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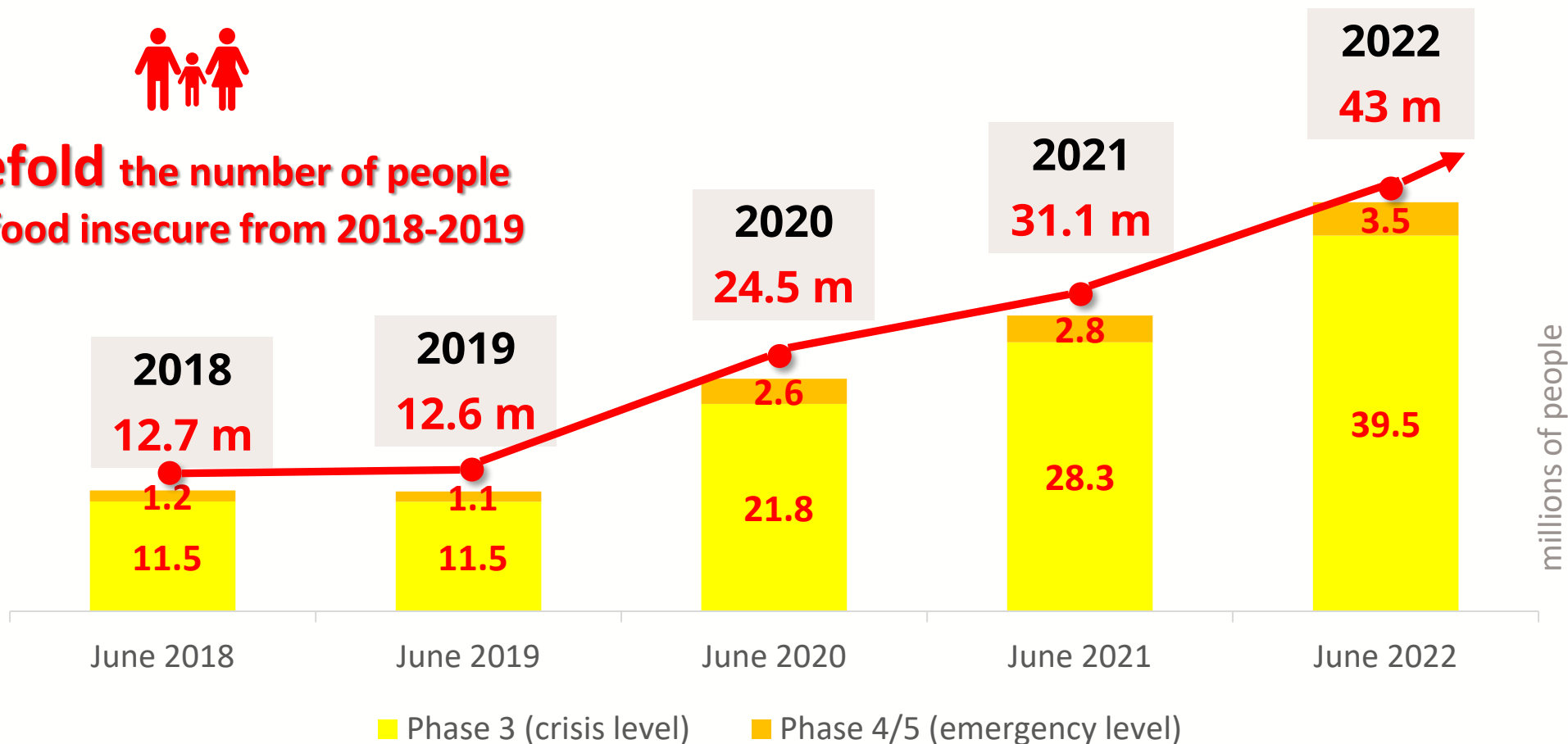
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# PRIOR RUSSIA–UKRAINE, THE REGION WAS ALREADY HEADED TOWARDS A MAJOR FOOD AND NUTRITION CRISIS



