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THE GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS IS HITTING THE REGION HARD AND EXPOSING STRUCTURAL VULNERABILITIES

FOOD ACCESSIBILITY & AVAILABILITY

- **Limited food accessibility:** sharp food inflation across the region
- **Lack of fertilizers and high costs of agricultural inputs**
- **Food availability at risk** for 2023 and beyond



**Short-term support
to food access and availability**

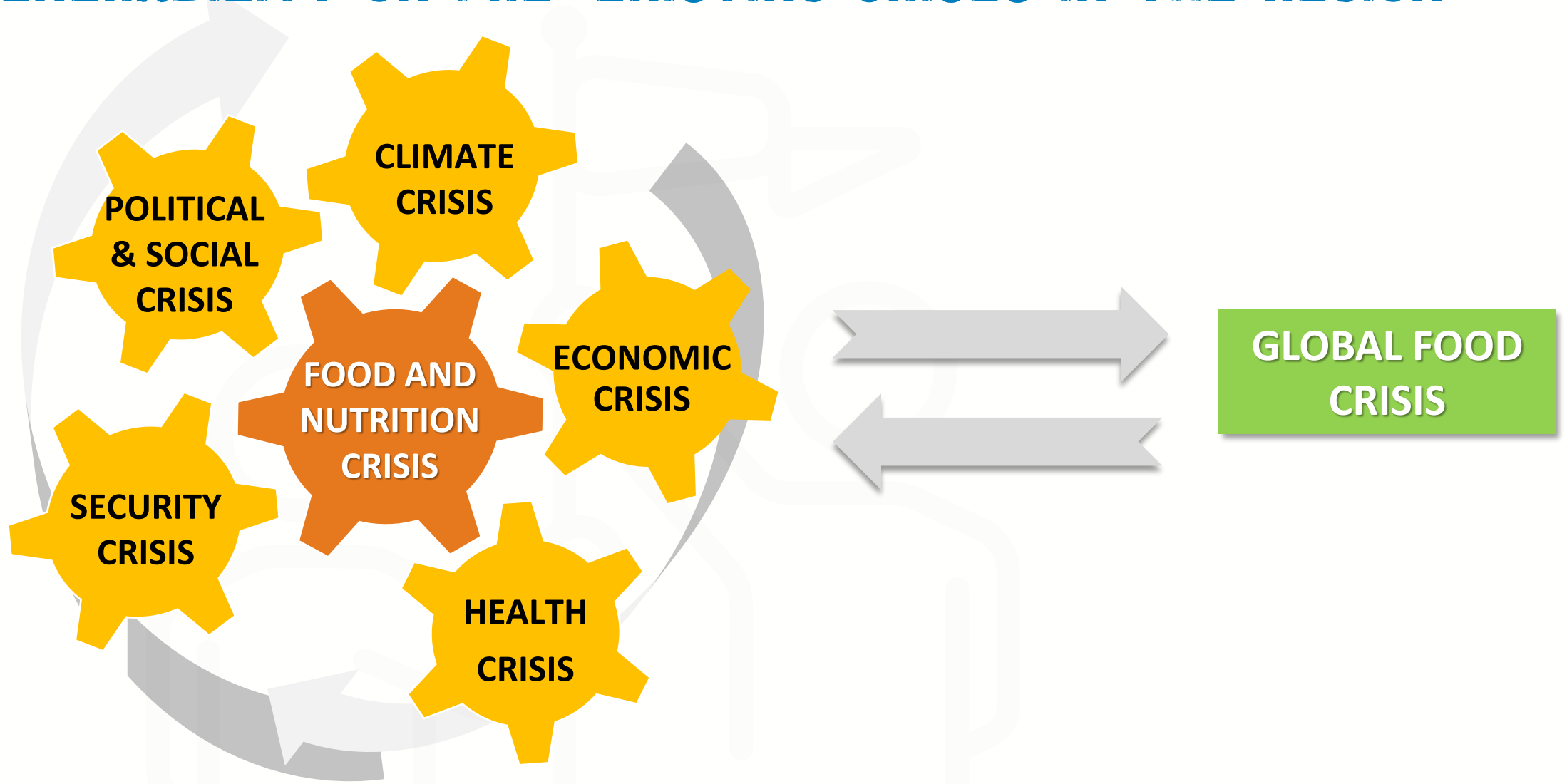
STRUCTURAL VULNERABILITIES

- **High food-import-dependency** to keep feeding a growing population
- **Chronic lack of investments** in the local food systems
- **Shifted consumer preferences** towards imported food



