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Eastern Africa, Regional Overview

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FOOD SECURITY OVERVIEW



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



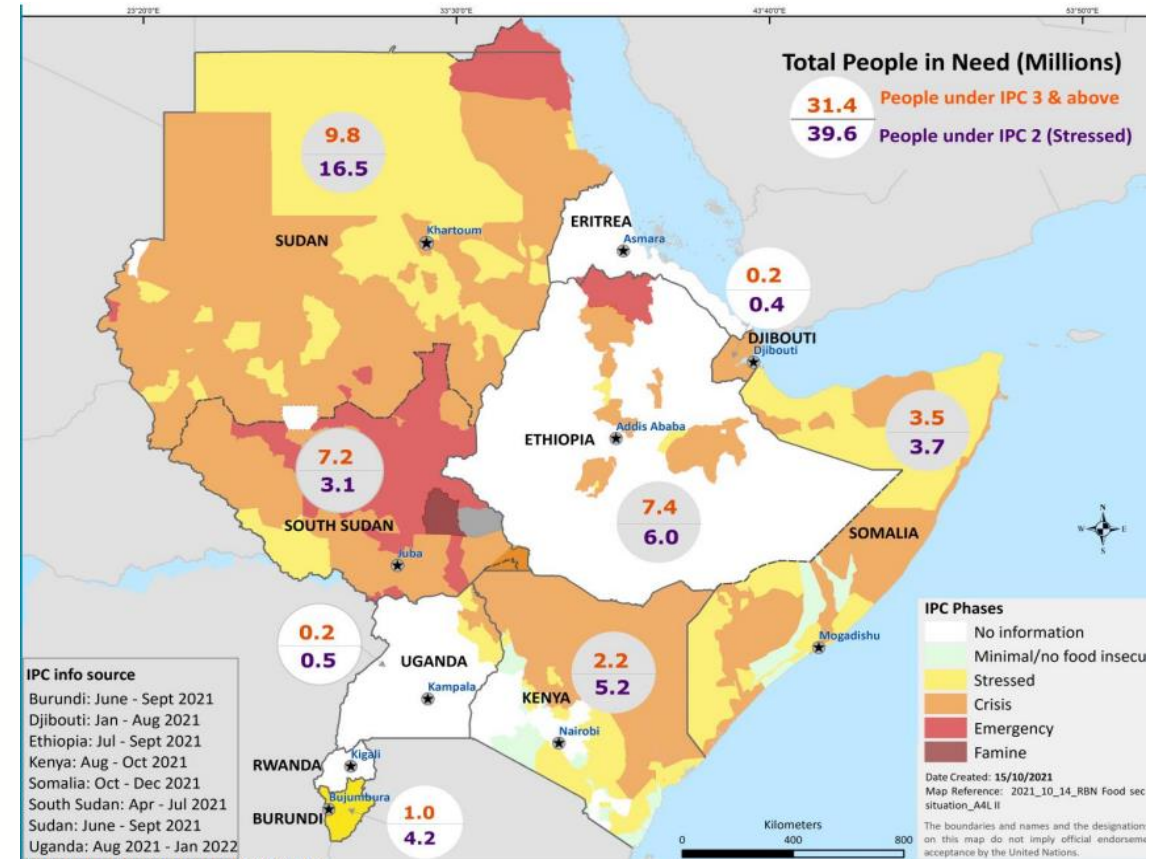
58.6 million people estimated to be food insecure



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



Food Insecurity Situation as of Oct 2021

REFUGEE RESPONSE

 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**



ETHIOPIA



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**



CLIMATE CRISIS & RESPONSE



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**



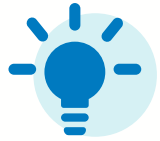
Interventions need to be **brought to scale**



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