**Threefold** the number of people acutely food insecure from 2018-2019



# THE REGION'S ABILITY TO WITHSTAND SHOCKS IS HAMPERED BY STRUCTURAL ISSUES AND STRESSORS

## STRUCTURAL VULNERABILITIES (education, social protection, etc.)



**7 countries** in the bottom 10 of the World Bank Human Capital Index (2021)



## CLIMATE CHANGE



**5 countries** in the top 10 most vulnerable to climate change  
Notre Dame Global Adaptation initiative index (2019)

## PROTRACTED CONFLICTS



**10 million** are forcibly displaced (displaced, returnees and refugees)

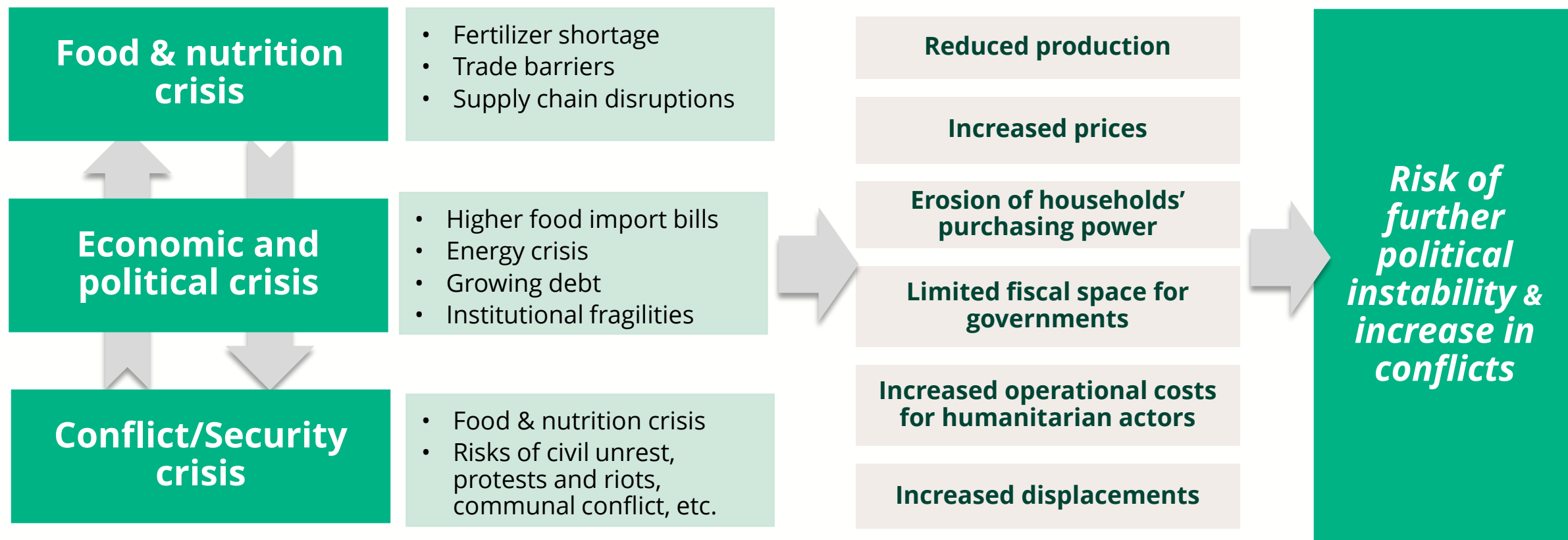
## INSTITUTIONAL FRAGILITIES



**Fragile political transitions and institutional legitimacy crisis**

**RISK OF FURTHER DESTABILIZATION**

# THE CONFLICT IN UKRAINE IS FURTHER AGGRAVATING THE OVERLAPPING CRISES THE REGION IS ALREADY FACING



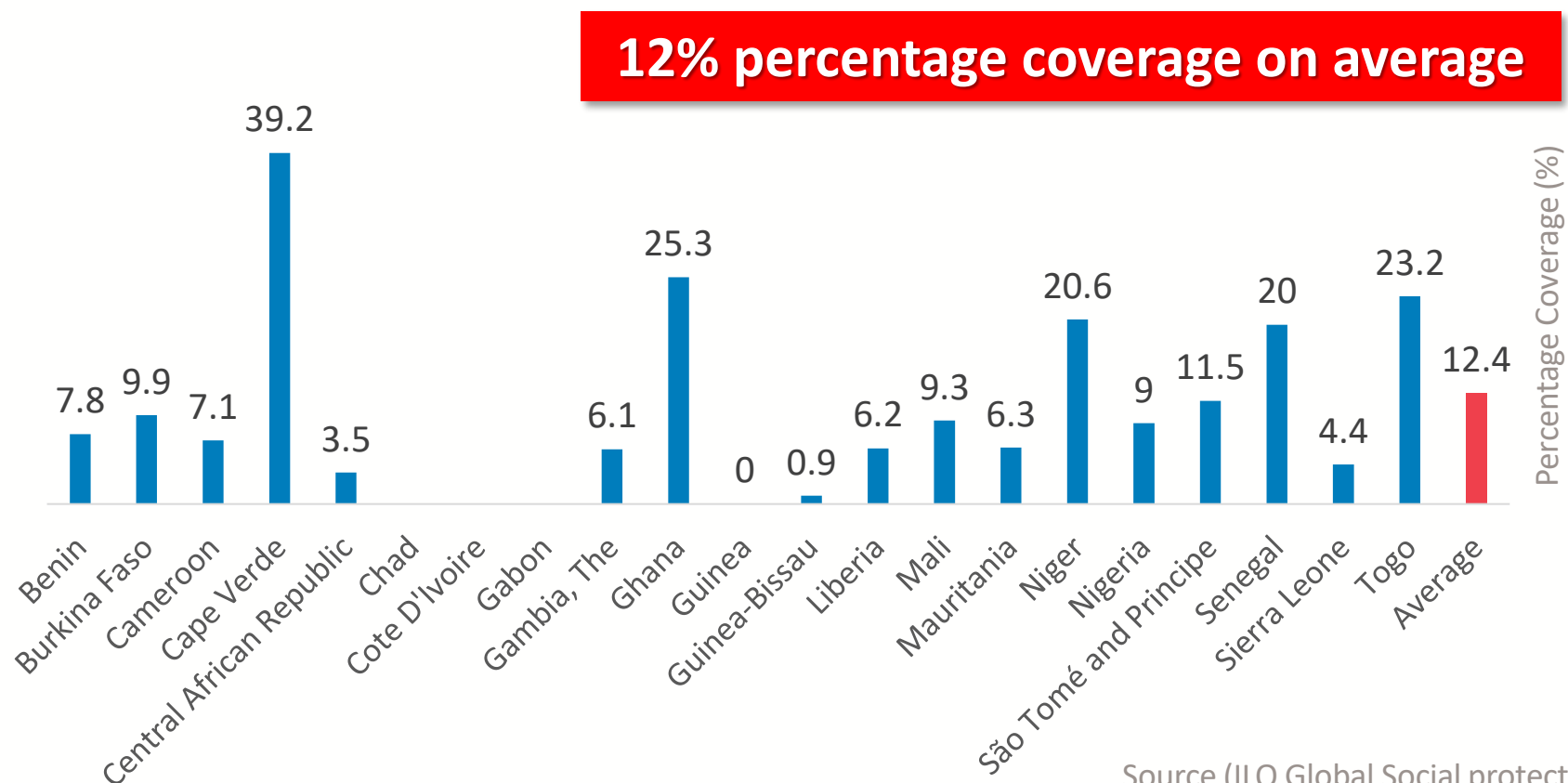
**HUMANITARIAN CONSEQUENCES ARE TREMENDOUS**

# WFP IS PRIORITIZING CRISIS RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENTS



- **Early responses in Mali, Burkina Faso and Mauritania** financed through African Risk Capacity insurance pay-outs
- **Support to national response plans** (provided enough resources)
- Supporting government **food procurement and food reserves**
- Increasing the reach of **national social protection systems**

# SUPPORTING NATIONAL SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING IS CRITICAL TO BUILDING LONG-TERM RESILIENCE



Source (ILO Global Social protection report, 2022)

