

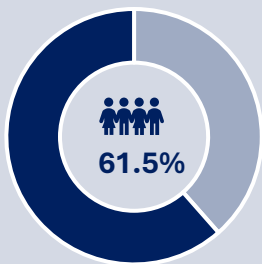
# AN EXPLORATION OF THE NEEDS AND CHALLENGES OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN BORNO, ADAMAWA, AND YOBE STATES (NOVEMBER 2023 – NOVEMBER 2024)

## INTRODUCTION

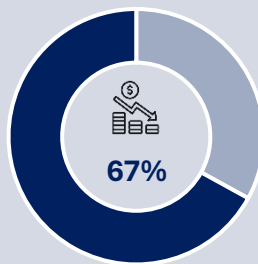
This report explores the needs and challenges faced by persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe states in Nigeria. The study utilized a mixed-methods assessment, combining qualitative and quantitative research to understand the distribution and specific needs of persons with disabilities, their family members and communities.

## KEY FINDINGS

- ❖ Only 2% of women with disabilities who are head of households have enrolled their children into formal education due to economic challenges.



61.5% of children with disabilities are out of school, while 71.3% of those attending formal education lack 2 meals per day.



Economic hardship has resulted in 67% of persons with disabilities in rural communities in the BAY States migrating to urban areas in search of better economic opportunities.

- ❖ 77.99% of persons with disabilities are unemployed due to a significant skills gap and lack of vocational training.
- ❖ WASH facilities in public places are not accessible to 89.2% of persons with disabilities in the BAY States, due to location and physical barriers.
- ❖ Stigma and gender discrimination against persons with disabilities leads to anxiety, insomnia, depression, and suicidal ideation.
- ❖ Only 17% of persons with disabilities complete secondary education due to inaccessible school environments and financial constraints.
- ❖ 85.8% of persons with disabilities report dissatisfaction with healthcare services due to financial barriers and lack of trained personnel on disability inclusion.
- ❖ Persons affected with leprosy are the most discriminated and marginalized among persons with disabilities.
- ❖ High levels of gender-based violence, with only 33.7% of persons with disabilities reporting physical, sexual, or emotional abuse.



## RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ Domestication/Implementation of the Disability Rights Bill and Establishment of Disability Commission in Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe States.
- ❖ Establishment of a Multi-Sectoral Model for Disability Inclusion Across Humanitarian, Developmental, and Peace- building (HDP) Nexus.
- ❖ Institutional Capacity Strengthening for Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) and Empowerment Programs.