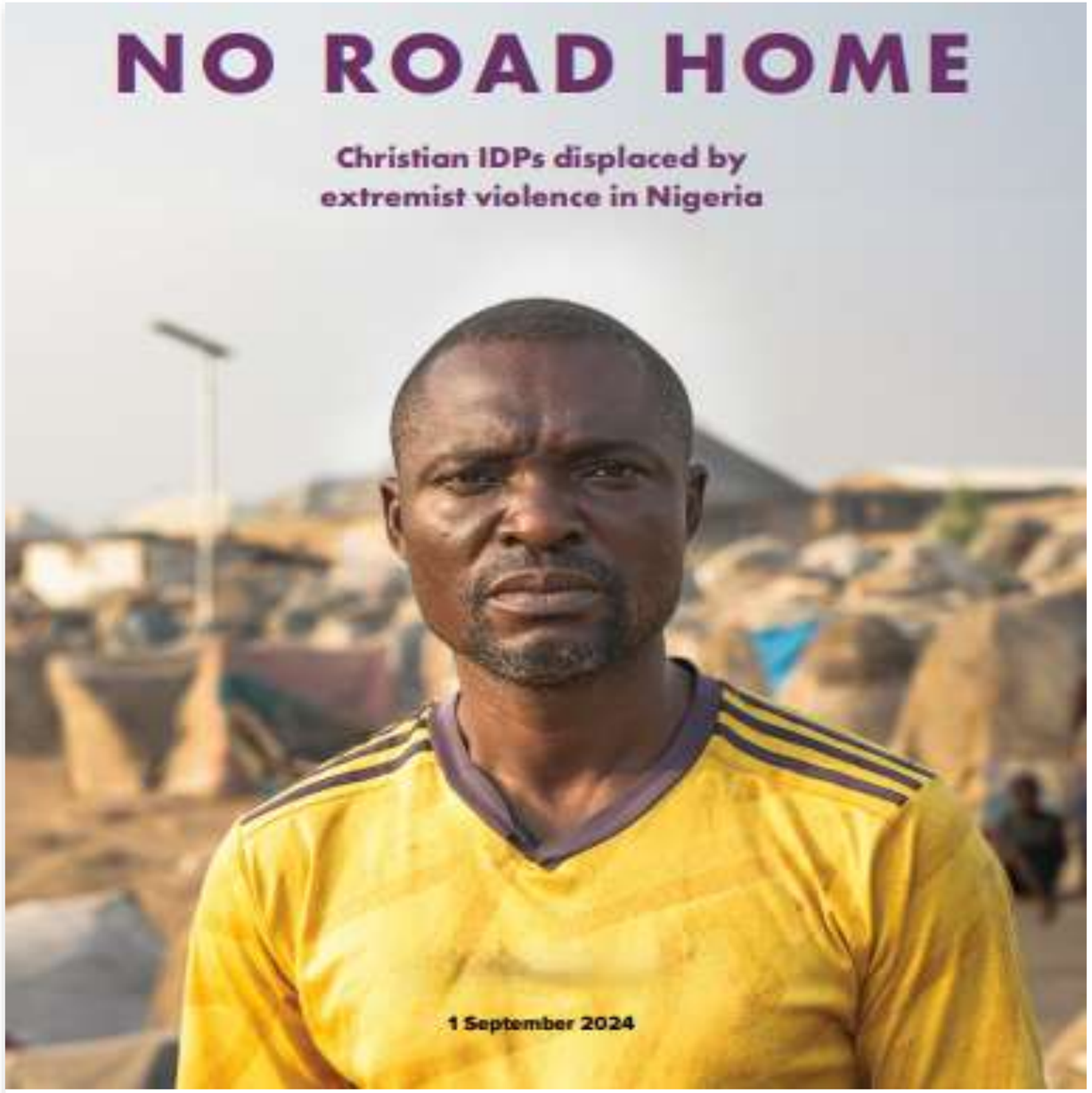
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