provide financial support for displaced persons and for rebuilding burned churches. In the following year Boko Haram insurgents spread terror, destruction and violence in Northeast Nigeria, causing the near destruction EYN. Around 70 percent of the church buildings were lost and in October 2014 the EYN Headquarters in Kwarhi was overrun.

At the worst period of the crisis, 14.8 million Nigerian people were affected, more than 7 million needed assistance, 2.2 million were internally displaced and 1.8 million fled Nigeria, becoming refugees in surrounding countries. At the end of 2018, the death toll continues to escalate with more than 60,000 deaths reported by the Council on Foreign Relations.

In response to this huge crisis, the Church of the Brethren in the U.S. expanded its scope of ministry by creating a new program, the Nigeria Crisis Response, in October 2014. The initial guiding goals of the response were to

1) support, stabilize and strengthen EYN and EYN leadership;
2) co-lead, with EYN, an extensive relief and recovery program for the displaced and most vulnerable in Nigeria; and
3) develop new partnerships with Nigerian nonprofits providing effective relief and recovery programming.

With this foundation, an extensive response program was implemented that included EYN, five Nigerian nonprofit organizations and Mission 21, a mission organization from Switzerland and long-term partner
of EYN and COB. In 2017, after the completion and review of a real-time evaluation, a tripartite response plan by EYN, COB and Mission 21 was developed and implemented. This three-way partnership streamlined planning and financial management for EYN rather than EYN working with COB and Mission 21 separately.

The monitoring and evaluation of the response is managed through monthly reporting, communication documents, visits to Nigeria, social media postings by Nigerian leadership and quarterly planning, monitoring and evaluation meetings. This process includes careful tracking of response finances and fiscal management by the partners.

The response plans have been challenged by the changing phases of the crisis and unstable security in the region. The primary goals through 2015 were providing emergency food, shelter, drinking water, trauma healing, education for children, livelihood development and church strengthening. Starting in 2016 the primary focus shifted to goals designed to help families return home and reestablish their lives and livelihood. These goals and resources include home repair, agricultural support (including seeds), livelihood equipment and training, and an expanded focus on education. However, continued violence and insecurity impacted this recovery much more than expected. In some areas, crops could not be sown or harvested, families returned to Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps after a brief return home and new communities experienced violence and displacement. Thus, continued emergency food and non-food distributions have been required for families unable to support themselves.

The COB response was coordinated by Brethren Disaster Ministries staff using the approved Nigeria Crisis Fund, with other program areas providing direct support and financing for their activities. The Global Food Initiative (GFI) staff supported agricultural programming and helped develop the Soybean Value Chain program. The Office of Peacebuilding and Policy staff provided proactive advocacy and peacebuilding support. The Global Mission and Service staff gave broad support, continued the church rebuilding program, organized workcamps and worked at grant solicitation.

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### SUMMARY BY YEAR

**October 2014 to December 2015**

In August 2014, Global Mission and Service and Brethren Disaster Ministries staff began supporting EYN leadership in emergency response preparation and planning and initial security training. While these plans were still being developed, Boko Haram escalated the crisis by attacking villages and claiming new territory. By October Boko Haram overran the EYN headquarters in Kwarhi, effectively making all national EYN staff IDPs. In the midst of this chaos, immediate relief food and supplies were provided by partnering with an existing NGO (non-governmental organization), Center for Caring and Peace Initiative (CCEPI), while EYN staff worked on relocating the headquarters and supporting staff. Under the leadership of EYN president Samuel Dali, a new Disaster Response Ministry (DRM) was created and staffed by displaced church leaders. The COB hired Carl and Roxane Hill as co-directors of the Nigeria Crisis Response to coordinate the response, support fundraising and assist with communication. Volunteers from the U.S. were sent for short-term deployments to support and communicate about the response.

While organizing and training staff for the response, COB also developed new partners to broaden the relief beyond what any one organization could provide. All the new NGO partners had a direct connection to EYN. During this time period, an incredible amount was accomplished by the NGOs and EYN. The initial response provided food and shelter for those affected. Two new villages were built on safe undeveloped land to support 140 relocated families who were provided with food, drinking water, sanitation and land for crops. Since it was very important that EYN and its leadership were able to function, a temporary church headquarters was set up in Jos. Livelihood assistance helped some IDPs support themselves by providing training and equipment to start small businesses as well as seeds and fertilizer. Additional activities included starting a trauma program and providing education for children. Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) began supporting the work through grants to COB and provided on-site supervision in Nigeria.

**2016**

As the Nigerian military became more effective in containing the insurgents, some areas of the Northeast became more secure and some families started returning home. Other areas along the Nigeria/Cameroon border remained under the control of the Boko Haram and were still considered unsafe for Christians and non-Boko Haram Muslims. At the beginning of 2016, EYN was still operating out of its temporary headquarters in Jos. In April, when EYN held its Annual Conference (at the temporary headquarters in Jos), Joel Billi was elected as EYN president.

EYN’s Disaster Ministry Response staff gained expertise and capacity through continued training and mentoring, allowing the COB to increase crisis response programming and funding through this partnership. The training enabled all partners to prepare budgets, develop programs and learn best practices for carrying out the vast variety of activities. They showed improved reporting and good accountability. The ministry response for 2016 included food and medical care; building a third village for IDPs; numerous trauma recovery workshops and trainings; provision for education of children and orphans; promoting self-reliance through seeds and fertilizer, skills training and new businesses; repairs
at EYN Headquarters in Kwarhi; and starting a soybean value chain project following a visit to a soybean demonstration farm in Ghana.

In September, with the security situation improving, EYN leadership returned to its official headquarters in Kwarhi. As donations for the Nigeria Crisis Response decreased, Carl Hill stepped down from the co-director role while Roxane Hill continued working remotely in the half-time coordinator position.

Volunteers and witnesses from the U.S. church traveled to support EYN. Fellowship Tours, designed to build relationships between the U.S. and Nigerian churches, were held in January and in August. The purpose of these tours was to build relationships with the Nigerian Brethren, support them through prayer and return home to tell others about the response. In the spring, Mission and Ministry Board chair Don Fitzkee and his wife Carolyn attended the EYN Majalisa (Annual Conference). Children’s Disaster Services held a training on Trauma Healing for children, with a follow-up late in the year. In December, COB moderator Carol Scheppard and Western Plains district executive Sonja Griffith traveled to Nigeria to meet with EYN leadership and visit all the Nigeria Crisis Response projects.

