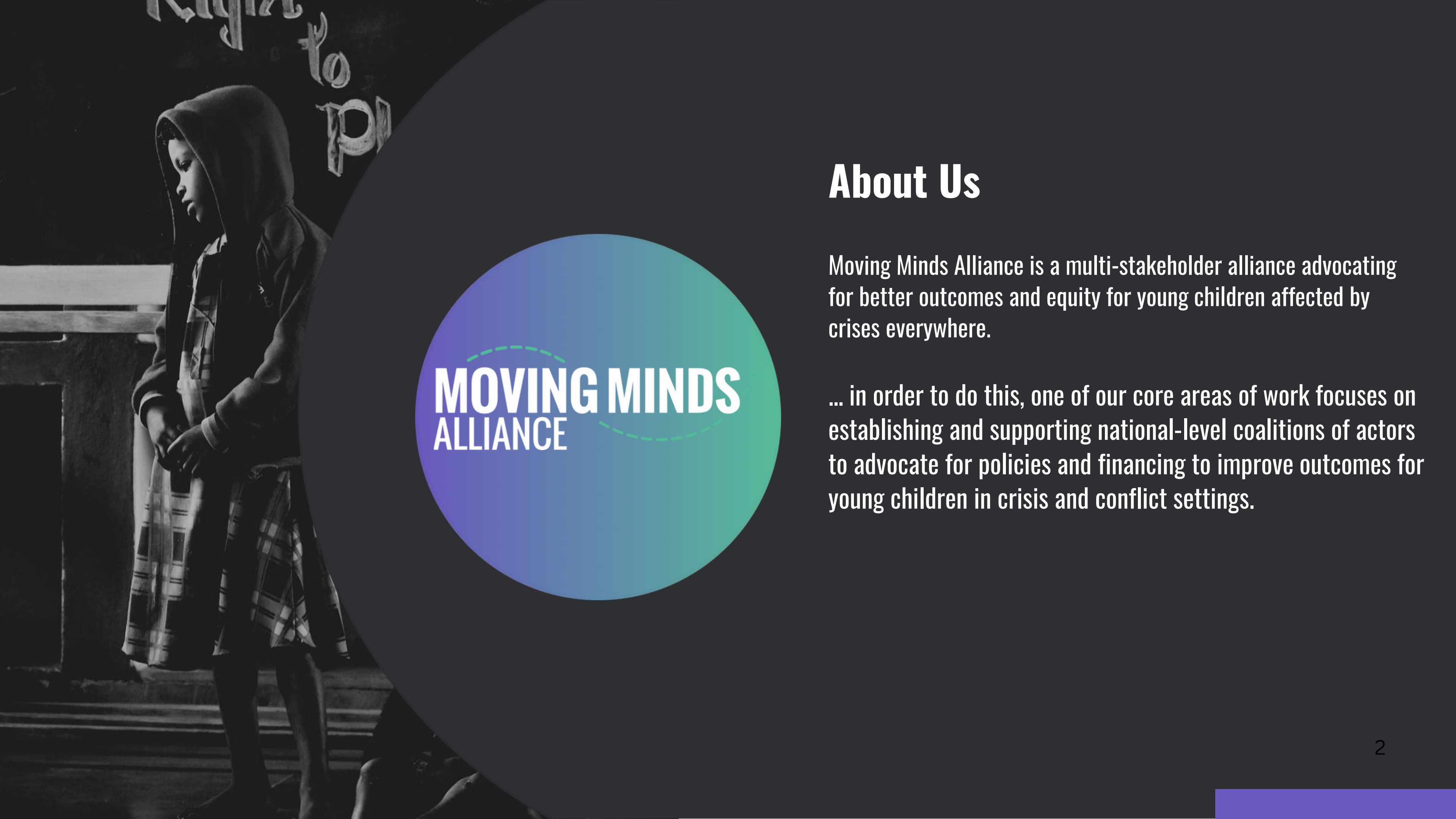


A group of people, including men and women of various ages, are standing in a large conference room. They are dressed in a mix of formal and traditional Nigerian attire. The room has a patterned carpet and a large white curtain with a Nigerian flag (green, white, and red) draped across the top. Several round tables with white tablecloths and water bottles are visible in the background.

