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# COWACDI CAPACITY STATEMENT



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# Introduction

The Concern for Women and Children Development Foundation (COWACDI) is a women-led, non-governmental, and non-profit organization committed to advancing peace, protection, and sustainable development in vulnerable communities. Founded on the principles of dignity, inclusion, and resilience, COWACDI works to create an environment where every person, especially women, children, and youth, can thrive free from violence, discrimination, and neglect.

Driven by its vision of “a just world in which every vulnerable person attains protection and development,” and its mission “to mitigate the impact of suffering of the vulnerable and protect their rights and dignity through the provision of developmental and protection programs,” COWACDI continues to demonstrate leadership in

community transformation.

Through integrated programming in gender-based violence, peacebuilding, general protection, livelihoods, Housing, land, and property, and non-food Items etc. The organization builds local capacity, strengthens social cohesion, and supports sustainable recovery efforts.



# Objectives

## **Mission**

To mitigate the impact of suffering of vulnerable people, furthermore; protect their right and dignity, through the provision of humanitarian and developmental programs.

## **Vision**

A just world in which every vulnerable person attains protection and development.

## **Implementation Approach**

COWACDI adopts a community-centered, participatory, and rights-based approach. Programs are designed in collaboration with affected communities, local authorities, and partners to ensure relevance, ownership, and sustainability.

# Core competencies/Thematic areas

## Livelihood and Economic Empowerment

COWACDI promotes sustainable livelihoods and economic resilience for vulnerable women, youth, and households affected by conflict and poverty. Our interventions include vocational skills training, small business development, savings and loans groups, and startup support to enhance income generation. We prioritize women-led initiatives and ensure inclusive access for Persons with Disabilities, enabling beneficiaries to achieve self-reliance and long-term economic stability.

## Protection and Human Rights

COWACDI works to protect the rights, dignity, and safety of vulnerable populations, including women, children, Persons with Disabilities, IDPs, returnees, and host communities. Our protection programming focuses on community-based protection mechanisms, legal awareness, case management, psychosocial support, and referral services. We adopt a rights-based and survivor-centered approach that strengthens community resilience and promotes accountability.

## Gender Based Violence (GBV) Prevention and Response

COWACDI delivers comprehensive GBV prevention and response interventions aimed at reducing risks and supporting survivors. Our programming includes

gender-transformative awareness, survivor-centered case management, psychosocial support, safe referrals, and community engagement to address harmful norms. We work closely with community leaders and service providers to ensure safe, confidential, and inclusive services for women, girls, and other at-risk groups.

## Nutrition Support and Programming

COWACDI implements nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific interventions targeting vulnerable groups, particularly women and children. Our approach includes community nutrition awareness, screening and referrals, infant and young child feeding (IYCF) promotion, and integration of nutrition into livelihoods and WASH programming. These efforts aim to reduce malnutrition and improve overall health outcomes in fragile and conflict-affected settings.

## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

COWACDI delivers inclusive WASH interventions to improve access to safe water, sanitation facilities, and hygiene practices in underserved communities. Our programs include water facility rehabilitation, hygiene promotion, sanitation infrastructure support, and community-led behavior change initiatives. We ensure that WASH facilities are gender-responsive and accessible to Persons with Disabilities, promoting dignity, safety, and public health.

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## Core competencies/Thematic areas

### Health and SRH

COWACDI contributes to improved health and well-being of vulnerable populations through integrated community-based health and SRH interventions. The organization promotes access to essential health information and services, with particular focus on women, girls, adolescents, and other at-risk groups. Our interventions include SRH awareness and education, maternal and child health promotion, hygiene promotion, and referrals to functional health facilities. COWACDI works closely with community leaders, health actors, and trained volunteers to address harmful practices, reduce health risks, and strengthen community knowledge on preventive healthcare, dignity, and informed decision-making.

