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#### East Africa Regional Overview

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#### **Eastern Africa Food Security Overview**



**Primary drivers**: conflict, insecurity, displacements and climate-induced shocks



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



**Ethiopia** and **South Sudan** are two of top 10 worst food crises globally



East Africa accounts for **38 percent** of WFP's global nutrition-specific beneficiaries



### Impact of COVID-19 in Eastern Africa



An **estimated 41.5 million** food insecure people



**Acute malnutrition levels** in Eastern and Southern Africa have increased by 25 percent



Unemployment, interrupted food systems and significant impact on local economies



Increased impact on the **urban poor**, particularly in **informal settlements** 



## **Conflict, insecurity and displacement**



Strong link between **conflict and hunger** – food supports **peace and stability** 

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East Africa hosts **3.3 million refugees** and **6.4 million IDPs** 



Reduced funding has led to **ration cuts** for refugees in **Uganda**, **Kenya and Ethiopia** 



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## **Climate change and related shocks**



Multiple climate-induced shocks – drought, floods and desert locust outbreaks

Over **3.7 million people** affected by flash floods in **seven countries** since July 2020



La Niña effect expected to worsen food insecurity



Enhanced anticipatory actions and climate risk management



#### **Desert locust response and recovery**



Close collaboration with **host** governments and FAO



**Extensive locust control efforts** have led to **progress in containing** the outbreak



Response efforts need to be **sustained** 



**Close monitoring** into 2021 will be required







The situation in the **Tigray region** is becoming increasingly **volatile** and **alarming** 



Significant risk of the situation becoming a **regional crisis** 



Insecurity has led to an influx of **refugees** into **Sudan and potentially into Djibouti and Eritrea** 



WFP is mobilizing and **preparing for increasing humanitarian needs** 







**Violence and insecurity** remain the greatest risk to food security



**Economic shocks** and high food prices



This year's flooding has led to the **destruction of homesteads and livelihoods** 



WFP is **scaling-up support** for people affected by hunger, conflict, displacement and flooding



Beneficiaries continue to receive **reduced rations** due to resource constraints



## Regional Bureau Nairobi to include Sudan from 1 December

**Beneficiaries**: in 2021, planned beneficiaries are expected to increase from 23 million to 30 million

**Budget**: RBN funding requirements will increase to one-third of funding required globally

**Food commodities:** RBN will need an estimated one-third of all food commodities required globally

**Staffing**: RBN workforce will represent 30% of WFP staff globally





Supporting self-reliance in Eritrea

# Looking ahead: 2021



WFP Partnerships Lab



Social protection engagement



WFP Regional Innovation Hub

Economic impact studies (EIS)



Global innovation competition



Local and regional procurement

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