2017 Total Ministry Expenses: $602,383

As EYN leadership continued settling back into the Kwarhi headquarters, the financial struggle for the leadership, pastors and the formerly displaced people was very apparent. This is one of the many long-term aftereffects of the Boko Haram insurgency. The challenges included the destruction of property (homes, businesses and churches), the inability of many families to farm or produce an income, the lack of resources to feed and educate families and trauma and grief over the loss of loved ones. The area closest to the Cameroon border remained under Boko Haram control and people from those areas were still internally displaced and living in camps or trying to survive in new areas of Nigeria.

In 2017, the response progressed to helping families recover by providing farming tools and supplies, trauma healing, education, home repair, new shelters and water sources, as well as continued food distributions. The new Soybean Value Chain Initiative was developed further with assistance from consultant Dr. Dennis Thompson, a retired agricultural researcher from the University of Illinois. Two joint workcamps were held to continue building the new church near Abuja for Chibok IDPs and to construct a new office building at EYN Headquarters.

The Disaster team, with funding from Mission 21 and Church of the Brethren, directed a Real Time Evaluation of the response program, using independent non-EYN evaluators. The evaluation was reviewed by the tripartite partners at a March meeting in Yola attended by Roy Winter and Roxane Hill from COB, Mission 21 representatives and most of EYN leadership. The evaluation commended the work done by the DRM and identified ways to improve the response and seek more partnerships.

2018 Total Ministry Expenses: $548,662

EYN continued to be the largest partner in the response, both in funds received and amount of programming. The focus for 2018 remained consistent with previous years: helping IDPs who could not return home and assistance in recovery for those who did return.
Special projects for 2018 included a risky relief distribution to the still dangerous areas of Gwoza and Madagali, relief in the Jos area following a horrific Fulani herdsmen attack, a visit to the U.S. by EYN disaster director Rev. Yuguda Mdurvwa and continued development of the Soybean Value Chain Initiative with assistance and visits from Global Food Initiative (GFI) manager Jeff Boshart and Dr. Dennis Thompson. Through the Nigeria Compassion Fund, support for church rebuilding included a joint workcamp to continue rebuilding the church at Michika.

Other activities in 2018 included training in disaster preparedness and response for district leaders, fencing of the Yola IDP camp, repairs to the Shaffa Theological Education by Extension Office, the purchase of a new vehicle and the organization of a Peace Conference for Christians and Muslims. EYN Headquarters was given a grant to help build new offices. Tripartite (EYN/COB/Mission 21) meetings were held in February and December.

RESPONSE PARTNERS IN NIGERIA

Ekklesiya Yar’uwa a Nigeria (EYN)
EYN is the independent Church of the Brethren in Nigeria which was established as a result of COB mission work. Membership is estimated at one million. The organization includes districts, local churches and church branches.

Center for Caring, Empowerment and Peace Initiatives (CCEPI)
Under the leadership of EYN member Dr. Rebecca Dali, CCEPI acted as the first responder to those in the most desperate need. CCEPI’s primary mission was to aid widows, orphans and women with children but it reached out to all in the crisis. CCEPI focused on providing food and household supplies as well as training widows and orphans with new livelihoods.

Lifeline Compassionate Global Initiative (LCGI)
Markus Gamache, an EYN staff member, provided key leadership for this interfaith program started in Jos in 2010 after religious violence led to rioting. In the current crisis, LCGI developed an interfaith relocation project located close to Abuja in an area called Gurku. This model program relocated 62 Christian and Muslim families and plans to build additional homes. The new relocated community has a school, a medical clinic, an EYN church, a mosque and a community center. Financing for this project came from the COB and other donors.

Women and Youth Empowerment for Advancement and Health Initiative (WYEAHI) (2015-2016)
Led by Aishatu Margima, former EYN consultant, this NGO concentrated on providing small business opportunities to displaced individuals. Sewing machines for tailoring, bean cake fryers, grinding machines and groundnut processors were provided after a thorough selection process. WYEAHI provided training in cleanliness, marketing and other business practices.

Favored Sisters Christian Fellowship (FSCF)/Reconciliation Trainers Africa (RETA)
FSCF is a group of several hundred women who are supporting displaced children to return to school, some after long absences. The founder, Na’omi Mankilik, started a new school in Jos. It was jointly run
with the leader of Reconciliation Trainers Africa (RETA) through 2016 when FSCF took sole leadership. Along with providing school fees, uniforms and school supplies, they provide a loving environment and full-time care for the orphans and displaced children in their care.

**Education Must Continue Initiative (EMCI) – (Sept. 1, 2015 – 2018)**

This partner was a newly formed nonprofit in Nigeria founded by EYN members Paul and Becky Gadzama. EMCI set up learning centers for IDP children in Yola, Lassa and Chibok. They employed out-of-work and displaced teachers and helped almost 1,000 displaced children receive basic schooling.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**MINISTRY SUPPORT**

The Mission and Ministry Board of the Church of the Brethren (Board) provided key seed funds to quickly expand this response as the crisis escalated. At the October 2014 Board meeting, a $500,000 grant from the Emergency Disaster Fund and another $500,000 from COB reserve funds were allocated to the response. An additional $500,000, offered as a matching grant challenge by the Board, was met and surpassed before the end of 2014. A promotional challenge to raise $1,000,000 by Easter 2015 was also surpassed before that date. Fundraising for 2015 was strong with an anticipated decline in subsequent years. Figures below cover October 2014 to December 31, 2018.

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*Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) was a funding and program partner providing financial support for feeding and sheltering programs. They sent staff to Nigeria to assist with distributions and mentoring of EYN Crisis Team staff.*
## MINISTRY EXPENSES 2014-2018

### Nigeria Crisis Response Relief & Recovery Activity 2014-2018

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2019-2021 BUDGETS

When the crisis began, the COB embarked on a five-year plan. Giving to the Nigeria Crisis Response has been phenomenal and by the end of 2018 is just short of the original target of 5.8 million dollars. While the crisis continues, it is clear EYN has partially recovered from the initial crisis and is more capable of leading the church and responding to needs than in 2015 and 2016. To help EYN transition to more self-reliance, a scaled decrease in core crisis response funding was developed. Starting in 2019 with a $555,000 budget, the planned support will be scaling down by approximately half for each of the following two years, as detailed below.

