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# State of Food Security and Nutrition 2019—challenges and opportunities?

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# Global food security

In a world of 7 billion people:



**About 2 billion**

Do not have enough  
nutritious food

**821 million**

Are chronically  
hungry

**113 million**

Are acutely  
malnourished





# Key figures: Global Report on Food Crises 2019

More than 113 million people across 53 countries faced *Crisis* (IPC/CH Phase 3 or above). This is a slight dip from last year.

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Despite the slight decrease, over the past three years, the report has consistently shown that, year on year, more than 100 million people have faced periods of acute hunger.

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Eight countries accounted for two thirds of the total number of people facing acute food insecurity – amounting to nearly 72 million people.

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The worst food crises in 2018 were, in order of severity: Yemen, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, South Sudan and northern Nigeria.

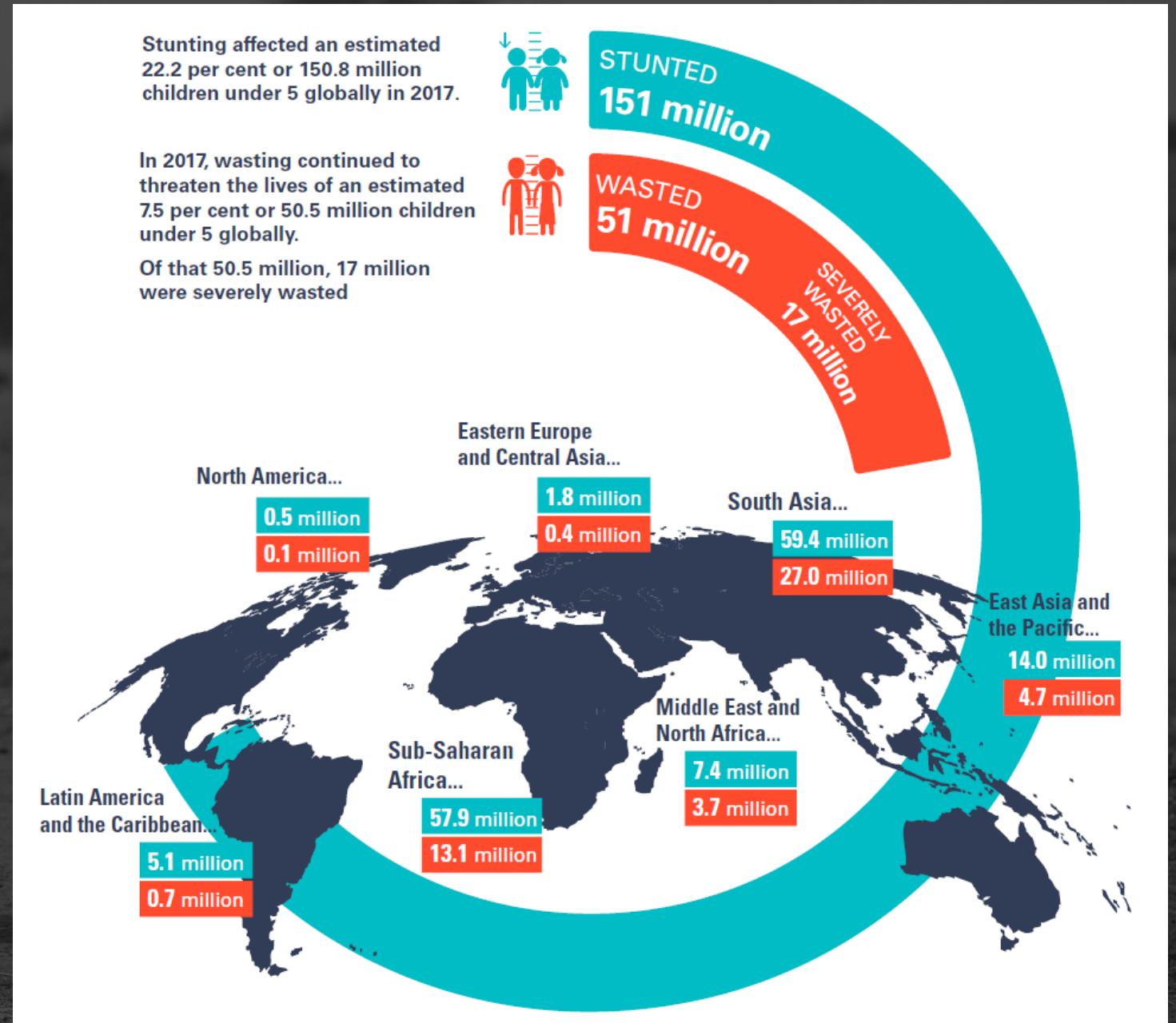
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More than 143 million people in a subset of 42 countries in *Stressed* conditions (IPC Phase 2).



