

# AF 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Members News Items

# New Website and Intros

- <https://www.u3ac-africa-forum.org/>
  - Programme
  - Resources
  - Events
  - History

# Sheila Brookes

INNOVATIONS TO HELP FARMERS IN MALAWI  
MAKE THE MOST OF SCARCE WATER RESOURCES

# Items

- Ingenuity + Electronic Waste = Water pumps for Irrigation
  - <https://www.dw.com/en/malawi-building-water-pumps-from-electronic-waste/video-70450768>
- Harvesting Water, Harvesting Hope - adopting “Deep Bed Farming”
  - <https://www.scotland-malawipartnership.org/news/making-connections-for-innovative-deep-bed-farming-collaboration>
- More small farmers now aware of the methods pioneered by Malawian NGO [Tiyeni](#) working together with [BASEflow](#) , a social enterprise.

# Richard Synge

Last week's historic election result in Botswana

# Peter Woodsford

An Unexpected Meeting

# Funeral of Monica Smith last Monday

Pamela Clarkson made herself known to Sue. She had met Monica when Monica was the Deputy Representative in Chile at the time of the Pinochet coup that overthrew the Allende government and later when Monica was the British Council Representative in Ghana.



# Festschrift for life of Thurstan Shaw, May 2014

We first met Pamela and Atta when we  
hosted them for the Festschrift of the life  
of Thurstan Shaw in May 2014





# May 2014 to November 2024

- Play film of [Memorial Service](#)
- Who was Thurstan Shaw?
  - [Wikipedia article](#)
- Who was Atta Kwami? – Search '[Atta Kwami Artwork](#)'
  - <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2021/oct/15/atta-kwami-obituary>
  - <https://www.serpentinegalleries.org/whats-on/atta-kwami-maria-lassnig-prize-mural/>
- Pamela Clarkson
  - Was in Chile at time of Pinochet
  - Later taught Print-Making in Ghana
  - Met and married Atta Kwami
  - Now setting up a Foundation in Ghana which will house many of Atta's works

# Alan Bird

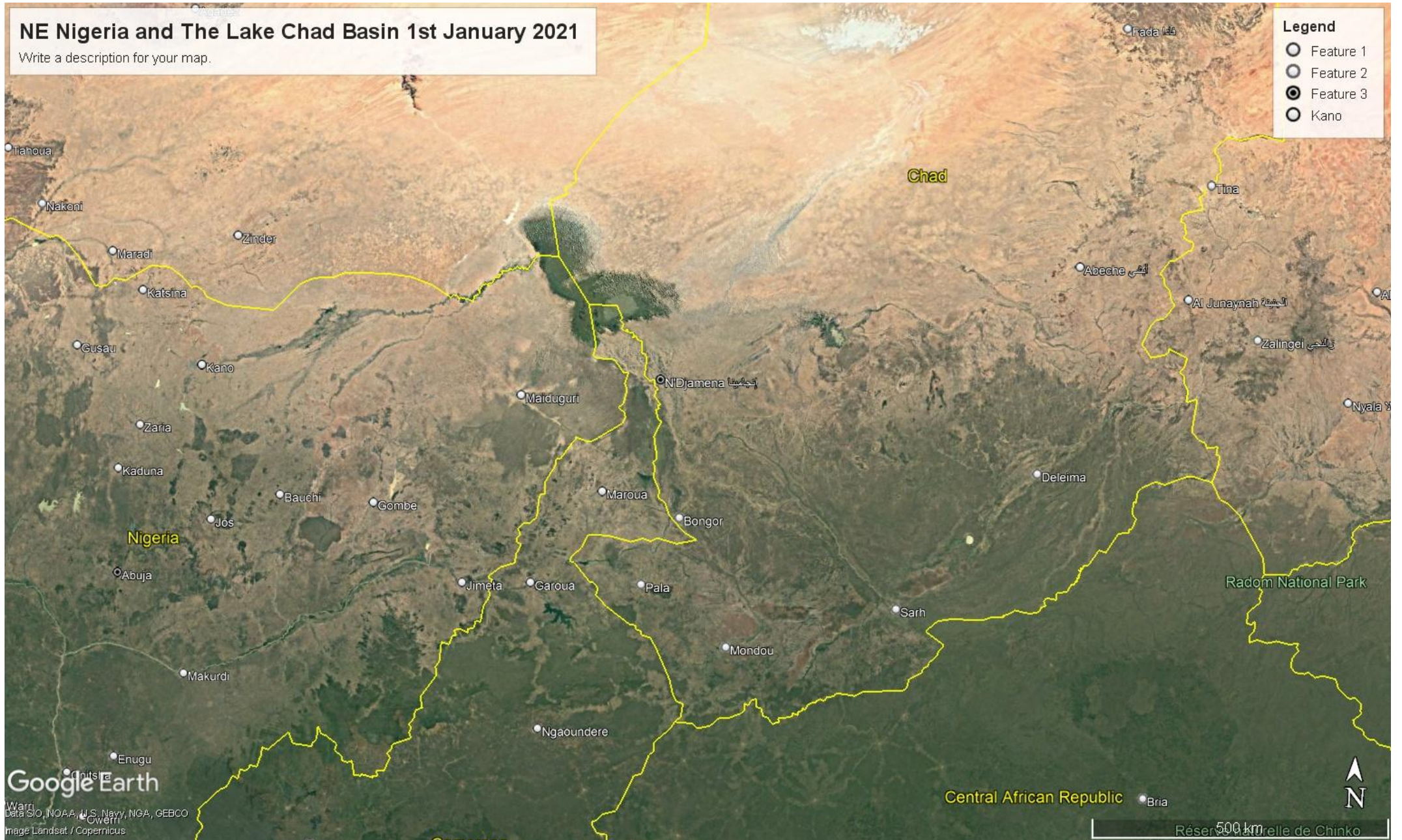
Floods in NE Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin.

