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Challenges in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa

Horn of Africa

- Over 20 million currently need relief assistance
- Increase of 14 percent since January 2009
- Recurrent drought
 - Djibouti, Kenya and Uganda
 - Good rainfall will improve food availability but recovery will take multiple seasons
- El Niño
 - Flooding in East Africa
 - Potential drought in Southern Africa



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Challenges in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa

- Conflict and increased refugees/IDPs
 - Somalia and DRC/ROC
- Political instability
 - DRC, Madagascar and Zimbabwe
- HIV/AIDS
 - 60% of new infections globally in OMJ
- Global recession
 - continued high food, fuel and input prices, export restrictions, reduced informal trade



Effective Operational Responses Expanded WFP Toolbox

- Cash and voucher programmes in the region
- Purchase for Progress (P4P)
- Local and regional procurement of food
- Forward purchasing and pre-positioning of stock: reduce lead times
- Safety Nets (School meals, Nutrition and HIV/AIDS)



The Way Forward

- Developing hand-over strategies
 - reinforce country capacities and ownership of hunger solutions
- Strengthen linkages with existing bodies and anti-hunger programmes
 - CAADP, NEPAD, African Union
- Improve long-term food security by
 - Focus on underlying causes of hunger
 - Arrest rising malnutrition and under-nutrition



Thank You





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