

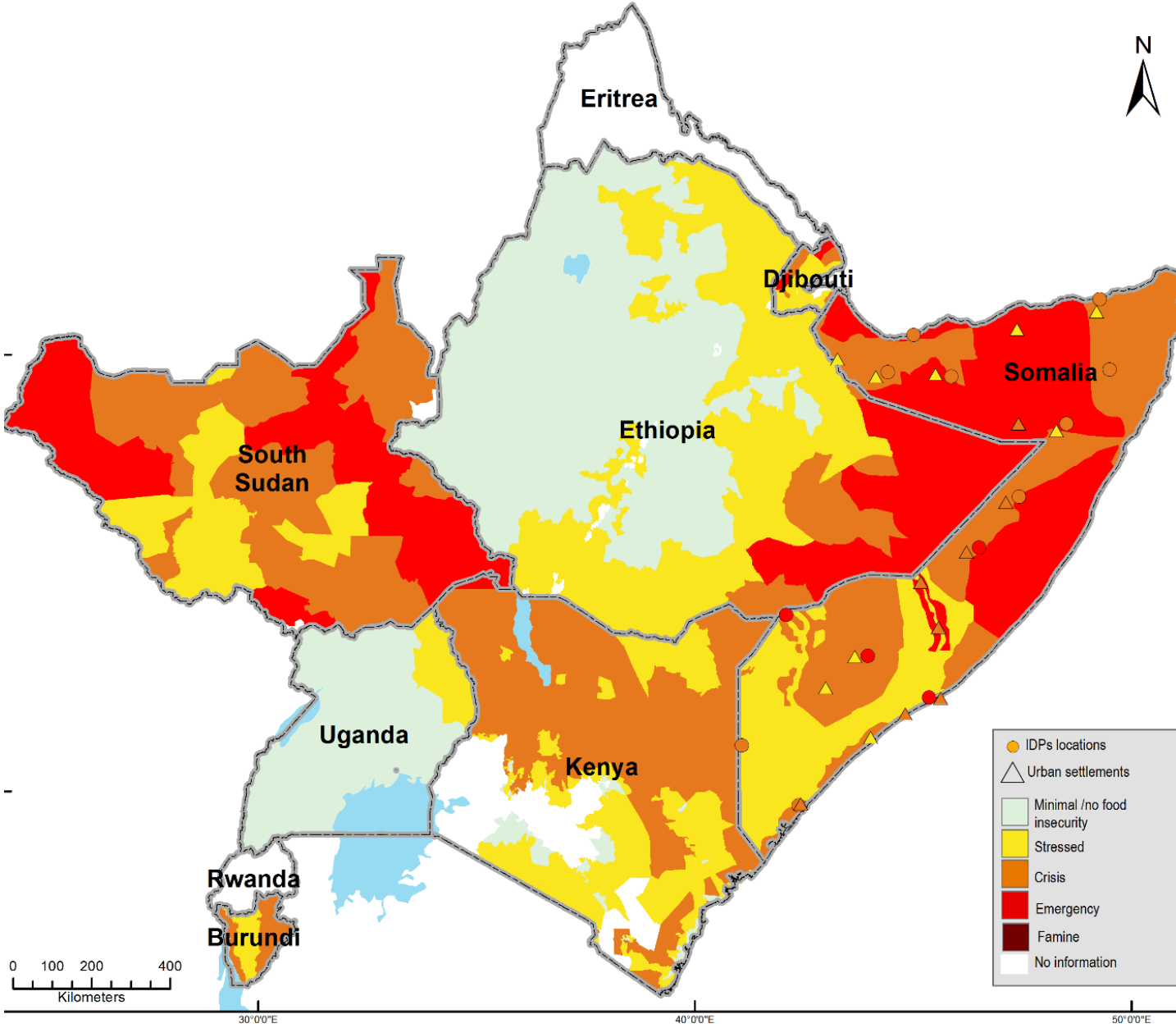


# East and Central Africa Regional Overview

Executive Board: November 2017

# East and Central Africa Region (RBN)

## Food Security Situation, November 2017



# Areas of Greatest Concern

- 23.1 million people acutely food insecure
- Deteriorated food security in Burundi, Somalia, South Sudan
- 3 million refugees: majority from South Sudan, Somalia and Burundi
- High staple commodity prices despite near - average harvests
- Drought is not over: Preliminary forecasts point to below average October – December rains across many countries