# NE Nigeria and The Lake Chad Basin 1st January 2021

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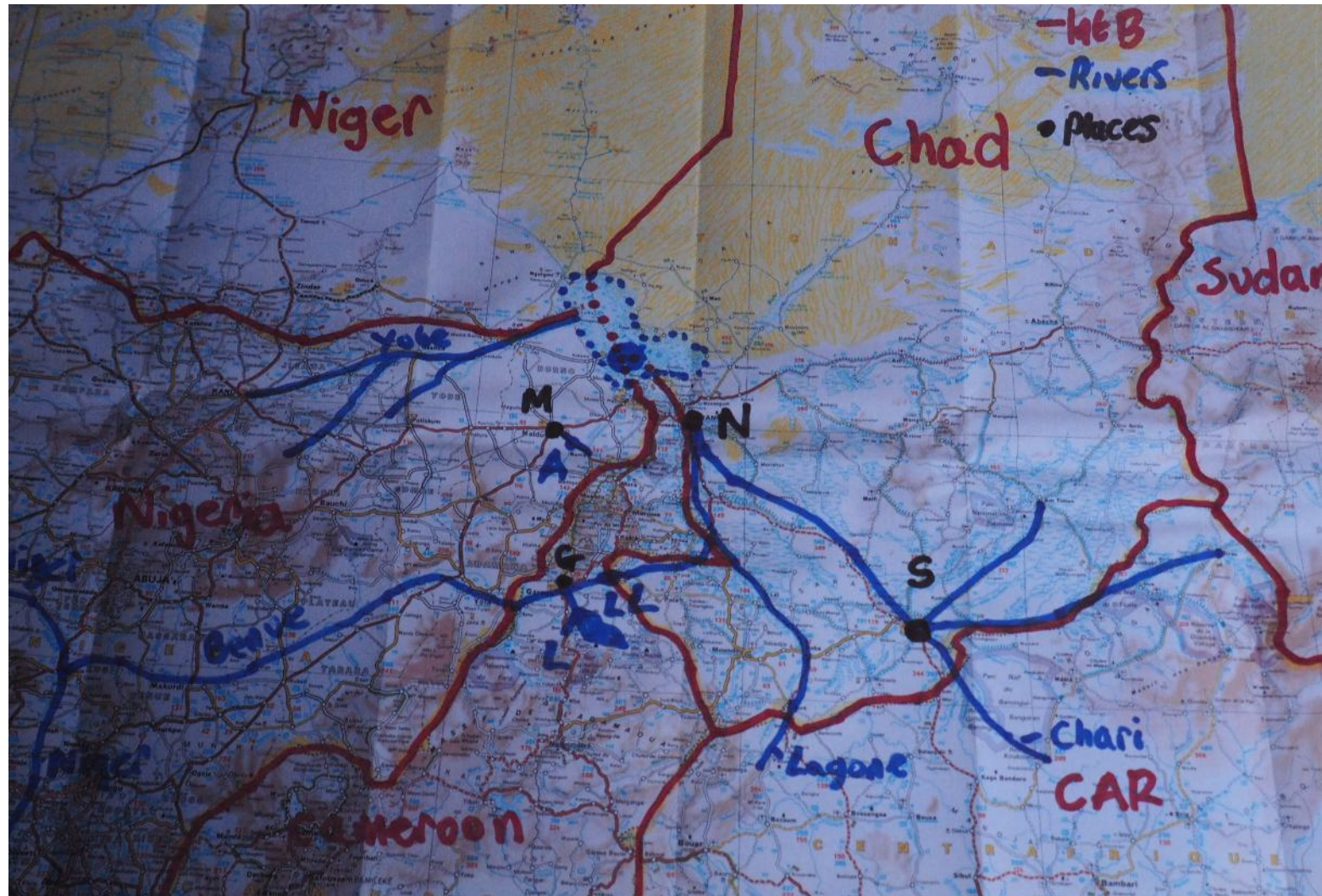
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# NE Nigeria and Chad 2019 -Michelin