# The global burden of undernutrition

Acute and chronic malnutrition continue to persist in countries affected by food crises, threatening the health and well-being of the population especially young children and women.





# Main drivers: Conflict, climate and economic shocks

Conflict was the key driver of food insecurity for the majority of the 113 million acutely food insecure people.

74M acutely food-insecure people in **21 conflict-affected** countries or territories

29M acutely food-insecure people in **26 climate-affected** countries

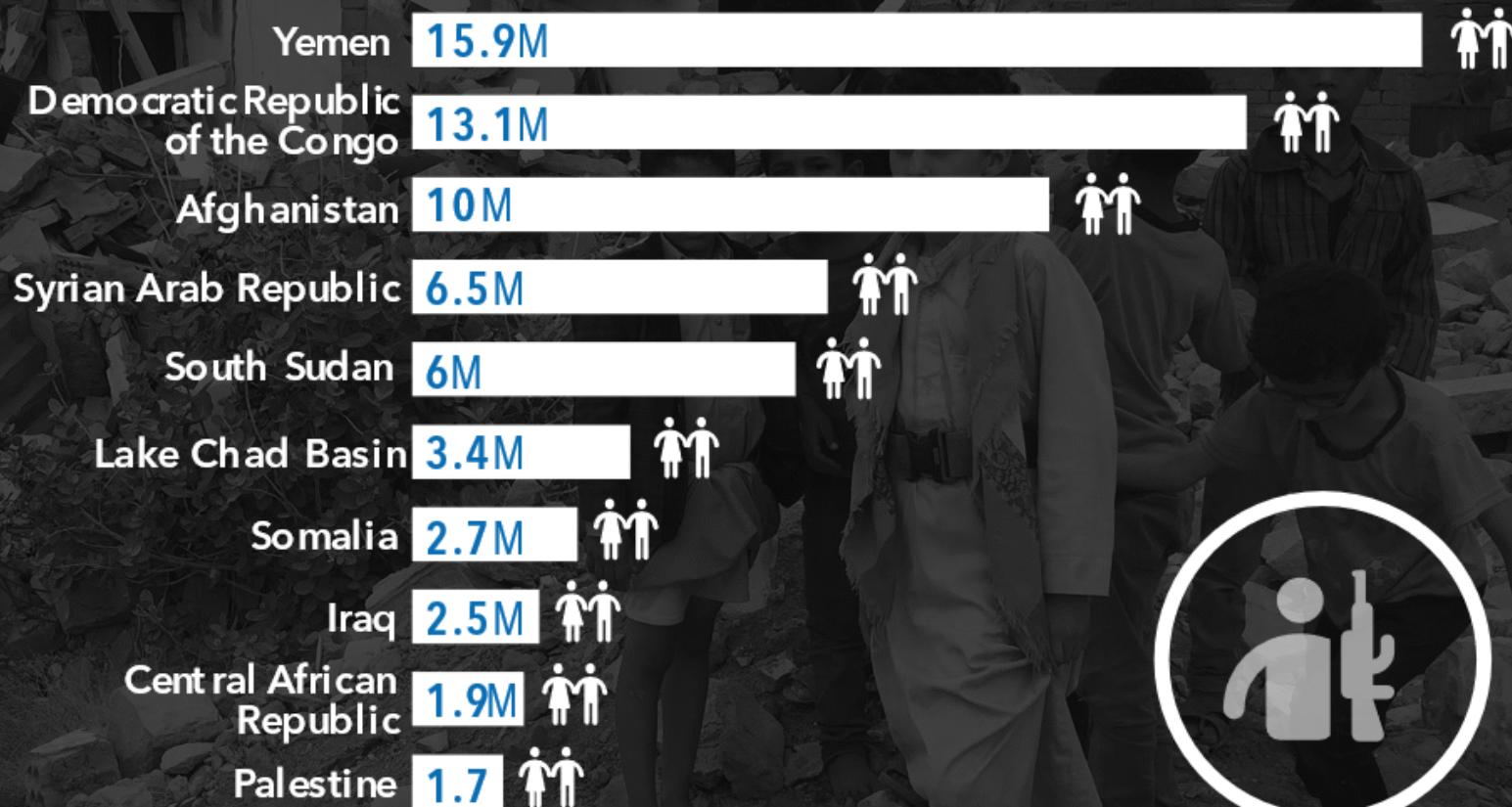


10M acutely food-insecure people affected by **economic shocks**