ECD in Crisis Nigeria: Moving Minds Alliance Engagements

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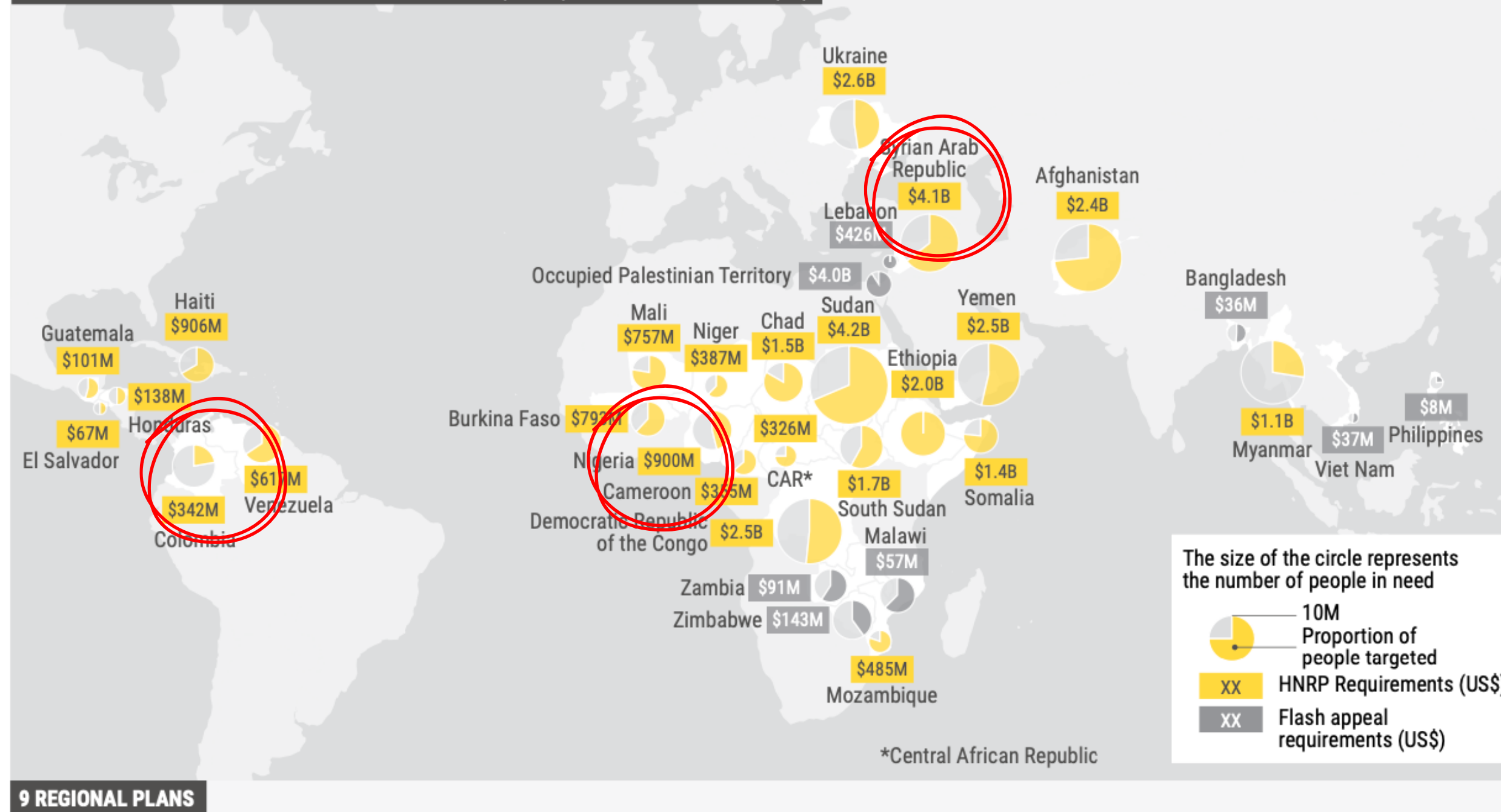
Moving Minds Alliance is a multi-stakeholder alliance advocating for better outcomes and equity for young children affected by crises everywhere.