### FLOODING SITUATION OVERVIEW

Although rainfall is decreasing in the West and Central Africa region, it continues to cause damage and to affect new populations. In total, 7.1 million people have been affected since the start of 2024.

As of 31 October 2024, Chad remains the worst-hit country (1.9 million people affected by flooding), followed by Niger (1.4 million), Nigeria (1.3 million) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (1.1 million). The floods have also displaced 1 million people in 11 different countries, the majority of whom are in Nigeria (729,000). The number of people reported as dead or injured has also increased, bringing the year-to-date totals to 1,526 and 4,499 respectively.

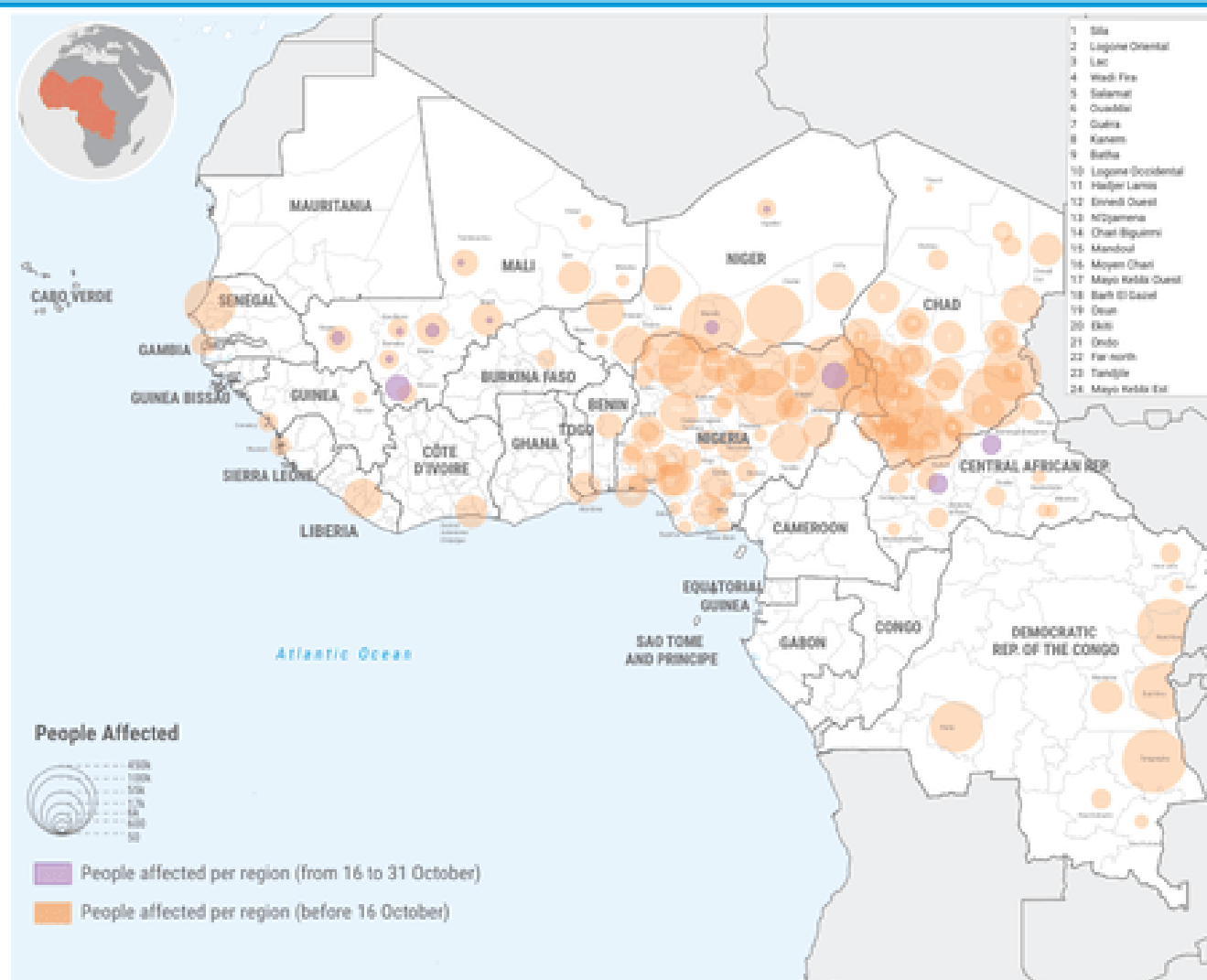
Flooding has also affected buildings – 639,000 homes have been destroyed or damaged so far this year, while flooding has also affected 645 schools and 169 health facilities.

Agricultural land has also been affected, with the total area unsuitable for crop and livestock production now about 951,000 hectares. An estimated total of around 128,000 heads of cattle have been swept away by the floods so far this year.

