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# **Challenges in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa**

A multitude of factors have combined to create very complex hunger equations:

- ❖ Conflict;
- ❖ HIV/AIDS;
- ❖ Climate change;
- ❖ High food, fuel and input prices;
- ❖ Global financial crisis.



# **Challenges in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa**

It is a major challenge to continue meeting the urgent relief needs of increasing numbers of hungry and food insecure people :

❖ Horn of Africa :

- ❖ 18 million need relief assistance in 2009,
- ❖ 2 million more than in February;

❖ Somalia upsurge of violence resulting in large increases of IDPs in Somalia and Refugees in Kenya;



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# **Challenges in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa**

- ❖ In Eastern DRC 142,000 displaced people require food assistance;
- ❖ Southern Africa Floods: over one million people affected in Angola, Namibia and Zambia;
- ❖ Global Financial crisis severely affecting people that depend on mining, tourism, exports such as coffee and remittances from migrant workers;



# **Challenges in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa**

- ❖ Recession in African countries is expected to have an adverse impact on food security especially for people receiving HIV/AIDS support;
- ❖ US\$648 million needed to cover immediate 2009 requirements.



# Meeting the Challenges

We must be more creative, cost effective and form strong partnerships that complement our work as we look at new ways to reduce long term hunger.





# Meeting the Challenges

We will apply where appropriate and to the best advantage a wide array of tools that WFP's strategic plan places at our disposal:

❖ Advance Purchasing and Prepositioning of stocks;

❖ Assessments for a more effective emergency response and better intelligence of the new face of hunger;

❖ Maximizing opportunities for local and regional procurement of food;







# Meeting the Challenges

- ❖ Strengthening capacities of countries to reduce hunger and building strategic partnerships;
- ❖ Purchase for Progress programmes;
- ❖ Cash and Voucher schemes to facilitate access to food and support the re-emergence of markets;
- ❖ Developing hand-over strategies to enhance nationally owned hunger solutions.



**Thank You**

**for your**

**confidence in WFP's ability**

**to meet the challenges**