**Long-term strengthening of food
systems' resilience**

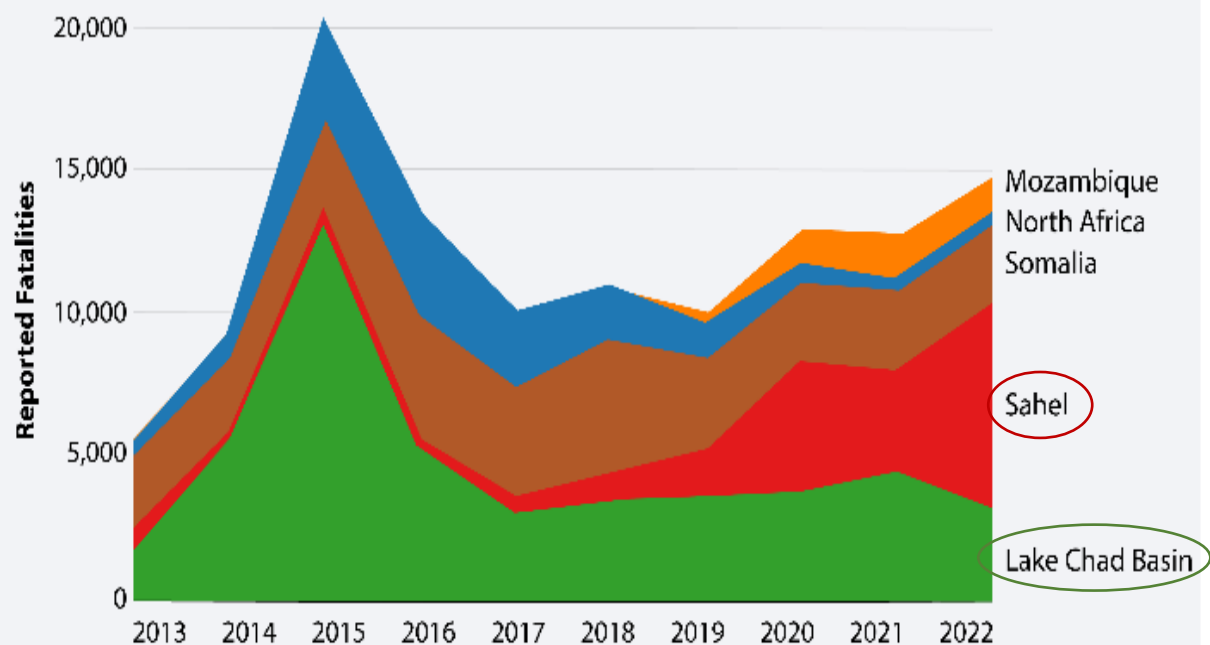
THE GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS PUTS AN ADDITIONAL LAYER OF VULNERABILITY ON PRE-EXISTING CRISES IN THE REGION