Three Year Budget Plan
- 2019 - $555,000 (details below)
- 2020 - $275,000
- 2021 - $135,000

Priorities for 2019 include the Soybean Initiative, agriculture, rebuilding homes, livelihood training, disaster response trainings at the district level and a security wall around the EYN headquarters and Kulp Theological Seminary.

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SECTOR/PROGRAM AREA REPORTS BY YEAR

FOOD, HOME SUPPLIES, AND MEDICAL

From the beginning of the response the cornerstone of the relief effort involved addressing basic human needs and lifesaving efforts through distributions of food and basic home supplies. The amount and types of food varied depending on the distribution location and needs of the specific group being served. The distributions included corn, rice, vegetable oil, noodles and spices. The home supplies also varied depending on needs but included sleeping mats, water containers, cooking and dining supplies, soap and hygiene supplies.

Medical assistance was included in this sector because medical staff have provided service at most of the food and home supplies distributions.

October 2014 – December 2015

Food, Supplies & Medical Expenses: $716,103

In October 2014 when Boko Haram overran the EYN Headquarters area, hundreds of thousands of people fled to safer regions. Immediate needs were food, water and shelter. The areas where large numbers of IDPs had congregated were identified, supplies were purchased in bulk and distributions were organized.

At the beginning of this time period, the distributions were held in cities where the IDPs had congregated. As people moved back into the affected region, numerous distributions were held in smaller towns in somewhat safer areas. There were 57 separate distributions in 25 different locations, assisting approximately 24,000 family units (148,000 individuals). Distribution sites included Yola, Jimeta, Jalingo, Abuja, Jos, Biu, Shaffa, Lassa, Askira, Gashala, Vi, Uvu, Masaka, Mubi, Bauchi, Uba, Chibok, Kwarhi, Maiduguri, Watu, Michika, Cameroon and others.

Basic medical aid was provided at 14 locations serving approximately 2,800 persons.

January – December 2016

Food, Supplies & Medical Expenses: $290,157

Food and household items continued to be necessary with large numbers of IDPs and a diminished ability to plant crops due to violence, including targeted killing of farmers. The DRM, CCEPI and LCGI provided food at 35 distributions in approximately 28 locations. Three of these locations were the newly built relocation villages at Masaka, Gurku and Yola, where food was provided routinely.

The medical team provided basic medical assistance at 19 locations, often in conjunction with the food distributions. In April, 16 dispensary workers from the northeast were brought to Jos for a two-day medical refresher course taught by Dr. Norm Waggy and Paul Fry-Miller (a physician assistant). The information and acknowledgement of these workers went a long way in keeping them motivated.

January – December 2017

Food, Supplies & Medical Expenses: $93,784

In 2017, many more people were able to return to their homes but food distributions were still critical for survival. Those who did not plant the previous year could not harvest a new crop until late October. Farmlands in outlying areas were still considered too dangerous to access. The IDPs in the camps were assisted several times through the year. Home supplies were no longer needed or supplied at the distributions.
The response held 24 distributions with an average of 125 families, serving over 3,000 families. The medical teams provided basic medical care at 16 different locations seeing an average of 500 people at each location.

**January – December 2018**

Food, Supplies & Medical Expenses: $112,167

Providing food to the four EYN sponsored IDP camps was a priority in 2018. Food distributions were held at each location three to four times during the year. Other food distributions were held in remote, still unsafe areas where food was scarce. When Fulani herdsmen started attacking towns in Nigeria’s Middle Belt, three food distributions were organized to help those affected. Those distributions demonstrated a new level in the disaster work by reaching out to non-EYN areas and people groups. In addition, a special food distribution to aid those inside the no-go area where Boko Haram is still very active was organized by the Gurku camp with the assistance of military, local hunters and volunteers.

In total, 19 food distributions were organized throughout the year, benefitting 2,500 families.

Medical care was provided to 6,300 people. Some of these were part of a new project to screen for Hepatitis B. If they tested negative, they were vaccinated and those who tested positive were encouraged to receive treatment.

**REBUILDING HOMES, WATER AND SANITATION**

Key needs of displaced people are shelter, drinking water and safe sanitation facilities to help keep them healthy. The sheltering plans evolved as the crisis changed rapidly. The early shelter intervention focused on temporary shelters and permanent relocation sites for families who could not return to their home villages. As areas of NE Nigeria became relatively safe and stable, the sheltering program focused on repairing burned or destroyed homes.

This program area included the purchasing or leasing of land (the land is owned by EYN and the properties were developed for IDPs), clearing the land, simple home construction with kitchens and outside toilets, bore holes and roofing of destroyed homes.

**October 2014 – December 2015**

Rebuilding Expenses: $751,563

From the beginning of the crisis, displaced people fled to family members living in safer areas. This was a huge burden for everyone involved and as the crisis continued it was evident that permanent living quarters were needed for the huge numbers of IDPs. The first step was to find available land in safe areas. The EYN disaster team included an engineer who was responsible for planning and building these camps/relocation villages. Things moved rapidly in this time frame. In May, a grand opening was held at Gurku where 62 homes were completed and IDPs were relocated. This camp was designed for Christians and Muslims to live side-by-side. By August, 70 families had moved into the camp built for EYN IDPs at Masaka.

Major accomplishments:

- Land acquisition in Abuja, Masaka, Gurku, Yola, Jalingo and two parcels in Jos
- Building of 141 homes: 72 at Masaka, seven at Chinka and 62 at Gurku
- Appropriate latrines and kitchens built to accompany all homes
Boreholes for fresh water dug at Masaka, Jalingo, Chinka and Gurku

January – December 2016
Rebuilding Expenses: $294,910
Work began in Yola on the newest camp for IDPs. Sixty homes with kitchens and bathrooms were completed and families moved in. As people began moving back to safer areas of the Northeast, the emphasis for shelter began to include repairing of destroyed or damaged homes. The area was divided into zones, and districts began to make lists of the most vulnerable people.