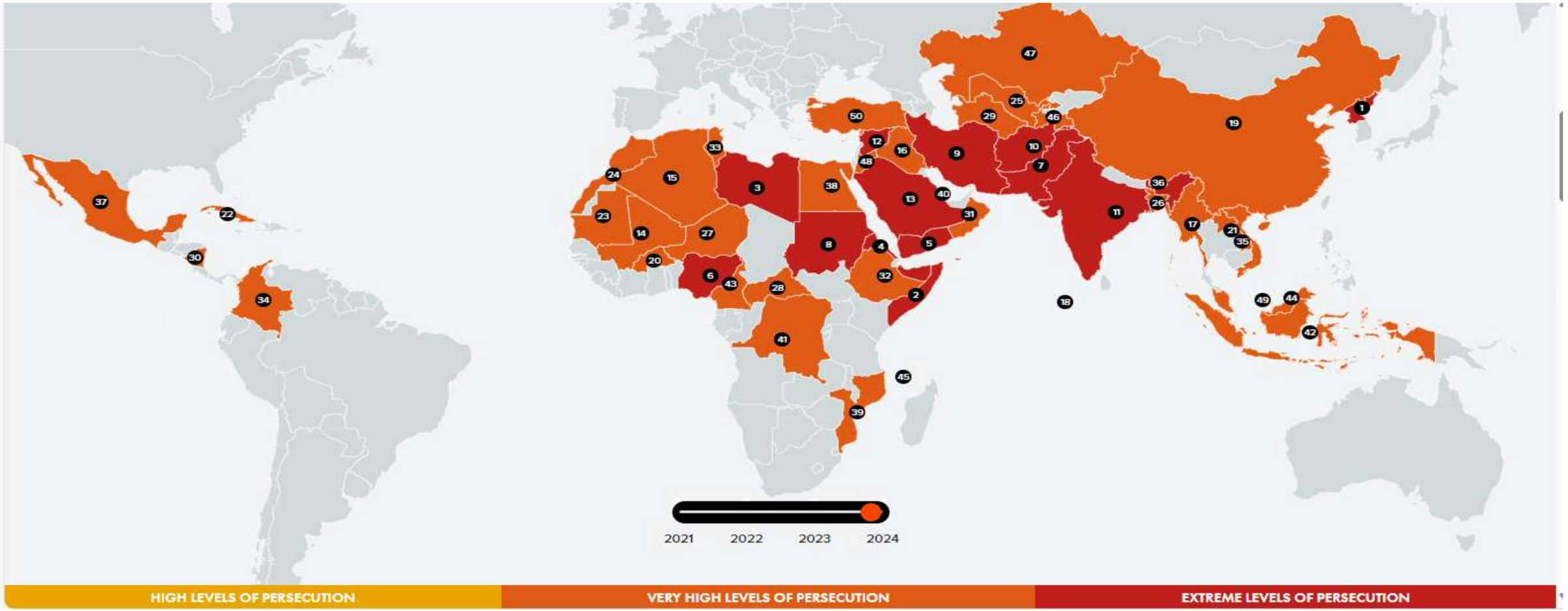
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