Overall, the number of people affected and the impact on agricultural production, and therefore on the food and nutritional security of vulnerable communities, is far greater than in previous years. The humanitarian situation is set to worsen unless effective action is taken. Humanitarian partners and governments have already issued several alerts to address the needs of affected people.

### KEY FIGURES

	From 16 to 31 October	OVERALL IN 2024
 People affected	2.47K	7.1M
 People displaced	20K	1.0M
 People dead	25	1,526
 People injured	3	4,499
 Houses damaged/destroyed	12K	639K
 Croplands affected (in ha)	126K	951K
 Health facilities affected	-	169
 Schools affected	90	645
 Livestock death	6K	128K











# Lake Lere Dry Season 1987





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# Further Items

- Barbara Walden gave a disturbing update from friends in Uganda
  - ‘Idi Amin was not as bad as the present situation. People come to your house and say ‘We are friends of the President and we want your land, so you just clear off’. So people lose their homes.’
- Obituary for Toumani Diabati. – Alan Bird:
  - <https://www.theguardian.com/music/2024/jul/21/toumani-diabate-obituary>
  - Play ‘Toumani Diabaté and his son Sidiki performing at Le Rocher de Palmer, Cenon, in France’
- Next week – Neil Pinto on ‘Electricity Supply in Africa – is the situation improving?’