### Non-Food Items (NFI)

COWACDI supports crisis-affected households through the provision of life-saving Non-Food Items (NFIs) aimed at restoring dignity and improving basic living conditions. The organization conducts needs-based assessments to ensure targeted and appropriate distributions for internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, and vulnerable host communities. NFI interventions prioritize women-headed households, people living with disabilities (PLWD), older persons, and families with young children. COWACDI integrates accountability, community feedback mechanisms, and protection principles into all NFI responses to ensure transparency, safety, and inclusiveness.

### Child Protection

Child protection is a core area of COWACDI's work, with a strong focus on safeguarding children from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and harmful practices. The organization implements child-centered interventions such as child protection awareness, community sensitization, and psychosocial support activities. COWACDI collaborates with caregivers, community structures, and local authorities to strengthen child protection systems and promote children's rights, safety, and well-being. Special attention is given to vulnerable children, including displaced children, survivors of violence, and Children with Disabilities.

### Peace Building

COWACDI contributes to peace building by promoting social cohesion, conflict prevention, and peaceful coexistence within communities affected by displacement and conflict. The organization facilitates dialogue, awareness sessions, and community engagement activities that foster mutual understanding, tolerance, and collaboration among diverse groups. COWACDI also engages in coordination platforms and working groups to strengthen reintegration planning, information sharing, and community acceptance. Through inclusive programming that engages women, youth, traditional leaders, and community stakeholders, COWACDI addresses the root causes of conflict and supports community-led solutions for sustainable peace and resilience.

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## Core competencies/Thematic areas

### **Housing, Land, and Property (HLP)**

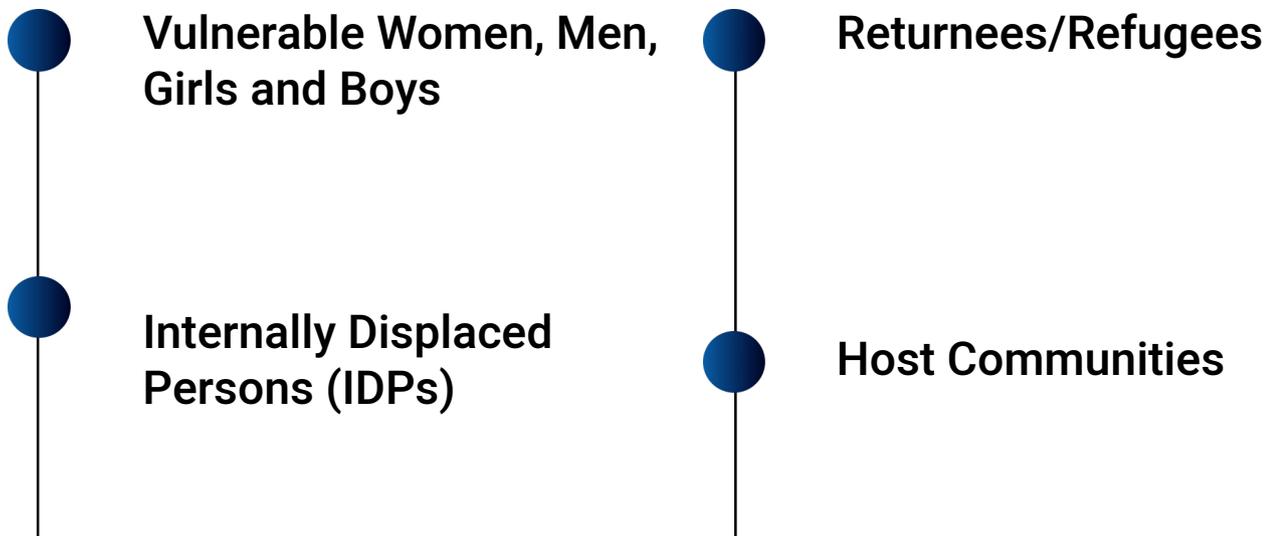
COWACDI supports Housing, Land, and Property (HLP) interventions aimed at protecting the rights of conflict-affected populations to safe housing, land access, and property ownership. The organization works with internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, and vulnerable host communities to raise awareness on HLP rights, dispute resolution mechanisms, and legal pathways for reclaiming land and property. Through community sensitization, referrals, and collaboration with relevant stakeholders, COWACDI contributes to reducing forced evictions, land-related conflicts, and tenure insecurity, while promoting dignity, stability, and durable solutions for affected populations.