THE WESTERN AFRICA REGION HAS BECOME THE MOST CONFLICT-AFFECTED IN ALL OF AFRICA

REPORTED #FATALITIES

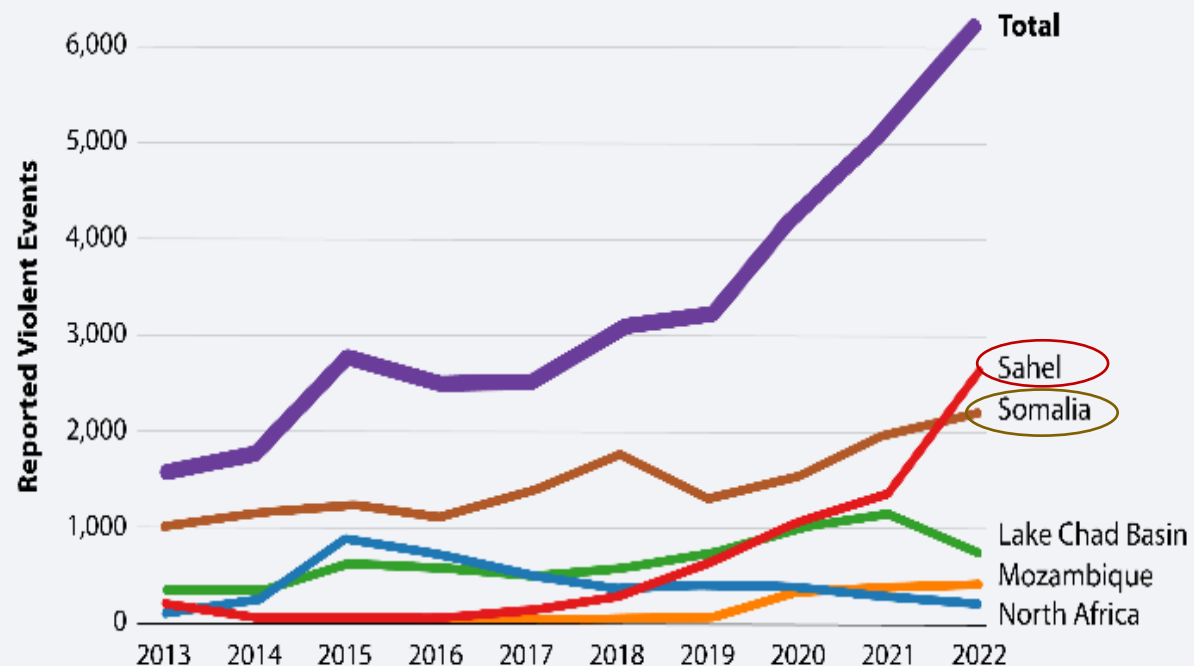
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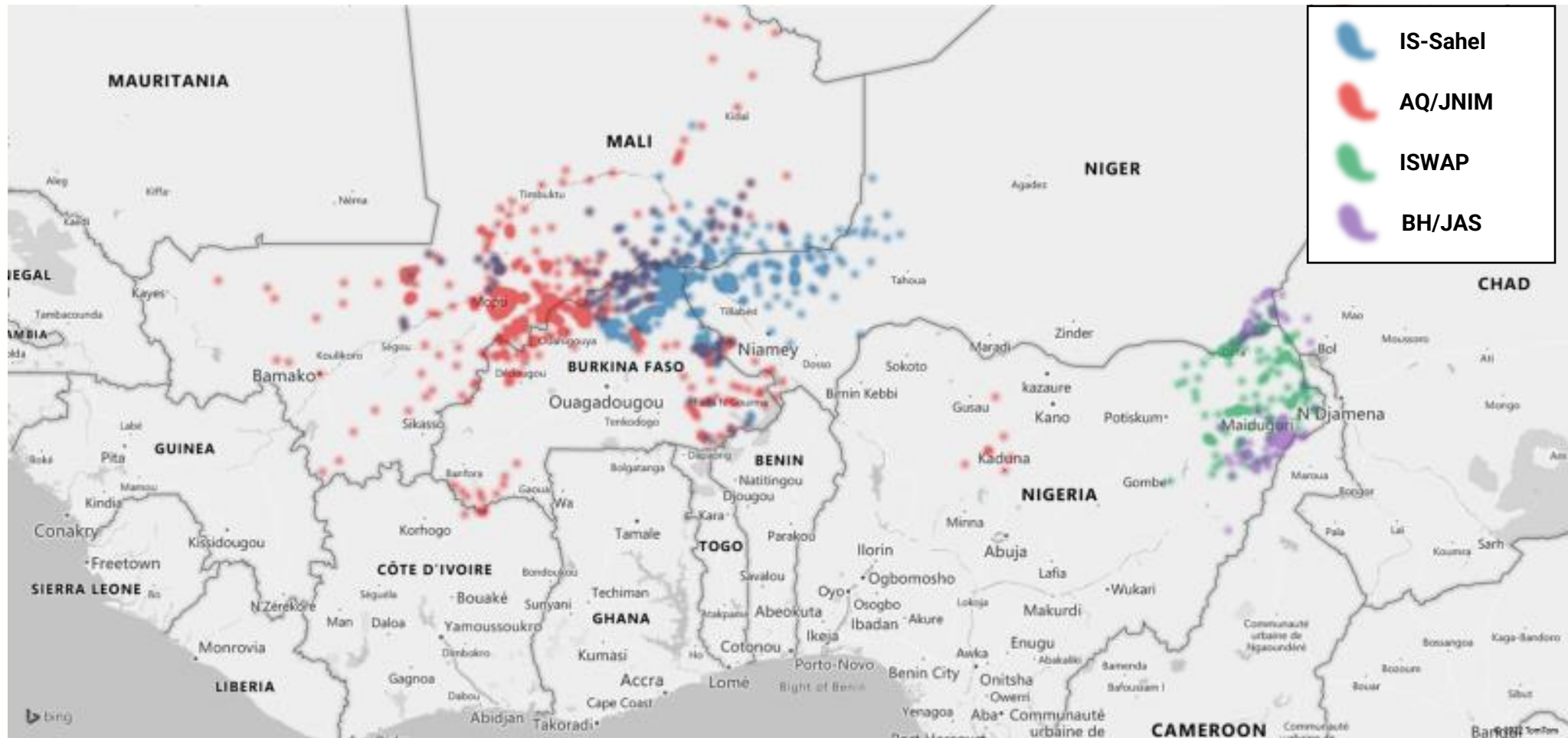