**National social protection systems remain underdeveloped**

# EVIDENCE FROM OUR RESILIENCE-BUILDING EFFORTS WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES



**Beneficiaries have increased capacity to withstand shocks** and are likely to be less affected by the 2022 food crisis



Have a comparatively **more stable food security situation** than that of the wider population



Have **increased agricultural and/or pastoral productivity** and **reduced day-to-day hardships**



Better **protected against natural disasters** (droughts, floods)



**Distress migration is reduced** thanks to strengthened livelihoods and food security



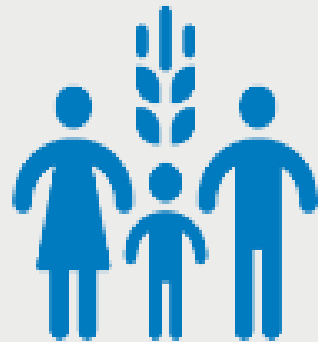
Have **improved ability to access markets** and **basic services** (incl. water, sanitation, education, etc.)

# FUNDING REMAINS A CHALLENGE IN THE REGION

**Funding gap of 65 percent**

**TARGET NUMBER OF  
BENEFICIARIES**

**~19 MILLION**



**TOTAL NEEDS**

(next six months)

**USD 1.3 BN**

**SHORTFALL  
USD 875 M**

**FUNDED  
USD 462 M**

(as of May 20, 2022)



# A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTNERS TO COME TOGETHER



- Need for a **substantial response, concerted and well coordinated efforts** and at scale
- **Leadership at all levels** required
- **Building on what already exists**
  - Ongoing partnerships and joint programmes
  - Existing global, regional and national platforms

# ANNEXES

# FOOD DISTRIBUTION LAST SATURDAY IN THIOU, AN AREA WITHOUT ASSISTANCE OVER THE LAST 6 MONTHS

BURKINA FASO – IN BETWEEN OUAHIGOUYA AND THE MALIAN BORDER