Throughout Mubi, Michika, Gombi and Shaffa, 260 families were assisted with new roofs. Solar power was added to two water systems at camps. This is a huge benefit as it reduces fuel costs of running a generator and provides more water for the people living around the camps.

January – December 2017
Rebuilding Expenses: $82,953
Roofing of destroyed homes continued with 100 families assisted. Providing new water sources for communities became one of the focuses for 2017. The water sources served both Muslims and Christians and helped with peace building in the communities. Ten water sources were provided during the year, including one at the Maiduguri camp.

January – December 2018
Rebuilding Expenses: $125,351
The roofing program was in high demand. One of the challenges was choosing which families to help since so many were in need. In addition, many of the towns that were burned were long distances off the main roads so getting the building supplies to these towns was a challenge. Digging wells and boreholes continued throughout the year.

Eleven communities received new water sources and 169 homes were re-roofed. At the Yola camp, security was compromised by Fulani herdsmen driving their cattle through the camp, so a security wall and fencing was built around the camp property.

PEACE BUILDING AND TRAUMA RECOVERY
A strong focus on trauma healing was critical for long-term individual and community recovery to be possible and to break the cycles of violence. Therefore, trauma recovery was identified as a priority and an essential part of the peace building efforts of the crisis response. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) worked alongside EYN and provided funding each year.

At the start of the crisis there was no trauma program in place. This newly created program included identifying the types of trauma people experienced, understanding its effects on the Nigeria population, designing a customized program and training leaders and facilitators. Workshops were conducted over three-day periods for small groups of 20-30 people.

October 2014 – December 2015
Peace & Trauma Recovery Expenses: $36,276 (plus $75,000 MCC grant)
The initial effort went into designing a program, with an emphasis at the beginning on training leaders, but workshops were quickly organized.
Major accomplishments:

- Six people sent to Rwanda to learn about the Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HROC) program
- Workshops held in 18 locations for around 500 people
- Six training sessions conducted for new facilitators
- Peace Conference for 100 Christian and Muslims held prior to the March Nigerian presidential election

January – December 2016  Peace & Trauma Recovery Expenses: $113,126 (plus $50,000 MCC grant)
The program was in full swing in 2016. Additional leaders were sent to the HROC training in Rwanda. The training of new leaders was emphasized, along with holding basic workshops. In April, Kathy Fry-Miller and Jon Kinsel from Children’s Disaster Services (CDS) provided a training on Children’s Trauma Healing for EYN women’s leaders. The Women’s Ministry then facilitated the program at the local level.

Major accomplishments:

- Twenty basic trauma healing workshops held across safe areas of Nigeria
- Six training workshops for new leaders and facilitators
- CDS workshop on Children’s Trauma Healing attended by 14 women’s leaders
- Ten training workshops for 75 new Children’s Trauma leaders

January – December 2017  Peace & Trauma Recovery Expenses: $58,362 (plus $50,000 MCC grant)
Workshops and training of facilitators continued with the addition of a lay counseling program called One-on-One, which involves lay leaders meeting individually with members of their own communities. This newest program proved to be very effective in trauma healing and recovery. The emphasis on forgiveness helped to promote the peaceful coexistence of Muslims and Christians in mixed communities.

During the year 44 events, including workshops, facilitator trainings and the One-on One program, were held. Around 1,000 people were reached.

January – December 2018  Peace & Trauma Recovery Expenses: $23,866
EYN changed the program director, which delayed the completion of the final reports for 2017. Per its internal policies, MCC could not provide additional funds until these reports were received. This was resolved early in 2019.

Work continued with the emphasis on the One-on-One lay counseling. Additional trauma workshops were held in five locations and Sunday School teachers continued to make use of the Children’s Trauma material.

In May, a Peace Conference with about 100 Christian and Muslim leaders was organized in Yola. It was very successful and encouraged all the leaders to work together in their respective communities.
AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOODS

One of the most effective ways to help a person recover is to enable them to work, earn their own money and help themselves. In the crisis response, this was done through two avenues: agricultural empowerment with seeds and fertilizer and livelihoods, which provided training, tools, finances and encouragement for setting up a business and the means to earn their own living. Both avenues involved the careful selection and identification of recipients who used these resources to help themselves and their communities recover. In the beginning of the response, this program was accomplished mainly through the partner NGOs, with EYN increasing their response in the subsequent years.

October 2014 – December 2015
Agric & Livelihood Expenses: $231,976
With several million people displaced from their homes in the Northeast, the population of the Yola area increased by around one million people. In 2014 and 2015, a program was started to identify the neediest persons and present them with a complete business to empower them to live in the Yola area. As security improved, the area of assistance expanded beyond Yola and included people who settled in Jos and the new interfaith camp at Gurku.

Major accomplishments
- Small businesses (sewing machine, bean cake business kit, grinding machine or ground nut processing kit) provided to 1,200 individuals from six communities
- Seeds and farm implements distributed to displaced people in Yola
- Food, seeds and fertilizer supplied to parents of the abducted Chibok girls
- Seeds, fertilizer and farm tools provided to newly settled residents of Gurku camp

January – December 2016
Agric & Livelihood Expenses: $419,810
Small Business Skills Acquisition Centers were expanded and continued, providing trainees with the necessary equipment or materials needed to start a business. Seeds and fertilizer were distributed to larger numbers of families.

The Soybean Value Chain project began in 2016 with support from Jeff Boshart, Global Food Initiative (GFI) manager, and retired agriculture researcher Dr. Dennis Thompson. EYN appointed an Agricultural Steering Committee, who traveled with Jeff and Dr. Thompson in October to visit the programs and research at the Soybean Innovation Farm in Ghana.

Major accomplishments:
- Six leaders attended agricultural development training, provided by ECHO (a Christian agriculture training organization), resulting in goat trial project for 10 workers and vaccinations for 10,000 chickens
- Five people attended Soybean Innovation Lab conference in Ghana, beginning an ongoing relationship between EYN, GFI and Dr. Dennis Thompson
- Seeds and fertilizer distributed to 8000 families
- Widows and orphans (739) trained and received businesses for new livelihoods
- Two special seminars and teachings organized by EYN’s Women’s Ministry for 200 women
January – December 2017
Agric & Livelihood Expenses: $212,997

As EYN began to take on the larger role in the crisis work, funding was decreased or discontinued to NGOs. Seeds and fertilizer were distributed. A special project in the United States allowed for the purchase of two tractors. One was sent to the Gurku camp area and one to the Kwarhi headquarters area. Skills centers and livelihood development continued.