### **Mine Action**

COWACDI supports mine action efforts through community-based mine risk education and awareness activities in conflict-affected areas. The organization works to reduce the risk of injury and death from explosive remnants of war by educating communities—especially children, women, and displaced populations—on safe behaviors and risk avoidance. COWACDI collaborates with relevant actors to strengthen referral pathways and ensure that affected communities receive timely information and support to enhance safety and protection.

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# Targeted Beneficiaries

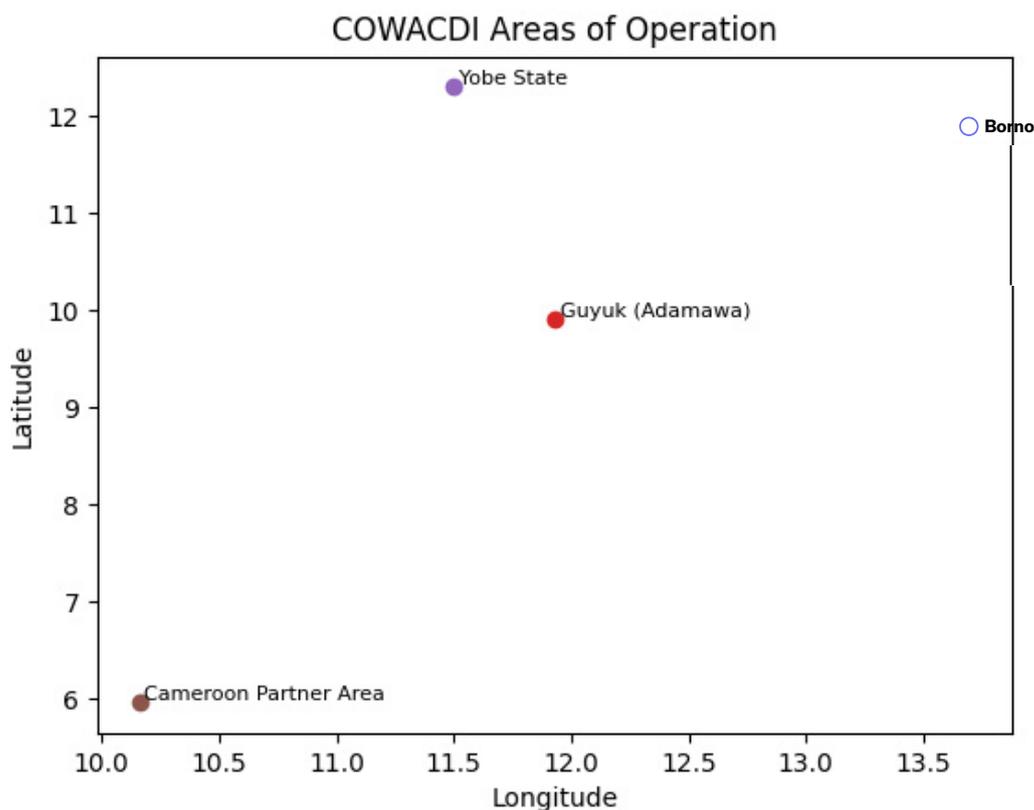


## Persons with Disability

At COWACDI, we are committed to fostering an inclusive environment for all individuals, including Persons with Disabilities. We recognize the unique challenges faced by Persons with Disabilities and ensure their active participation in all our projects. Our approach integrates accessibility, equal opportunities, and tailored support to ensure that are not left behind. By prioritizing inclusivity, we strive to protect the rights and dignity of every individual within the communities we serve.

# Geographic Coverage

Nigeria: Adamawa State (Guyuk), Borno State (Maiduguri, Jere, Mafa, Monguno, Biu, Gwoza, Bama, Ngala), Yobe State (Damaturu, Yusufari)  
Regional Partnership: Cameroon



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