... in order to do this, one of our core areas of work focuses on establishing and supporting national-level coalitions of actors to advocate for policies and financing to improve outcomes for young children in crisis and conflict settings.

■ Asia and the Pacific ■ Europe ■ Latin America and the Caribbean ■ Middle East and North Africa ■ Southern and Eastern Africa ■ West and Central Africa

PEOPLE IN NEED, PEOPLE TARGETED AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS IN 2025

24 HUMANITARIAN NEEDS AND RESPONSE PLANS (HNRP) & 9 FLASH APPEALS (FA)



- Humanitarian needs continue to rise across the globe.
- Young children's holistic needs are largely invisible in responses
- MMA has prioritized three countries: **Colombia, Nigeria and Syria.**
- Final selection reflects rigorous analysis of needs, opportunities, geographic and contextual variations, and member engagement

Global ECDiC funding to Nigeria (2018- 2023)

\$270M

**#2 Global recipient for
ECDiC development funding**

\$27M

**#5 Global recipient for ECDiC
humanitarian funding**

-\$89M

**OECD projects 30% reduction by 2027;
shrinking global assistance to ECDiE in
Nigeria by \$89M in just 2026-2027**

ECDiE receives less than 4 cents to every dollar; early learning and responsive caregiving only a fraction of a percent; ECD remains marginalized, fragmented, and highly exposed to ongoing shifts.

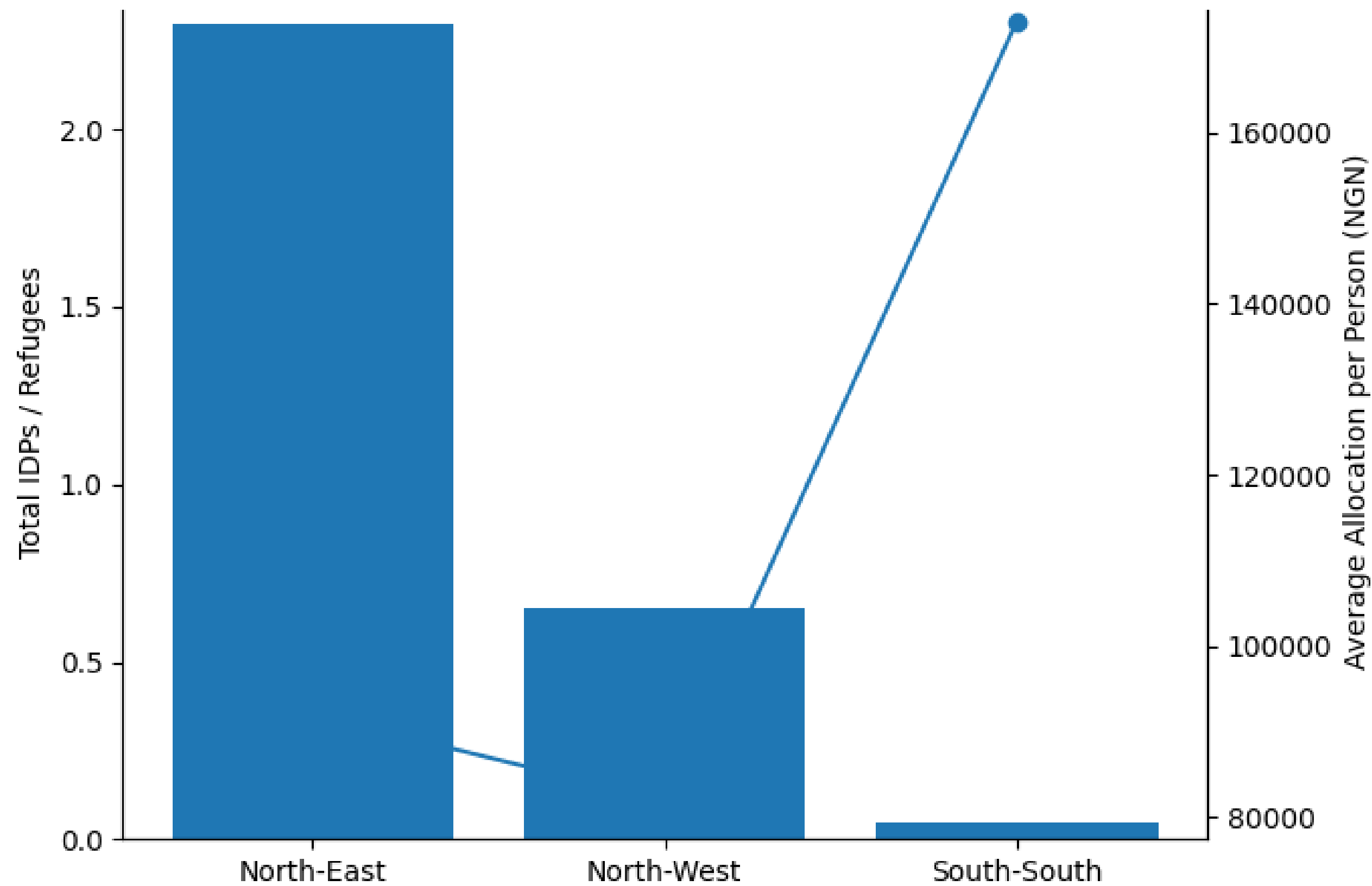
Nigeria ECDiC Financing (2020-2025)