The joint soybean project provided training and purchased seeds and inputs for the central store at EYN Headquarters. Jeff Boshart, Dr. Thompson and Chris Elliot visited in October to meet with the EYN Agricultural Steering Committee and viewed the progress.

Major accomplishments:
- Seeds provided to 3,600 families in 29 districts and three camps; fertilizer, which was more expensive, distributed to 1,800 families; distributions focused on districts most affected by crisis
- Two tractors provided and assisted with ground preparation for planting resulting in increased yield
- Agricultural leaders visited Farming God’s Way training in Kenya
- Agricultural leaders attended ECHO conference
- Soybean trainings held in 50 communities
- Skills centers and seminars empowered 500 women with livelihoods

January – December 2018
Agric & Livelihood Expenses: $141,375

Livelihood empowerment, along with seeds and fertilizer, were priorities for 2018. The joint soybean project provided trainings which included a new planting guide booklet. Jeff Boshart and Steven Petcher visited to view the soybean project and to discuss animal care in the Northeast. Dr. Thompson and a small group from EYN returned to Ghana to learn about processing value added products for soybeans. The EYN agricultural department began growing soybeans and corn to sell and for seed.

Major accomplishments:
- Skills acquisition centers graduated and provided 269 women with businesses
- Additional 135 widows provided with start-up capital and seminar encouraging self-reliance
- Seeds and fertilizer distributions streamlined through one distribution at headquarters assisting 2000 families

EDUCATION

Education for children has been a critical part of long-term recovery. It has helped reduce the impact of trauma and create a positive future. Since the beginning of the insurgency, Boko Haram, which means Western Education is Forbidden, has attempted to interfere with all education except Koranic schools. Because families were displaced and lacked the ability to pay school fees, many children were out of school for more than two years. By educating children the crisis response supported the whole family system and reduced the long-term negative impacts of the crisis. Two partnerships were formed with NGOs who were assisting IDP children. Favored Sisters Christian Fellowship (FSCF) opened a school in Jos which housed and fed orphans. FSCF combined high quality education while providing wholistic (spiritual, physical, mental) care for the children. Education Must Continue Initiative (EMCI) started learning centers for displaced children and employed displaced teachers.
October 2014 – December 2015
Education Expenses: $120,585
Major accomplishments:
- FSCF began housing 60 orphans and providing classes for IDP children in January; additional 60 orphans housed in September; paid school fees for 300 students in Biu area
- EMCI learning centers in Yola and Lassa provided basic education to hundreds of children
- School fees paid for children of EYN staff
- Assistance given to EYN students at two theological seminaries in Jos
- Kulp Bible College temporary move to Chinka supported to allow final semester students to finish classes and graduate

January – December 2016
Education Expenses: $166,931
Major accomplishments:
- FSCF provided schooling for 180 students, including 120 orphans receiving full time care
- EMCI opened additional learning center in Chibok; continued providing temporary schooling for over 2,000 students
- EYN provided repairs and renovations to Kulp Bible College, which reopened for the fall term
- Security wall built around EYN Comprehensive Secondary School in Kwarhi
- School fees paid for 420 students (orphans or children of widows)

January – December 2017
Education Expenses: $67,424
As the amount of funds for the Nigeria Crisis decreased, funding was decreased to the NGOs providing educational programming.

Major accomplishments:
- FSCF provided education for 240 students, adding high school program for older children
- EMCI continued education program at the three learning centers for 1,200 students
- EYN provided school fees for 600 children of needy families in 10 districts

January – December 2018
Education Expenses: $45,718
Major accomplishments:
- FSCF school continued education for 240 students; added skills training for high school students with assistance from Christian Aid Ministries
- EMCI began building new school in Lassa; continued learning centers in Yola and Chibok; reached out to Muslim girls in Maiduguri
- EYN provided school fees for 200 children of needy families
EYN STRENGTHENING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

“You are the life support of the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria. With your support, we will be a blooming church once again. Thank you.” - Dr. Samuel Dali, president of EYN (2011-2016)

In this crisis, helping the staff of EYN to recover and providing a temporary headquarters were critical for the long-term recovery of EYN and the people of NE Nigeria. The challenge was to find the right balance on helping both the Church and families in need to recover. With all national leaders displaced in 2014, a major focus was to support staff, pastors, districts and church structures through the years of displacement and during their return to their homes and offices. This effort helped stabilize the church while building capacity in EYN to address the needs of people impacted by the crisis. This included improving office buildings and staff quarters in Jos, funding annual church conference meetings and printing resource materials as a critical part of recovery for both the church and its members.

October 2014 – December 2015

Establishing a temporary headquarters in Jos was the primary focus. All staff had been displaced and needed housing and office space. Since EYN was displaced from a strong central location, it was important that the national leadership become re-established.

Major accomplishments:
- Support for EYN Disaster Relief Ministry Team, including vehicle maintenance, salaries, administrative costs, capacity building and training of the new team
- Purchased warehouse and secured accommodations for EYN leadership and Crisis Management Team
- Renovated existing building on Boulder Hill compound in Jos for EYN offices
- Supported six conferences: EYN Majalisa (Annual Conference), district secretary meeting, annual ministers’ conference, minister’s wives conference, two special seminars for displaced pastors
- Printed 2015 EYN devotional book; provided resource books for displaced pastors
- Built staff quarters fourplex (for senior staff) and Unity House (guest house for mission partners) in Jos on Boulder Hill Compound
- Supported Kulp Bible College staff and students with temporary relocation to Chinka
- Special assistance given for two EYN Conferences, including Majalisa

Capacity Building Expenses: $632,813

January – December 2016

EYN strengthening was still an emphasis in 2016. Repairs were completed for the Kwarhi headquarters and Kulp Bible College. The temporary headquarters in Jos was utilized through August, after which the staff returned to Kwarhi. The Majalisa was held in April and there was a large turnover in the elected leadership. Joel Billi became the new president of EYN and took office in June. Also newly elected were vice president Anthony Ndamsai and general secretary Daniel Mbaya.