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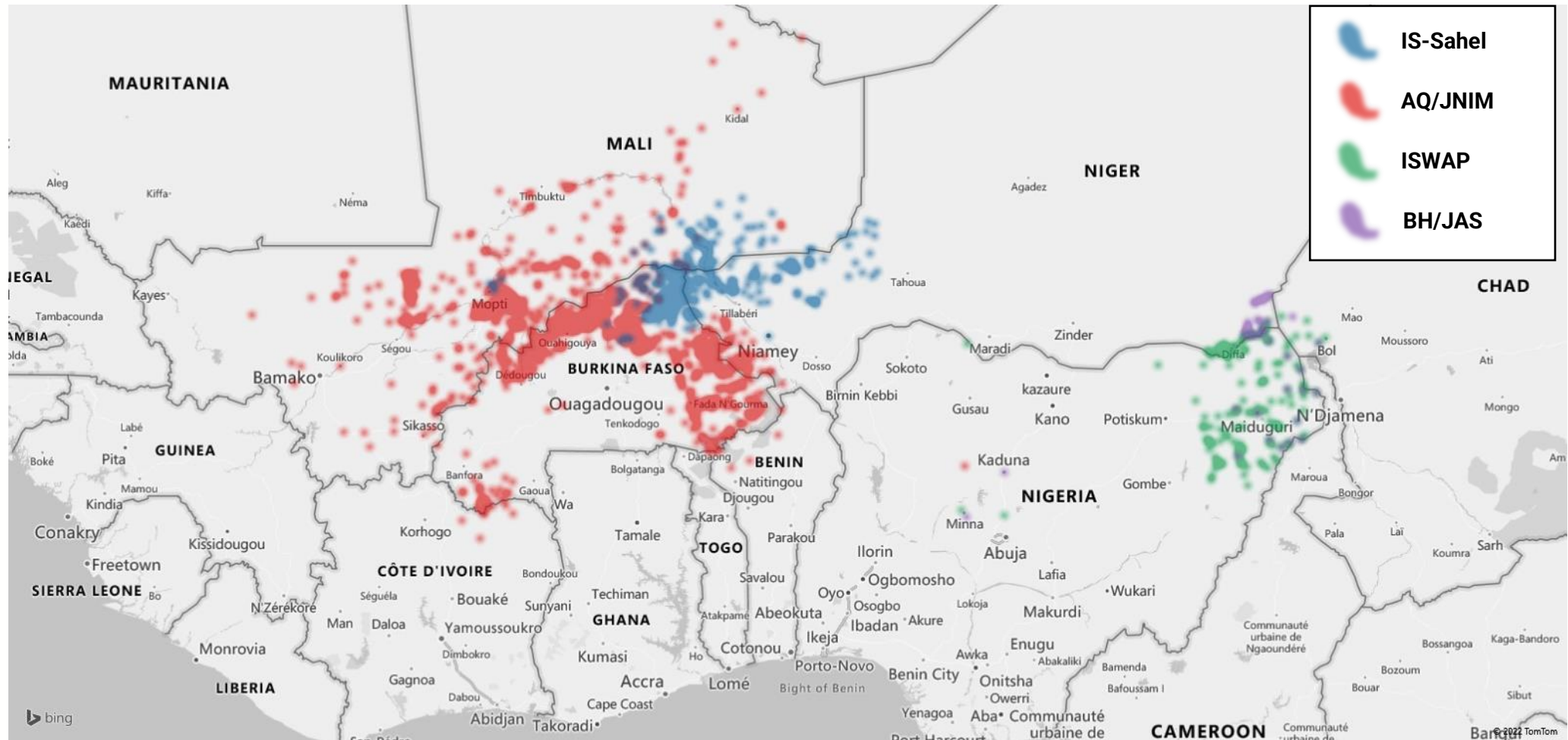
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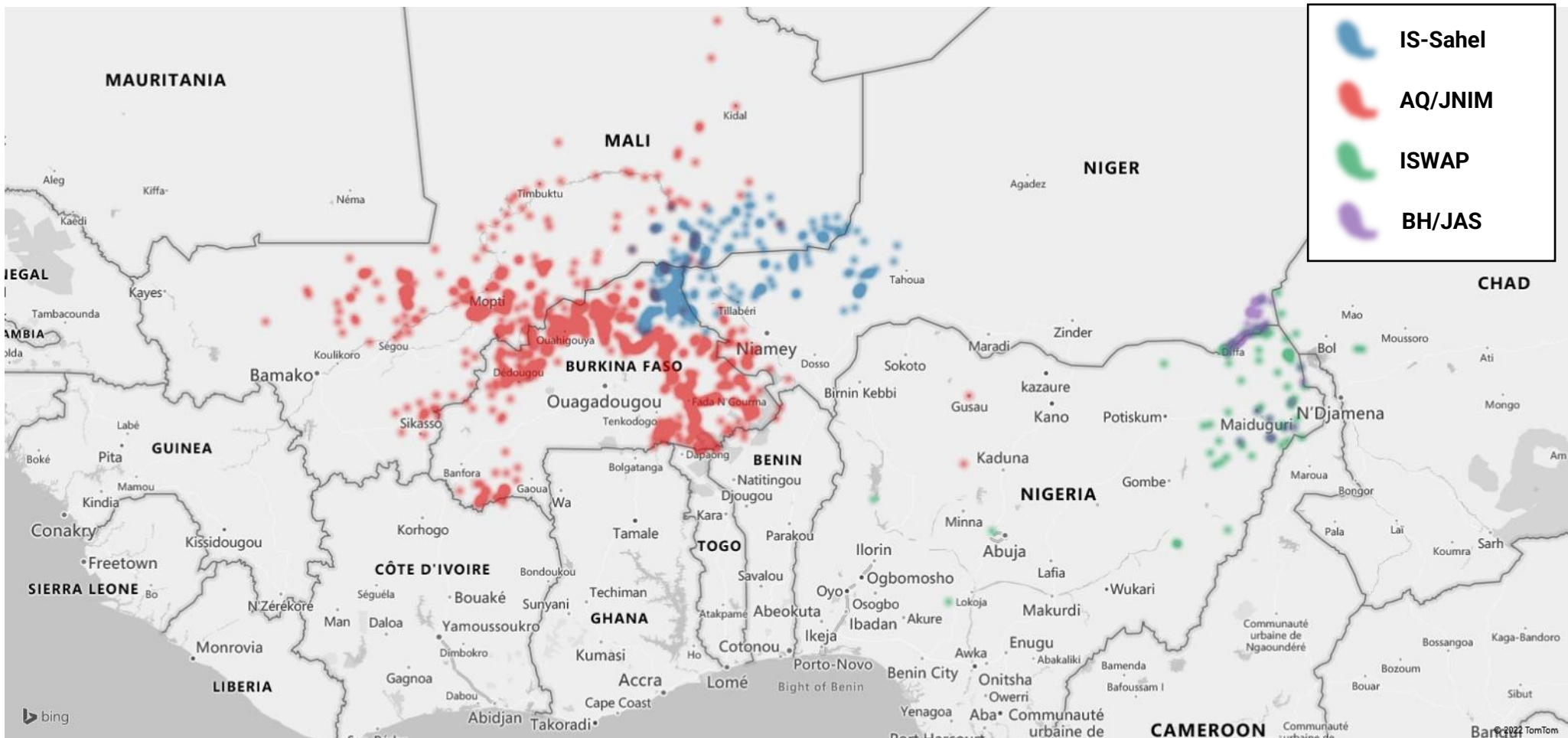
