Eastern Africa, Regional Overview

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20 percent of the population facing acute hunger globally is in Eastern Africa.

58.6 million people estimated to be food insecure.

Sudan, South Sudan and Ethiopia account for 78% of food insecure in the region.

Conflict and climate-induced shocks remain primary drivers of food insecurity.
Eastern Africa hosts 4.6 million refugees and 10.6 million IDPs.

Funding shortfalls have resulted in ration cuts going up to 50 percent.

USD 269 million required for the next six months – only 33 percent funded.

Prioritisation and self-reliance activities in Uganda and Rwanda.
The humanitarian crisis continues to worsen as conflict spreads.

**Operational challenges** include low fuel stocks and **suspended flights**.

Crossline access to ALL vulnerable populations is needed.

**Additional funding is required** – USD 513 million needed for the next six months.
Political crisis remains extremely concerning – WFP is continuing operations

9.8 million food insecure people - highest in the history of the IPC

Sudan Family Support Programme in Khartoum, and West and North Darfur

Darfur clashes, Port Sudan
SOUTH SUDAN

- Alarming food insecurity, unprecedented flooding

- Incremental but fragile progress on peace agreement implementation

- Renewed focus on strengthening resilience and livelihoods

- Increasing vulnerability and needs expected to rise in 2022
SOMALIA

Climate, conflict shocks and COVID-19 led to 3.5 million food insecure people

Front line of climate change – with recurrent drought and floods

New four-year Country Strategic Plan

USD 270 million required to support operations for the next six months
Food insecurity caused by a multitude of risk factors

Need to prioritise crisis response and risk management

WFP supports anticipatory actions and climate risk management

Interventions need to be brought to scale

Partnership for joint action
INNOVATION AND PARTNERSHIP

**Innovation:**
- NextGen East Africa Innovators Programme 2021
- Regional food systems innovation programme

**Engagement with international financial institutions:**
- **Somalia:** social safety nets programme
- **Kenya:** supporting local led efforts on climate change
- **Burundi:** school feeding, access to energy
FUNDING

2021 likely to be a **record year for contributions** – totalling USD 2.6 billion

**Funding gap keeps growing** – needs for 2022 expected to reach USD 5 billion

**Increased funding urgently needed** to sustain WFP operations

**Significant progress in diversifying funding base** in Eastern Africa
THANK YOU