Major accomplishments:
- Unity House at Boulder Hill Compound completed, furnished and used by the mission partners
- Buildings at EYN Kwarhi headquarters repaired (staff housing, offices, conference center damaged by Boko Haram)
- Staff and student housing on Kulp Bible College campus (Kwarhi) repaired (damaged by Boko Haram)
- Assistance given for two EYN Conferences, including Majalisa

Capacity Building Expenses: $125,499
• 2016 devotional material printed
• School fees assistance provided for children of EYN leaders
• Staff moved from temporary headquarters back to Kwarhi
• Assistance provided to build security wall around EYN Comprehensive Secondary School at Kwarhi

January – December 2017
Capacity Building Expenses: $20,633
The EYN leadership struggled under the heavy burden of assisting pastors and others in a very difficult time with limited finances. Internet capability was restored to help the leadership to fulfil their duties.

Major accomplishments:
• Joint workcamps with COB: building new church at Pegi and new offices at headquarters
• Internet (with solar power) installed at EYN Headquarters (joint project with Mission 21)
• Real Time Evaluation and Tripartite meeting with EYN, COB, and Mission 21 (joint project with Mission 21)
• Classroom roofed at Kulp Bible College
• Container of books from United States delivered to Jos; books for EMCI and FSCF distributed

January – December 2018
Capacity Building Expenses: $27,753
Major accomplishments:
• Allocated $25,000 for EYN leadership to support overhead costs of crisis response and pastoral support
• Tripartite meetings held in February and December
• Emergency Preparedness Workshops organized for 60 district leaders
• Container of books transported to Kwarhi; books distributed for EYN schools and Kulp Bible College (now Kulp Theological Seminary)
• Joint workcamp with COB held for rebuilding of church in Michika

U.S VOLUNTEERS, STAFF, TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES
As part of the support of the Nigeria Crisis Response, the COB provided staff to help mentor, and coordinate work with EYN and other Nigeria partners. Part of the long-term goals included assistance for training, modeling and teaching program oversight and developing the capacity of these partners to respond effectively. Early in the response, this entailed numerous visits to Nigeria to check on the work and encourage our partners. Nigeria has a saying, “Zumunci a kafa take” which means “fellowship is in the feet”. A large part of the Nigeria Crisis Response was fellowshipping with the Nigerians through visits (our feet). In the first years of the response, nine volunteers were sent for two to three months at a time to live among the displaced people and support the EYN church and its leadership. Two videos were produced to share with the COB about the response needs and accomplishments.

Items covered under this category included: salaries, travel to and from Nigeria (including visa costs), in-country costs for all COB visitors, travel within the U.S. to share about the response, producing videos and yearly posters and sponsoring three EYN leaders and their wives for a self-care trip to the U.S.
ADVOCACY

The Church of the Brethren’s Office of Peacebuilding and Policy developed a major focus on the Nigeria crisis as BDM developed the response. This office represents the Church of the Brethren perspective in U.S. policy discussions and convenes a large group of Nigeria-focused organizations in Washington, D.C., under the umbrella of the "Nigeria Working Group". This loose coalition of organizations serves as a point of contact for the Nigeria advocacy community, meets regularly with the State Department on issues such as Boko Haram violence and sends calls for action letters for others to sign which are then sent to the U.S. State Department and Congress.

The Office of Peacebuilding and Public Policy also coordinates with the leadership of EYN to ensure that the stories of those directly impacted by the U.S. government’s Nigeria policy can stay centered in the U.S. discussion. When EYN leaders are in the U.S., the office invites them to Washington, D.C., for meetings with the State Department and other NGOs. These meetings are an important way for local community voices to be heard by U.S. officials and have helped shape the narrative in and around how faith communities are impacted by and can help solve violent conflict in the region. When EYN leaders are not in the U.S., the office communicates with them regularly so that their perspective can be incorporated into the office's advocacy.

The Office of Peacebuilding and Policy's work is primarily funded by the COB Core Ministries budget. A small amount of Nigeria Crisis Funds have been used to support programs and advocacy efforts.

CHURCH REBUILDING IN NIGERIA

The church is the center of community for EYN members, functioning as a safe space for many faith and community activities. It is difficult for a community to fully recover without their local church.

The Church Rebuilding Fund is a special fund created in 2013, before the Nigeria Crisis Fund was started, to provide support for EYN churches and leadership. With the Crisis Fund focused on humanitarian relief, this fund has allowed sizeable donations to be given to EYN leadership who have then allocated grants to individual EYN congregations for repair and rebuilding. Leadership used criteria such as safety of the returnees and stability of the surrounding area when deciding which congregations would receive grants.

Throughout 2016 and 2017, six workcamps brought together Nigerian and American Brethren to work on rebuilding EYN churches and headquarters buildings. Thirty-seven Brethren from the U.S. took part with funds from the Church Rebuilding Fund contributing to the effort. In 2017, $200,000 was sent to EYN. Forty congregations benefitted from grants of $5,000 each.

EYN general secretary Daniel Mbaya has shared his gratitude for the rebuilding funds, remarking how the grants “have ignited our spirits. As a church, we remain grateful to all sisters and brothers of the Church of the Brethren for this kind support.”

GRANT SOLICITATION

Joint efforts of Global Mission and Service, Brethren Disaster Ministries and the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy have focused on seeking grant funds or in-kind support from U.S. government programs and other foundations and NGOs. Through these efforts, the COB is now registered as a Private Voluntary
Organization (PVO) with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), which is necessary to receive any federal funds. Examples of this time-consuming work include an unsolicited grant, ocean freight reimbursement grant requests and several food program grant requests. However, none of these grants were awarded. Meetings with USAID partners in Nigeria may lead to working partnerships or funding for current COB/EYN programming.

CONCLUSION

The Nigeria Crisis Response is the largest relief effort in the Church of the Brethren’s long history of crisis response and relief programs. The overwhelming support for the project has been inspiring. The American church rallied behind their brothers and sisters through generous giving, prayers, visits to Nigeria, participation in joint workcamps, hosting of the EYN choir tour and much more.

