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## Eastern Africa, Regional Overview

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# Food insecurity across Eastern Africa: Petrol on the Fire



**75.6M** people food insecure across Eastern Africa- **23.4M** due to drought in **Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia**



**Conflict**, climate-induced hazards, epidemics and macro-economic shocks are key drivers



**19.5M** people forcibly displaced

**Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan**- hotspots of highest concern



**WFP targeting a record number of 47 million people**

# Sudan

- **Corporate Scale Up** activated for six months- highest classification of an emergency for WFP
- **16.8M** people were food insecure pre-crisis - **19M** people to be food insecure if conflict **persists**
- Plan to support **5.9M** of the most vulnerable - over **1M** people reached with food relief in **14 of 18 states**
- **Insecurity issues** and **access constraints** + **USD 93M** worth of food, commodities and assets losses.



**USD 300 million needed to support those most food insecure in the next 6 months.**

# Regional implications of the Sudan Crisis

- **600,000 people** have fled to neighbouring countries- expected to reach **1.1M** people by October 2023
- **Skyrocketing food prices** in neighbouring countries- South Sudan, Chad, Central African Republic
- Macro-economic challenges- **South Sudan oil exports** account for more than 90% of countries' revenues
- Risk of regional destabilization and fall-out



# SOUTH SUDAN

- **7.8 million people** (2/3 of population) to be food insecure between April-July 2023
- **108,000 refugee** arrivals from Sudan
- Cost of a food basket has risen by **20-25 percent**
- WFP forced **to reduce rations** to:
  - 70 percent for IPC5
  - 50 percent for IPC4
  - IPC3 not assisted at all
- **Over 70 percent** of the populations facing worsened acute food insecurity (IPC 3+), in areas bordering Sudan



WFP needs **USD 469 million** to support operations for the next six months (June-Nov 2023)

- **Famine averted in 2022** – due in part to massive **WFP scale up**
- In 2022, WFP distributed **more cash in Somalia** than any other country worldwide.
- **6.6 million** highly food-insecure people (IPC 3+) through June 2023 – **one third of population**
- Reduced funding to result in prioritized caseload - **4.5 million in Q1 to 1.8 million people by Q3**
- Reduction in funding risks the achievements of averting famine

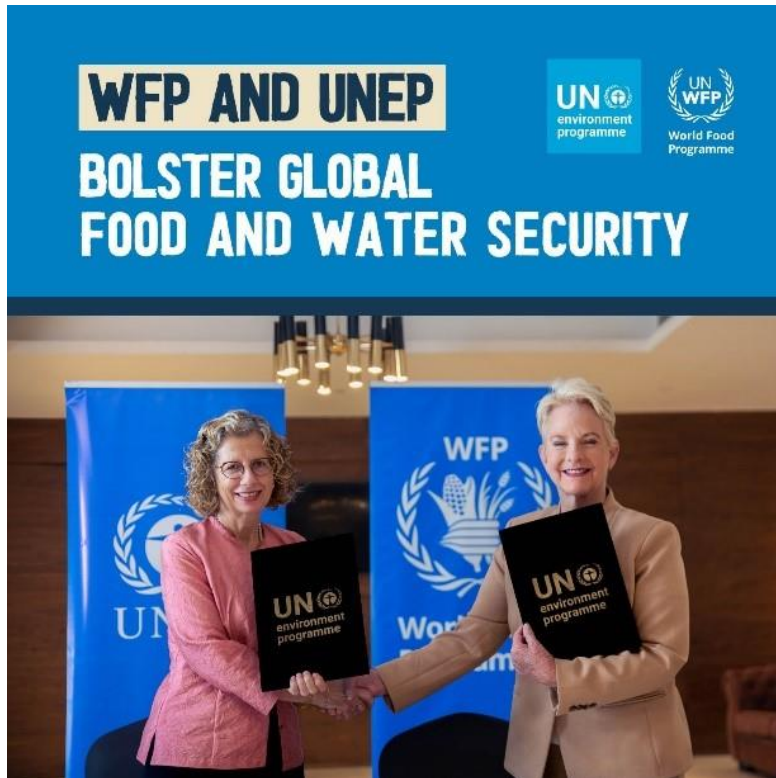




- **Aid Diversion:** WFP is deeply concerned and taking drastic measures. OIG investigation ongoing.
- WFP has temporarily paused humanitarian operations across the country.
- Working with stakeholders to implement **widespread assurance project.**
- School Feeding, nutrition and resilience activities are still ongoing.
- **20.1M** people (1 of 6 Ethiopians) are in need of humanitarian assistance



# GOOD NEWS FROM THE REGION



**UNEP- WFP  
Partnership**



**New Ag-Tech  
Innovations**



**Consultative  
Symposium on Water  
Security for Food  
Security**





# WATER SECURITY FOR FOOD SECURITY

## Dyke Rehabilitation Project in South Sudan

- **76 km** of Bor Dyke rehabilitated since 2021
- **Over 2,000** local youth mobilized
- **1,644 km** of flooded land reclaimed and **16,000 IDPs** returned/livelihoods restored
- By reclaiming flood lands, WFP restored livelihoods to IDPs and **saved USD 2M/year**



# FUNDING

- **Unprecedented needs** outpacing funding, Sudan crisis to exacerbate needs
- Operations **only 35 percent funded**, additional **USD 2.46 billion required** for the next 6 months.
- **Refugee operations** in dire need- Uganda and South Sudan critical contexts
- Strengthened **funding diversification** – increased funding from private sector and IFIs





**THANK YOU**



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