# Main drivers: Conflict

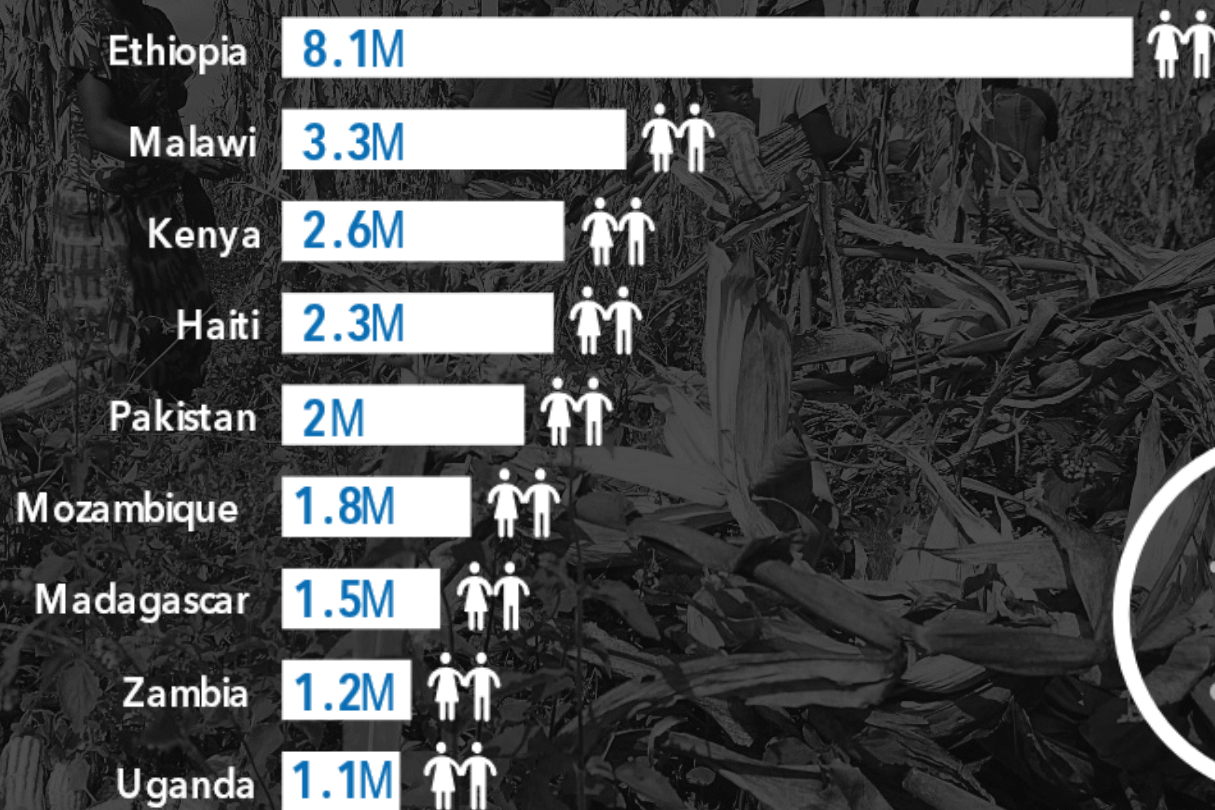
More than half of those facing *Crisis* (IPC/CH Phase 3) or worse conditions were in 10 countries or territories affected by CONFLICT mainly in the Middle East, Africa and Asia





# Main drivers: Climate shocks

African countries accounted for the overwhelming majority of acutely food-insecure people in countries affected by CLIMATE shocks.





# Main drivers: Economic shocks

ECONOMIC SHOCKS were considered the primary driver of the acute food insecurity of 10.2 million people in *Crisis* (IPC/CH Phase 3) or worse mostly in three countries.