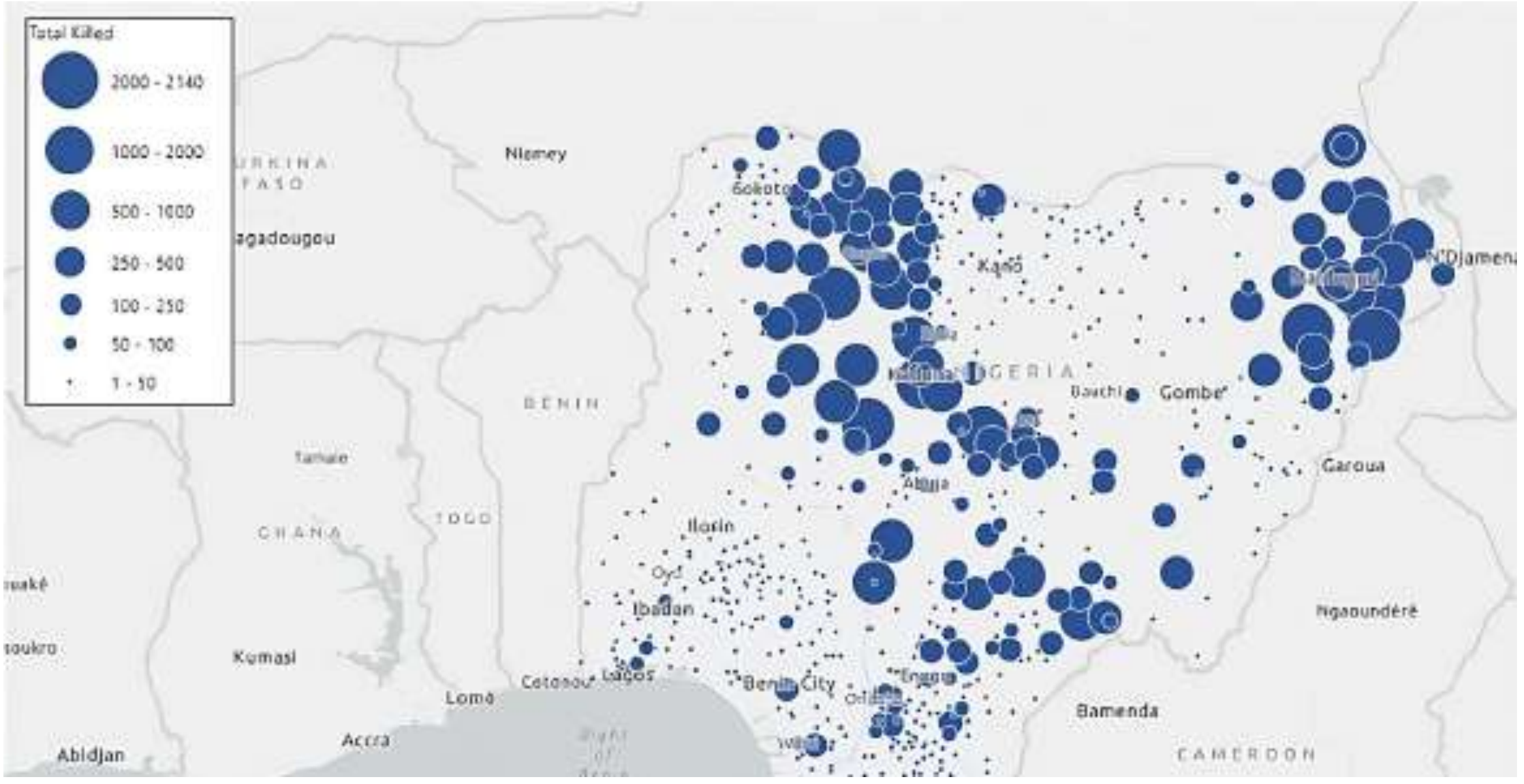
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Objective

