

World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES CHANGING LIVES

Eastern Africa Regional Overview Michael Dunford, Regional Director Executive Board Presentation

Food security overview

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51.4 million people in Eastern Africa estimated to be food insecure



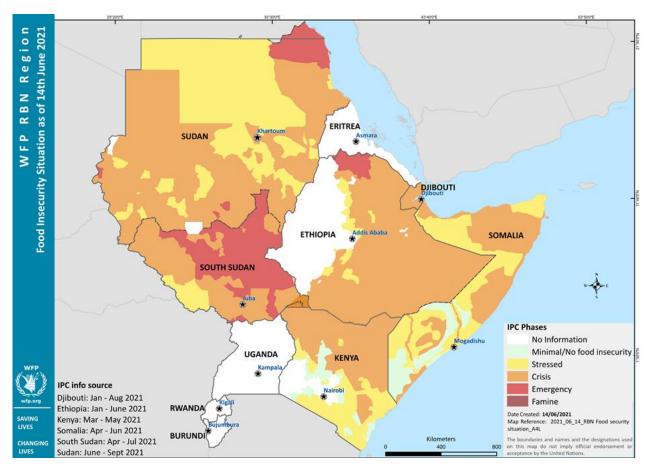
Ethiopia, Sudan and South Sudan are among the world's worst food crises



Impact of COVID-19 is **undermining livelihoods and development gains**



Outlook for the rest of 2021 remains concerning



Refugee Response



Eastern Africa hosts **4.5 million** refugees and **8.8 million IDPs**

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Ration cuts in Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Djibouti and Ethiopia



USD 254 million needed to support refugee populations for the **next six months**



Additional **donor support critical** to not undermining developmental gains



Ethiopia



Ethiopia faces **multiple intersecting** hazards



Four million in IPC 3-5 and 353,000 people facing catastrophic levels of food insecurity in Tigray



Collective collaborative effort required to **prevent full-scale famine**



WFP providing vital **food**, **nutrition**, **telecoms and logistics support**



South Sudan



Food insecurity has reached **alarming levels** – 7.2 million food insecure people and 108,000 in IPC 5



WFP is **rapidly scaling up food and nutrition assistance** to meet increased needs



Challenges include **insecurity**, a critical **cereal deficit** and **funding constraints**



Positive developments: contribution to peace; increase in local purchases



Sudan



Latest IPC results project a **record high of 9.8 million people acutely food insecure**



Continued insecurity in West Darfur



Expansion of the Sudan Family Support Programme



WFP-supported peace discussions enabled humanitarian access to the Two Areas



Somalia



2.8 million people facing acute food insecurity



Food insecurity driven by **floods**, **conflict**, **desert locusts and impact of COVID-19**



Drought and flash floods threaten to exacerbate a critical situation



Needs are rising – additional funding urgently required



Good news



Burundi:

- Home-grown school feeding largest national safety net
- First Lady Champion for School Feeding



Rwanda: UNHCR-WFP Programme Excellence and Targeting Hub



Uganda: Karamoja School Feeding Programme linked to local food production; cash assistance in Nakivale



Food systems



Food systems approach key to **changing lives agenda** and **fostering innovation**



Food Systems Summit – transforming food systems through building resilience

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Climate resilience, supply chain management and women's empowerment

WFP supporting **national dialogues** on food systems



Funding



Funding needs have **risen consistently since 2019**



Annual funding needs for 2021 total **USD 3.7 billion**

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Increased funding urgently needed to sustain WFP operations



Diversification of funding through **private sector engagement**



RBN Needs - 2019 through 2022 (estimated)