As the report details, significant progress has been made on the initial goals of supporting and strengthening EYN, co-leading an extensive relief program and finding new partnerships to extend this work further. To the point COB and EYN could provide relief, work at reconciliation and begin rebuilding lives, an amazing level of progress has been made. Unfortunately, many other factors contributing to this conflict have not changed significantly. It now appears that violence will continue in NE Nigeria for years, likely until there are political changes in the Nigerian government and extensive reconciliation among diverse people. Still, EYN shares a continued commitment for sharing the Gospel in this contested and violent area, and throughout Nigeria, with plans to spread to other countries.

Given this situation, the COB’s major focus on the Nigeria Crisis Response is decreasing over the next three years (2019-2021). Emergency disaster funds budgeted for this project will likely end in 2021. However, if a new crisis or increased violence erupts, new grants may be made available for that specific event. The COB will continue to support and partner with EYN as they work toward reconciliation and renewal in these violent times.

The long journey toward recovery in Nigeria has allowed all of us to practice Galatians 6:9-10: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Let us continue to pray for our fellow Christians in Nigeria as they have chosen a peaceful response to the violence surrounding them. They are living out Romans 12:14-16: “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another.”
In 2019, our main partner was the EYN Disaster Response Ministry (DRM). Support continued on a smaller scale for CCEPI, LGCI and Favored Sisters School. Security in the Northeast was more stable in the beginning of the year, although there were random attacks near the Sambisa Forest. Attacks and acts of violence increased toward the end of the year, including the tragic abduction in December of the District Secretary, who was killed by Boko Haram militants in early 2020.

Response programming continued to include emergency food and medical treatment for displaced families struggling to survive. However, the bigger focus was on home repairs, new water sources, agricultural recovery and improvements, and education. To help with security, a wall was built around the EYN Headquarters and Kulp Theological Seminary in Kwarhi.

February – December 2019
Food, Non-food items and Medical Expenses: $141,191
Provision of food was still necessary at the IDP (internally displaced person) camps and in semi-safe regions where people cannot plant and/or harvest enough to sustain their families. Twenty-nine distributions were held for 2,921 households (17,526 people). In addition, special visits with supplies were organized to Benin City in southern Nigeria and to Cameroon. In Benin City, food was distributed to a school where numerous EYN orphans and displaced persons are living. In Cameroon, the EYN disaster team visited a refugee camp housing over 58,000 persons, including 18,000 EYN members. The team brought food and held meetings with the pastors and leaders to hear their concerns.

The medical personnel on the disaster team provided medical treatment for around 400 IDPs and continued Hepatitis B screening, reaching more than 9,000 people.

February – December 2019
Rebuilding Homes, Water and Sanitation: $102,727
Many of the homes destroyed by the Boko Haram attacks are in remote locations so reaching them with the supplies remains a challenge. This year, 131 homes were re-roofed in eight separate areas. In Maiduguri, temporary homes were constructed for 200 IDPs who needed to relocate. Various repairs to toilets and fencing were completed at existing relocation villages.

New boreholes were provided in eight locations across the region, bringing a welcome supply of good water to these communities.
January – December 2019 Peace Building and Trauma Workshops: $18,384
EYN continues to partner with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to provide trauma workshops. Fourteen workshops and training events were held during the year, directly impacting the 306 participants and indirectly affecting many more, as each participant shares what they have learned with others. Five children’s trauma workshops were conducted, with a total of 100 children participating.

January – December 2019 Agriculture and Livelihood: $115,532
The Soybean Value Change Initiative was supported with a $25,000 grant. The soybean advisory team organized trainings and is working on different ways to use and process soybeans in order to create a better regional economy for soybean producers. The project was encouraged through two visits by Dr. Dennis Thompson and a year-end meeting with Jeff Boshart.

In nine communities about 1,200 families were assisted with maize seeds and fertilizer to encourage the entire community to grow their own food. Fifty vulnerable persons around the EYN headquarters area were each given a male and female goat, providing a much-needed cash resource.

EYN Women’s Ministry and CCEPI provided 255 women with skills training in various livelihoods such as sewing, knitting, catering and computers. Each participant was either given seed money or the necessary equipment to start her business.

January – December 2019 Education: $30,620
Scholarships were given to 90 students, most of whom are orphans taken in by their relatives. The children chosen were the most vulnerable and were promised three-year scholarships to encourage continuity in their education. Assistance of $20,000 was given to Favored Sisters School, which provides full-time care for a dozen orphans and brings quality education to 240 children.

January – December 2019 EYN Strengthening and Capacity Building: $89,548
In 2019, EYN underwent the enormous task of putting a wall around the headquarters and Kulp Theological Seminary property in Kwarhi. Several volunteer workdays were organized, which helped to reduce labor costs considerably. It is estimated that this wall affects security for around 1,500 people, including the EYN leadership. The leadership and others expressed their gratitude for this project. An additional $40,500 grant to EYN Leadership was used to re-roof the conference hall. This consisted of removing the existing roof, re-engineering the design to reduce leaks and the construction of the new design.

Other security and capacity work included sending the disaster relief ministry director, Yuguda Mdurvwa, to training at the Christian Organizations Research and Advisory Trust of Africa and holding a beginning security workshop for 12 leaders followed by an expanded workshop for 92 district leaders. The annual Tripartite meeting with Mission 21, EYN and COB was held in December.

Church Building Grants
EYN received $43,000 for church grants from the Church Rebuilding Fund, which is separate from the Nigeria Crisis Fund. The grants will assist eight to ten congregations in rebuilding churches destroyed during the Boko Haram insurgency.

Giving to Nigeria Crisis in 2019
Donations totaling $170,521.76 were received throughout the year. The total giving up to now for the Nigeria Crisis project is $5,805,218.89, which is slightly over the original 5-year goal of 5.8 million.
## MINISTRY EXPENSES 2014-2019

### Nigeria Crisis Response Relief & Recovery Activity 2014-2019

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2020 Budget

Budget for 2020 is $300,000 with support to EYN, CCEPI, Gurku Interfaith Camp.

