



World Food Programme

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Eastern Africa, Regional Overview

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EASTERN AFRICA OVERVIEW



61M expected to be food insecure across Eastern Africa- up from **58M** in February. Nearly **12.5M** children aged 6-59 months acutely malnourished.



Conflict, natural hazards and **economic shocks** are intersecting to drive food insecurity regionally.



Nearly **24.5M** people forcibly displaced in the region- up from **10M** in 2020. From **3.3M** refugees to now over **5M**.



Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan and South Sudan among the most severe global food crises.



WFP targeting nearly 36 million people whilst facing intense year of prioritization.

SUDAN

- **World's largest displacement crisis.** Over **10 million** displaced internally, including pre-conflict caseloads.
- Potentially world's **worst hunger crisis** - **18 million** people acutely food insecure. Could reach **25 million**, with catastrophic conditions in hunger hotspots.
- In 2024, WFP reached **3 million** individuals across 16 states, and **24** out of **44** hunger hotspots. Famine prevention scale-up targeting a total of **5 million** by end of 2024.
- But: Persistent challenges around **humanitarian access**, **bureaucratic impediments** and **insecurity** hamper response.
- **Immediate ceasefire** critical to assist populations trapped by the conflict; prevent a complete collapse of Sudan and further regional destabilization.



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SUDAN REGIONAL CRISIS

- Protracted conflict further undermines **security and stability** in an already volatile regional context.
- More than **2M** people fled to neighbouring countries (South Sudan, Chad, Uganda....) with limited absorption capacity:
 - Over **700,000** crossed into South Sudan;
- Over **35M** people expected to be acutely food insecure (IPC Phase 3+) across Sudan, South Sudan and Chad.
- Sudan's economic collapse and trade disruptions continue to lead to **commodity price spikes** affecting regional food security.



USD 349 million needed to support those most food insecure across Sudan, South Sudan and Chad.



- Nearly **16 million** in need of life-saving relief food assistance. **87 percent** live in Amhara, Oromia, Tigray, and Somali Regions.
- WFP deeply concerned about **growing insecurity** in parts of Ethiopia- operations and partners also affected.
- Working to access nearly **200,000 people** in the contested districts between Tigray and Amhara regions- without food assistance since April.
- **Unhindered humanitarian access** and **funding** critical to addressing growing needs. WFP reached **1.3 million prioritized** people with severest needs in May.
- Following implementation of the **Assurance Project**, WFP is integrating and reinforcing controls for all activities addressing end-to-end processes.



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FLOODING ACROSS EASTERN AFRICA

- East Africa is the epicentre of the climate emergency- **devastating floods** wreaking havoc across the region.
- Nearly **1.5 million people** impacted by floods in the region since the onset of the March-May rains.
- Nearly **500,000 people** displaced– highest numbers in Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Uganda.
- **South Sudan** expecting severe floods with peak in September, potentially impacting up to 3 million people. Preparedness actions under way.
- **WFP responding across the region** - through anticipatory action, food and nutrition assistance and critical logistics services.
- Investments in **long-term solutions** essential for communities to withstand future climate shocks.



WATER SECURITY FOR FRAGILE FOOD SYSTEMS

- RBN **water strategy** developed with BCG's support- to be finalized this week.
- A year since the prolonged drought in the HoA, and devastating floods across the region, WFP more **intentional** with its programming in Eastern Africa.
- Four key **entry points** for WFP identified:
 - Helping to identify the best interventions with ROI for the context;
 - Delivering local infrastructure;
 - Capacity building for local government and advocacy;
 - Evidence generation
- Entry points well connected to the upcoming new **Resilience Policy**.
- Engaging key **external stakeholders** (FAO, UNEP, UNDP, IGAD, UN OSEHA...) and receiving **support**.