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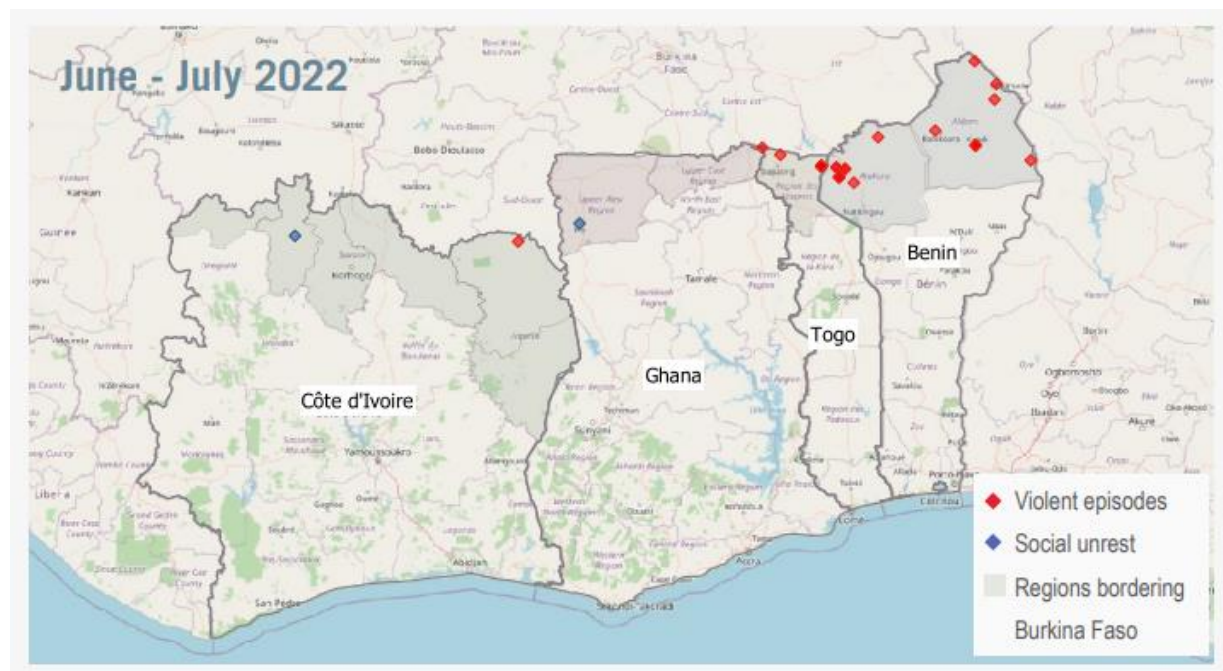
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THE SITUATION IN COASTAL COUNTRIES IS DETERIORATING