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Subject: EDF Allocation Request 2/27/2020, Nigeria Crisis Response, Project 2273-J

AMOUNT: $300,000

PRIOR EDF GRANTS FOR THIS APPEAL: Total of $5,425,000
  $325,000 on 6/19/2019
  $400,000 on 8/23/2018
  $400,000 on 10/19/2017
  $500,000 on 2/27/2017
  $1,000,000 on 3/12/2016
  $680,000 on 7/29/2015
  $1,500,000 on 3/3/2015
  $500,000 on 10/19/2014
  $100,000 on 9/20/2014
  $20,000 on 9/5/2014

GL ACCOUNT: 50-5400-580 58195

RECIPIENT: Brethren Disaster Ministries

PURPOSE:
Since 2014 the Nigeria Crisis Response has provided more than $5 million in ministry resources to five response partners, has helped stabilize Ekklesiyar Yan’uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) and provided extensive humanitarian aid and recovery for some of the most vulnerable people in the world. There has been progress, but the need is still great in Nigeria. The ongoing violence has added to great economic disparity in the country, so much so that Nigeria has more people living in extreme poverty than any other country. The security situation is increasingly complicated with three different groups spreading terror and bring destruction to NE Nigeria. There are two primary Boko Haram groups, one aligned with the original leader Abubakar Shekau, the other group is aligned with ISIS and is part of the Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP). Further, Fulani herdsmen and other insurgents posing as Fulani are attacking villages in central & NE Nigeria.

The ongoing violence and lack of security continues to heavily impact EYN. Recent attacks have been within 50 miles of the EYN Headquarters in Kwarhi. The killing of a district secretary in January and the attack on Garkida, the site of the first COB worship services, highlights how vulnerable EYN members and churches are.

In response, the EYN Disaster Ministry team has continued with food distributions and medical assistance, as well as livelihood empowerment through seeds & fertilizer distributions, agricultural training, skills training and business start-ups. Trauma awareness and healing continues as a priority along with reconciliation and peaceful co-existence with Muslims in the area. Although the EYN Church is struggling financially, it continues to grow, starting new churches in areas where the displaced have resettled. By planting these new churches, EYN is building more resilient communities and helping them reestablish a sense of home. This is the difficult context in which the Church and people in NE Nigeria try to recover, survive and move on with life.

The attached Nigeria Crisis Response Comprehensive Report gives details on the crisis response and all the accomplishments through 2018. Please see this document for additional information.
The attached 2019 Nigeria Crisis Comprehensive Report Annex give details for the 2019 accomplishments and updates financial charts. The summary of financial activity follows:

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<th>Area of Ministry/Relief Activity</th>
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<td>Rebuilding Homes, Water &amp; Sanitation</td>
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The annually produced poster style reports and other resources can be found at the following website: [http://www.brethren.org/nigeriacrisis/resources.html](http://www.brethren.org/nigeriacrisis/resources.html)

**RESPONSE PLAN:**
The 2020 response plans continue key ministries at a reduced level of funding due to a planned scaling down of the program and reduced donations. This plan was developed in a coordinating meeting with EYN and Mission 21 staff. The program priorities are focused on recovery activities that will help families become more self-supporting. The response in 2020 is being planned with a budget of $300,000 for all COB expenses, partners and Nigeria programs. A budget of around a $150,000 is planned for 2021.

Update: Considering the many recent attacks on communities with EYN churches and general increased violence, BDM staff are requesting the addition of $50,000 for emergency relief activities in 2020. The scaling down of the primary response budget was not intended to preclude responding to new violence or disaster in Nigeria.

The primary focus areas for 2020 include:

- **Repairing homes** damaged by fire and vandalism, home repairs continue to be a priority to help the most vulnerable in the communities recover and become self-sufficient again.

- **Peace Building and Trauma Recovery** continues as a cornerstone of the response and priority for EYN and COB, with support from Mennonite Central Committee. Adult programming is focusing more on one-to-one counseling. The Healing Hearts program developed by Children’s Disaster
Services, focusing on trauma healing for children, will continue to be expanded by EYN Women’s Ministry.

**Agriculture** is a key part of recovery for displaced families and continues as a major focus of 2020. When families can farm again, they regain the ability to support themselves. Seeds, fertilizer and tools will be distributed to 1,200 farmers. Another special grant of $12,500 was made for a longer-term soybean development program with support from a consultant and Global Food Initiative staff (GFI is also making a $12,500 grant).

**Livelihood (Making a living)** is another key for recovery. Providing tools, supplies and training allows heads of households to control their own recovery and regain the dignity of supporting their family. This programming focuses on the most vulnerable in the community, especially widows with children. Supported training centers provide seminars on running small businesses and skills acquisition along with start-up capital or equipment for sewing, bean cake business, grinding machine for grain, ground nut processing, computer skills, knitting, and soap making. These programs are helping many vulnerable women gain self-reliance and self-worth.

**Education** for children is a critical part of long-term recovery and helps reduce the impact of trauma on their lives. In this crisis, some children have been out of school for two or three years. When children are educated, the whole family system is supported, and the long-term negative impacts of the crisis are reduced.

**Food, Medical & Home Supplies** continue to be necessary for some families that are still displaced and for families just returning home. The 30 percent of persons still displaced and living in temporary places need assistance with food as they cannot plant enough crops to sustain themselves. Medical supplies and supporting EYN clinics are ongoing needs being addressed.

**EYN Security, Recovery & Capacity Building** is scaled down for 2020 with the completion of the wall around EYN headquarters. In 2020 this includes training for disaster response staff in security and media management and the purchase of a vehicle for relief activities.

**U.S. Volunteers, Staff, Travel, Misc.** covers the expenses of staff engagement of the response including managing the funds, providing training and technical support, and sending U.S. volunteers to support EYN and the response.

**Emergency Relief** will provide food, shelter, transportation and relocation as needed for families impacted by new attacks and violence. This line item is added because of the recent waves of attacks in the last few months.
### Revised Nigeria Crisis 2020 Budget

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**Response Partners:**
- Ekklesiayar Yan’uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) is the primary COB partner.
- Center for Caring, Empowerment and Peace Initiatives (CCEPI)
- Lifeline Compassionate Global Initiative (LCGI)
- Favored Sisters Christian Fellowship
- Education Must Continue Initiative (EMCI)

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY:**

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**APPEAL REQUEST:**

Working with the Crisis Response partners, program ministries totaling $350,000 are planned for 2020. A grant of $300,000 is requested to cover the remaining 2020 program expenses and carry the response through March of 2021.

This allocation is requested and supported by,

Roy Winter, Associate Executive Director, Brethren Disaster Ministries