REIMAGINING REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

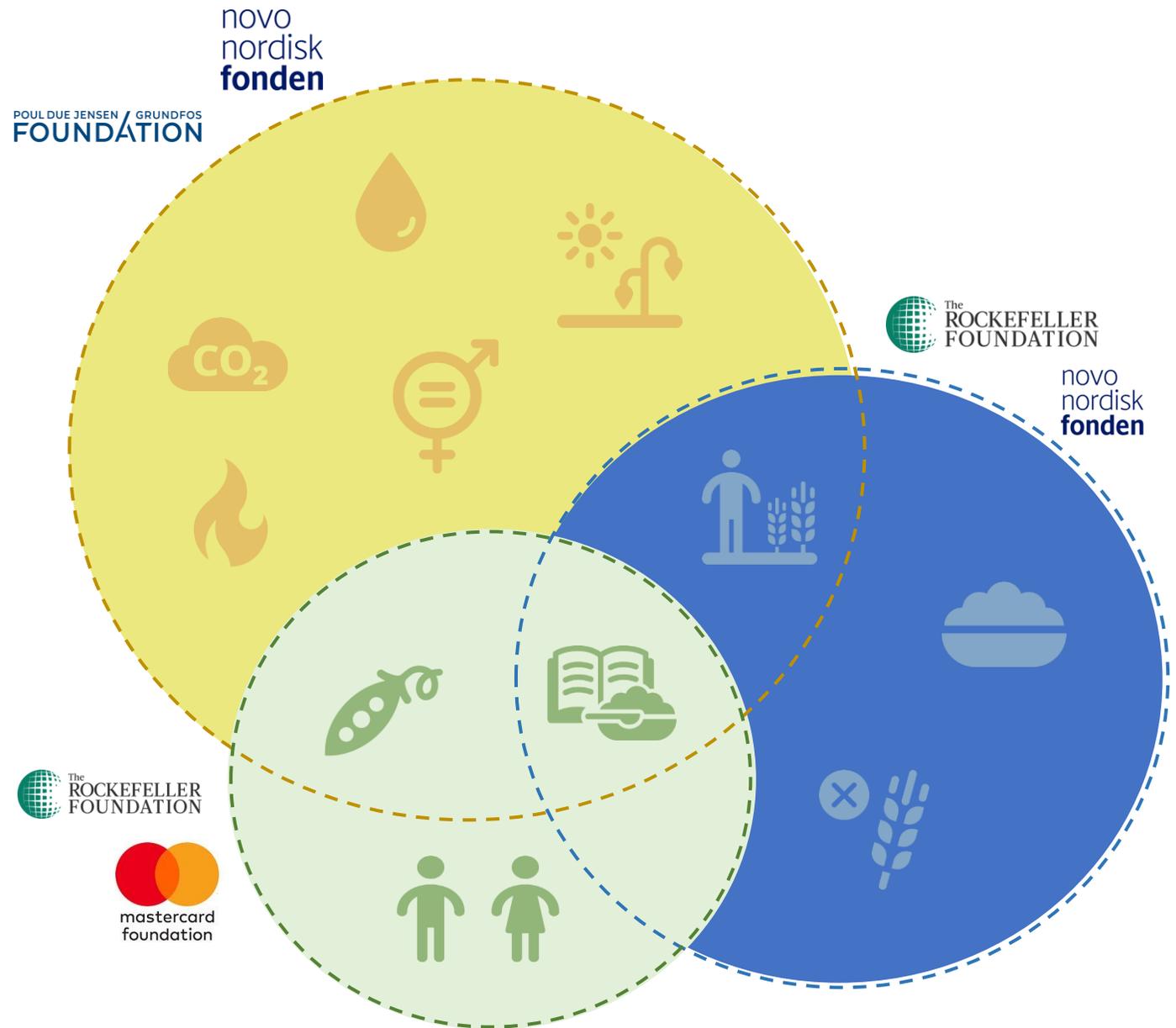
- New **Joint Approach to Transitioning towards Self-Reliance** in Eastern Africa- developed by WFP and UNHCR.
- Cognizant of respective strengths and mandates, challenges and opportunities in the region- ultimate goal to promote **self-reliance** and **economic inclusion**.
- Three **key components** to the Approach:
 - Supporting an enabling environment
 - Self-reliance strengthening
 - Alignment to and inclusion into critical national systems
- Supporting the Approach:
 - Shifting mindsets
 - Strategic partnering
 - Joint learning agenda
 - Enhanced data management and system interoperability



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INNOVATION IN ACTION: VALUE CHAIN IMPACT INVESTING

IMPACT SINCE 2021

East African founded
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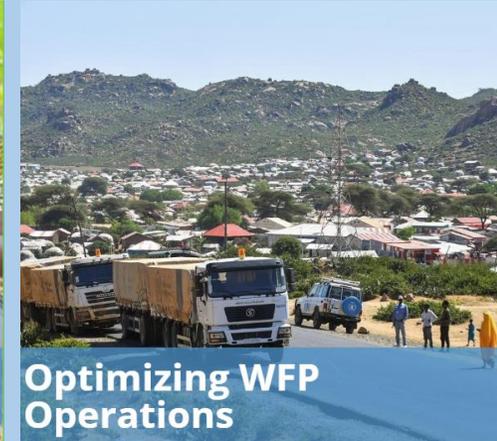
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investment catalysed:

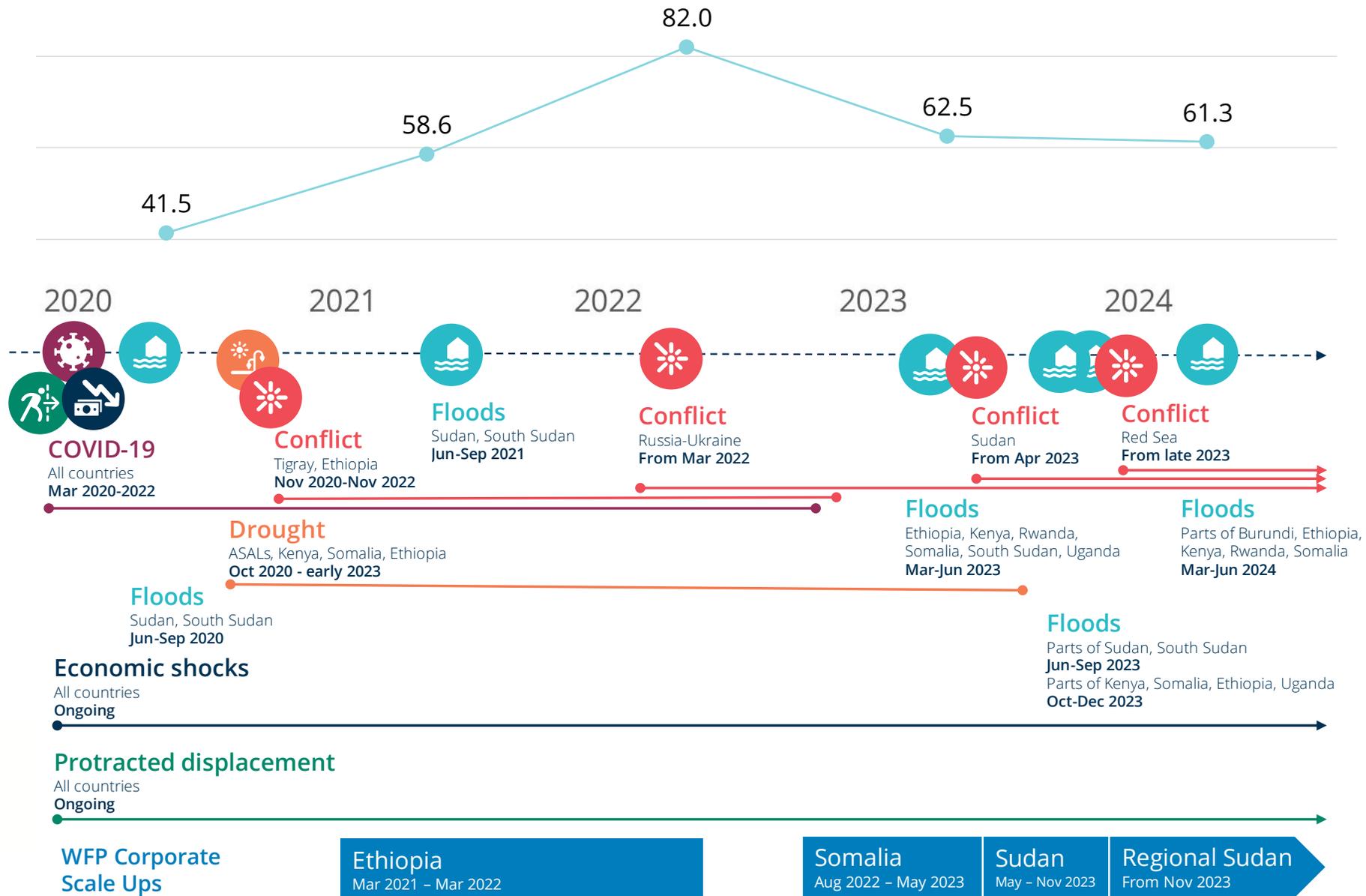
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