*Number of violent episodes and social unrest
(June-July 2022)*

*Source: GRANIT, Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project
(ACLED)*

- Food insecurity increased by a factor of 4 since 2019
- Risk of spill-over of the security crisis from the Central Sahel to the Gulf of Guinea countries - Increased security incidents and population movements in the northern parts of these countries



**Need for further investments in
strengthening community resilience
and social cohesion**

WFP IS MAXIMIZING THE SCALE OF ITS IMMEDIATE RESPONSE LINKING IT WITH LONG-TERM NATIONAL STRATEGIES



- **↑ WFP's programme of work by 20 percent in 2022** (totalling USD 2.3 billion and targeting 19 million beneficiaries)
- **Supporting national strategies and systems**
 - ✓ Emergency Preparedness and Response system
 - ✓ Food systems (food procurement and local production)
 - ✓ Social Protection Systems

WFP'S MEDIUM-TERM INVESTMENTS ARE EFFECTIVELY CONTRIBUTING TO STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES' RESILIENCE



NIGER EXAMPLE

- **80% of the villages (about half a million people) participating in WFP's resilience-building activities and located in areas classified as extremely vulnerable did not require emergency assistance during this year's lean season**

PARTNERING FOR SCALE IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES



- **Enhanced partnerships with UN agencies (UNICEF, FAO) and regional institutions (ECOWAS, CILSS), etc.**
- **Efforts to partner with IFIs in support of national priorities (including AFD, IsDB, IMF, ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development, etc.)**

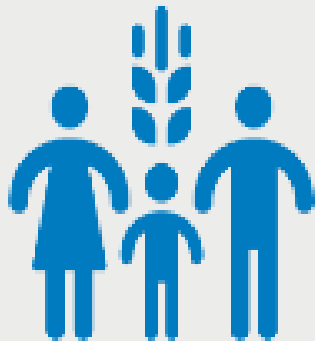
FUNDING REMAINS A CHALLENGE IN THE REGION

FUNDING GAP - 58 PERCENT

**TARGET NUMBER OF
BENEFICIARIES**

~18.5 MILLION

(expected up to 21 million)



TOTAL NEEDS

(next six months)

USD 1.2 BN

**SHORTFALL
USD 709 M**

**FUNDED
USD 506 M**

(as of October 18, 2022)