Examining displacement through a faith-based lens.

Why Nigeria?


2021
2022
2023
2024
HIGH LEVELS OF PERSECUTION
VERY HIGH LEVELS OF PERSECUTION
EXTREME LEVELS OF PERSECUTION


Total Killed
2000 - 2140
1000 - 2000
500 - 1000
250 - 500
100 - 250
50 - 100
1 - 50
Niamey
Sokoto
Kano
Bauchi
Gombe
Garoua
Abuja
Ilorin
Ibadan
Lagos
Benin City
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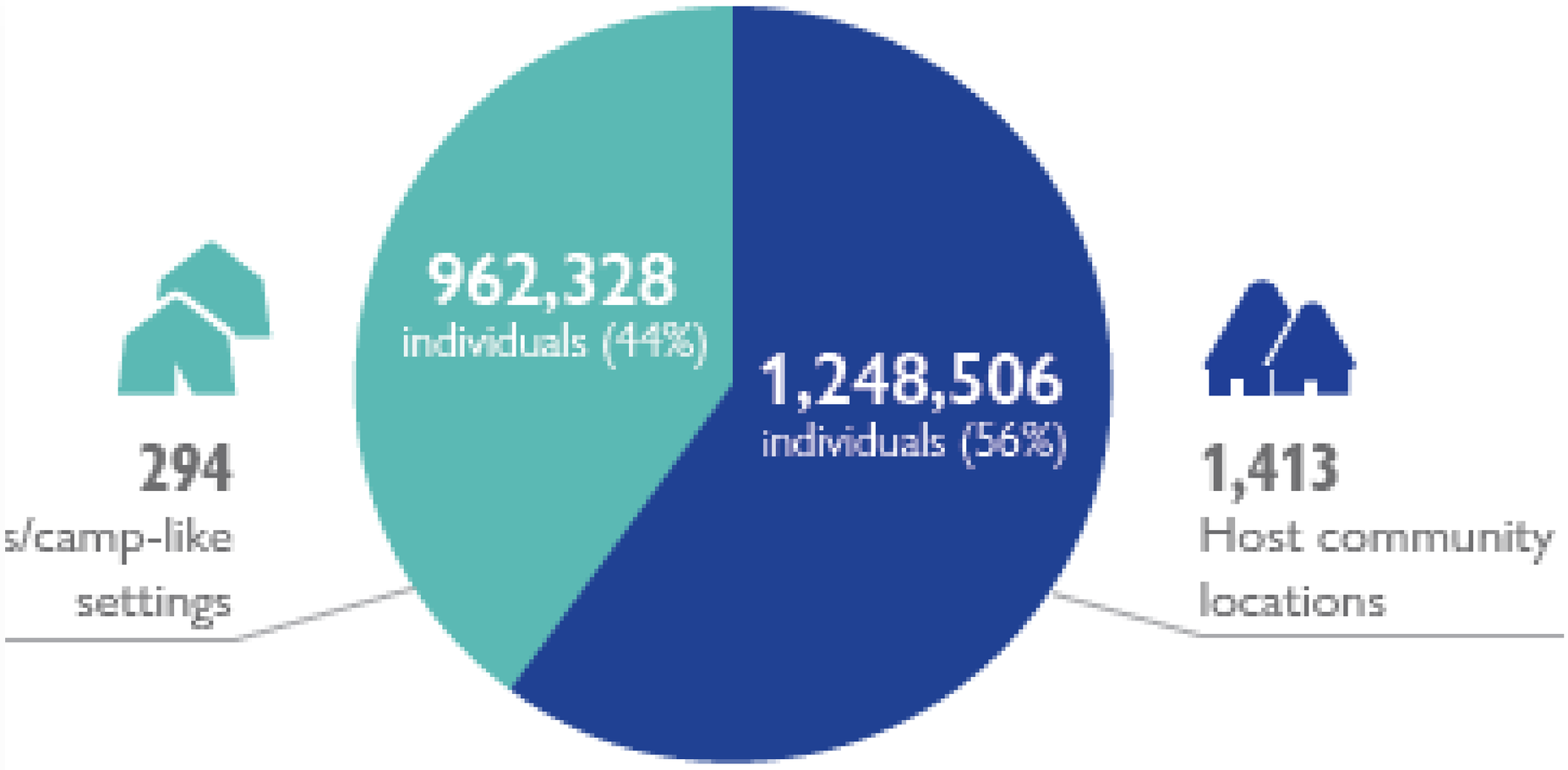


Figure 4: IDP population per settlement type

Methodology



Key Finding 1

Drivers of displacement: Targeted violence and a failure to protect Christian communities have resulted in mass internal displacement.

Key Finding 2

Experiences in displacement: Inadequate and poorly distributed resources, faith-based discrimination, and insufficient understanding of specific displacement experiences increased the vulnerabilities of Christians during displacement:

Key Finding 3

Risk of return: Faith increases the level of risk for displaced Christians who try to return home









Conclusion

- For those in positions of influence, they ask for increased commitments to humanitarian support, security, and criminal prosecution of perpetrators
- For the global church, Christian IDPs in Nigeria are asking for awareness and spiritual support.
- Most importantly; from targeted violence to relief distribution, RELIGIOUS DYNAMICS CAN NOT BE EXCLUDED from understanding and responding to the experiences of forced displacement of Christian IDPs in Nigeria.
- Religion has to be included as one of the relevant factors in analysis and action related to forced displacement in Nigeria and beyond.

Recommendations

- Urgently Increase Humanitarian Support
- Implement & Enforce The National Policy For Displaced Persons
- Establish an International Commission of Inquiry
- Adopt & Implement a National Policy for Addressing Impunity
- Actively & Collaboratively Find & Remove Illegal Small Arms
- Leverage the Public Trustworthiness Of The Church & Christian Leader

“Our churches are shut down. We are still in the situation. Nobody can tell our story better than us. We want the world to know we are still not far from these problems.” IDP FROM GWOZA LGA, BORNO STATE.

“In most of the communities mentioned, you can’t see any house standing…Our people are now concentrated within the townships. Our people can no longer go to their farms.” A community leader from Bassa LGA, Plateau State.

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Thank You!