



## THE SITUATION

As of June 15:

Uganda reports 823 cases of COVID-19—an increase of 563 since our previous reporting—and no deaths. The country has now extended its nationwide curfew and modified lockdown until June 23.

Nigeria reports 16,085 total cases of COVID-19—an increase of 9,684 since our previous reporting—and 420 related deaths, an increase of 220. Nigeria’s less stringent measures mean that individual states have greater responsibility to deal with the pandemic. The country is now in the second phase of lockdown easing, which is scheduled to end on June 29.

The COVID-19 pandemic and related responses continue to present refugee and internally displaced persons populations in both countries with increasing hardships, most significantly hunger. Shortages of basic hygiene supplies and clean drinking water also remain significant problems. (See sidebar.)

## ACTIONS

In Nigeria, thanks to an infusion of emergency funding from donors, we have been able to effect repairs on Malkohi Official Camp’s water pump. Residents are now once again able to access fresh water. (See sidebar.)

We continue to work to obtain and deliver emergency food and related emergency supplies to the adolescent girls and boys we work with in Nigeria and Uganda. At Imvepi Refugee Settlement, where Uganda’s strict lockdown protocols have made moving around difficult, we now have at least three staff working to do welfare visits and deliver supplies, while the remaining staff continues to meet and provide ongoing support remotely. At the Malkohi camps in Nigeria, our team has had more flexibility and has begun holding new hygiene training sessions, with a maximum of 30 attendees per session so that safe social distancing measures can be observed.

## NEEDS

While getting our programs back up and running is a crucial need, the number one priority remains food assistance, given that emergency relief continues to be reduced while local markets contend with scarcity and skyrocketing prices of goods. To help provide ongoing emergency relief, please visit [childvoice.org/foodassistance](https://childvoice.org/foodassistance).



### FROM THE FIELD

"Hunger is one of the biggest issues in the camps right now," said ChildVoice Child Protection Officer Rebecca Malgwi of the growing humanitarian crisis among internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Nigeria. "People can't get enough food."

Along with shortages, Malgwi explained, prices for available market goods have become increasingly inflated due to border closures.

While the UN’s World Food Programme has made an effort to address the growing food crisis in Nigeria stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Malgwi it hasn’t been nearly enough. "They off-loaded food for people in the [Malkohi] camp," she said. "It was supposed to be enough for a few months, but sincerely, it will only last them a few days."

While our Nigeria team has begun the work of obtaining and delivering hygiene and food supplies, another crisis has been at least partially resolved: access to fresh water, which has been problematic ever since the Malkohi IDP camps’ borehole pump failed several weeks ago. ChildVoice was able to coordinate repairs on the pump using emergency relief funds we have raised.