4.8 million acutely food insecure (IPC phases 3-5) despite harvest season

- Double the number of people (2 million) facing emergency levels of food insecurity (IPC4) compared to 2016
- 25,000 people face catastrophic food insecurity in Jonglei and Western Bahr el Ghazal states

Despite constraints, WFP deliveries reached record levels in 2017:

- 4.6 million people assisted to date;
- 200,000 mt dispatched

Full and unhindered humanitarian access and assistance needed to avert further deterioration of humanitarian situation

**WFP requires USD 254 million to support life-saving operations for six months**



## Estimated 6 million refugees and IDPs in RBN region – primarily from South Sudan, Somalia and Burundi

- Displacement primarily caused by conflict/insecurity, plus drought, economic slowdown and food insecurity
- Uganda hosts 1.4 million refugees – more than any other country in Africa
- Progressive refugee asylum and assistance policies under threat
- Food assistance makes up the lion's share of UNHCR-led 2018 refugee response plans

**WFP needs USD 165 million needed (including USD 71 million for Uganda) for urgent assistance to refugees across region for six months**

**Conflict and displacement continue to drive hunger and malnutrition**

## Governments leading drought response in Kenya and Ethiopia

### KENYA

- 3.4 million people need drought assistance
- Global acute malnutrition rates exceed 30% in arid and semi-arid counties and nutrition prevention efforts face funding shortfalls
- WFP assisting Government provide cash transfers to 1.6 million people

**WFP needs USD 6 million to continue urgent nutrition activities**

### ETHIOPIA

- Over 10 million people need food assistance in remainder of 2017. WFP is targeting 5.5 million people
- WFP leads food assistance in Somali region, also affected by border conflict

**WFP requires USD 85 million to provide targeted food, cash and nutrition assistance for six months**

# Somalia – Preventing Famine



- Large-scale humanitarian assistance prevented a catastrophe, but risk of famine still exists
- 3.1 million people experiencing Crisis and Emergency levels of food insecurity (IPC Phases 3 & 4)
- Over 770, 000 people displaced since the beginning of 2017
- In October, WFP reached 2.5 million people, nearly half through Cash Based Transfers
- Security and access pose challenges, with elevated risk of terror attacks across the country
- **WFP needs USD 215 million to continue life-saving assistance for six months**



2.6 million people are acutely food insecure

- Chronic funding shortfalls allow WFP to assist 464,000 people
- Since February 2017, WFP has reduced food rations by 50 percent to stretch available resources
- Under UNHCR leadership, WFP and partners are preparing for returning refugees . UNHCR projects nearly 100,000 returnees in 2018
- **WFP needs USD 13.5 million to maintain and expand urgent food assistance operations**



## Partnerships for Healthy and Diverse Diets

### Kenya: *Bamba Chakula*

- Refugees living in Kalobeyei settlement receive vouchers and cash to buy fresh food
- Retail strategy supports local suppliers to bring fresh food into the camp, benefiting both the refugees (vouchers) and the host population (market)
- Communication campaign supports families to make good food choices

### Ethiopia: *Fresh Food Voucher*

- Aimed at people in Amhara region who are living with some of the worst dietary diversity and food consumption indicators in sub-Saharan Africa
- Households receive vouchers to buy fresh fruits, vegetables and animal-source foods
- Local traders assisted to stock sufficient, diversified foods





### Burundi: Milk Project

- IFAD provides farmers with cows and milk collection centers
- WFP purchases milk for school meals
- FAO and WFP plan to introduce eggs bought from FAO beneficiaries
- EU funding supports smallholder farmers and school children

### Rwanda: Africa Improved Food

- Private sector and Government create local production facility for Super cereal plus
- WFP's demand serves as catalyst
- Canada supports through multi-year grant

# CSP/ICSP CALENDAR RBN

**CSP**

Uganda

Kenya

Rwanda

Ethiopia

Djibouti

EB Nov  
2017

EB June  
2018

EB Nov  
2018

EB Feb  
2019

EB June  
2019



EB Nov  
2017

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South  
Sudan

Burundi

Somalia



**Thank you**