It was also the primary driver of displacement for migrants from Venezuela.

Sudan 6.2M

Zimbabwe 1.9M

Burundi 1.7M





# 68.5 million people forcibly displaced

**40 million**

INTERNALLY DISPLACED

**25.4 million**

REFUGEES

**3.1 million**

ASYLUM SEEKERS

**44,400 people**

FORCIBLY DISPLACED EACH DAY

**85 %**

OF REFUGEES ARE IN  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

**57%**

OF REFUGEES COME FROM 3 COUNTRIES

|       |          |
|-------|----------|
| 3.5 m | Turkey   |
| 1.4 m | Pakistan |
| 1.4 m | Uganda   |
| 1.0 m | Lebanon  |
| 0.9 m | Iran     |



2.6M  
Afghanistan

2.4M  
South Sudan

6.3M  
Syria



# Forecast in 2019

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Conflict and insecurity will remain the primary causes of food insecurity and contribute to persisting or increasing displacement, internally or towards neighbouring countries



Weather shocks and extreme climate events will continue to have a severe impact on agricultural and livestock production in several regions (Central America Dry Corridor and Southern Africa, for instance)



Economic instability will continue undermining the food security status of vulnerable households in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Libya, South Sudan, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Zimbabwe.



Continued cholera, measles and Ebola outbreaks





# OUR CHALLENGES

# Inequality in humanitarian assistance

- No clear linkage between IPC classification and level of humanitarian assistance
- Humanitarian assistance consistently 40 percent below assessed needs
- In donor country refugee expenditures (USD 15.8 Billion) were larger than OECD-DAC humanitarian assistance (USD 15.4 Billion) in 2016
- Per capita assistance was over USD 4,100 for 3.8 million refugees in donor countries and less than USD 100 for 164 million people outside donor countries



# Food waste

We produce more than enough food (4 billion tons), even after:



**1/3 of all food produced is lost or wasted**

At an environmental cost of:

- 250 cubic km of water
- 1.4 billion hectares of land
- 3.3 billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent GHG



# High economic cost of hunger

**USD3.5 trillion/year**

Money lost due to hunger  
and malnutrition

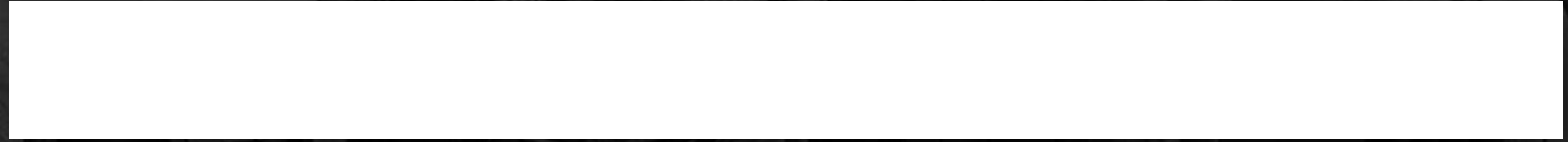
**USD750 billion/year**

Cost of food waste

**USD270 billion**

**x 10 years**

Cost of ending hunger







# OUR OPPORTUNITIES



# Leaving no one behind



**821**

million people

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Are  
chronically  
hungry

**767**

million people

Live below the  
international  
poverty line

**663**

million people

Do not have  
access to  
clean water



A black and white photograph of a war-torn street. The scene is filled with rubble and debris on the ground. Buildings in the background are heavily damaged, with some showing signs of being partially destroyed. In the foreground, a man is riding a motorcycle towards the right. Other people on motorcycles are visible further down the street. The overall atmosphere is one of devastation and hardship.

# Operationalizing UNSC Resolution 2417

## Humanitarian-Development- Peace Nexus

# Investing in saving and changing lives



Empowering women

Gender Relevant Programming



Childhood development and nutrition

Preventive Nutrition



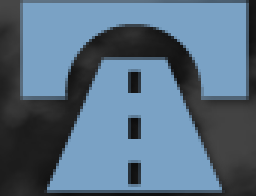
Quality education

School Meals



Safety Nets

Cash-based transfers



Rural infrastructure

Food For Assets



# Recognizing That Hunger is Not a One-off



Local  
Solutions



Governance  
& Sustained  
commitment



Adequate  
financing



Coordinated  
response



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# Thank you

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