- ECDiC remains "**fiscally invisible**" embedded within larger sector budgets without dedicated tracking.
- **Aggregate Spending Trends:** Nominal allocations increased, but spending remains below international benchmarks for all sectors.
 - **Education:** 7.07% of the federal budget (Target: 15–20%).
 - **Health:** ~5.2% of the federal budget (Target: 15%).
- **Fiscal Drag:** Debt servicing in 2026 is projected to consume **27%** of the total federal budget.
- **Public vs. External Share:** Public financing accounts for ~55% of ECDiC-relevant resources, but non-public sources provide the operational backbone in emergencies.
- **Execution Failure:** The dominant constraint. Only **37.75%** of approved federal expenditure was executed in 2024.
- **Capital Delays:** Federal capital budget releases reached just 17.7% by Q3 2025.
- **State Performance:** Education budget execution averaged 67% in 2024, resulting in an ₦800 billion implementation gap.

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WHOLE CHILD ADVISORS

Geographic Mismatch: Funding Does Not Follow Child Vulnerability



• Regions with the highest displacement burdens receive the lowest per-capita financing, while lower-need zones receive more.



National Consultative Meetings

November 18-19, 2025

Abuja

OVERVIEW OF NCM

- Engaged government, donors, I/NGOs, and community and refugee-led actors together to discuss and address ECD in crisis in Nigeria
- Identified several key gaps: weak policy implementation, siloed coordination, inadequate and poorly executed financing, lack of data and infrastructure, donor fatigue, and limited inclusion of grassroots and local actors



PRIORITY AREAS

- Focus was to adopt a **systemic advocacy approach** that is **data-driven** and **community-based** by:
 - Activating a **unified coalition** for ECD in crisis
 - Advocating for **stronger policy and political commitment** (national framework)
 - Sustainably and **domestically financing ECD in crisis** efforts (innovative funding, improved budget disbursement)
 - Improving ECD in crisis **knowledge, awareness, and impact** (AfEY campaign)
 - Including **grassroots and lived experience in advocacy** work (community-based advocacy development)



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MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS



PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

- What is the problem (at a system level)?
- Why does it matter?
- To whom does it matter?
- Who needs to care more/do more?
- How do we get them to pay more attention to the issue?

***Thank
you!***

