



**New Date:**  
**FAO/WFP Informal Briefing to the Members on Emerging and Ongoing Crises**

**Tuesday, 3 August 2021 from 14.00 to 16.00 hours (CET)**

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is pleased to invite Permanent Representatives to attend the FAO/World Food Programme (WFP) Joint Informal Briefing to the Members on Emerging and Ongoing Crises. The event shall take place on Tuesday, 3 August 2021, from 14.00 to 16.00 hours (CET) through an online zoom meeting.

Last year, according to the FAO-supported Global Report on Food Crises, 155 million people in 55 countries and territories experienced high acute food insecurity, 20 million more than in 2019. A toxic mix of conflict, climate change and economic turbulence are driving these trends, exacerbating existing fragilities. More than half a million people are today living in famine-like conditions, and some 41 million are on the brink of catastrophe. FAO and WFP are fully focused on addressing this reality, pooling our collective resources to stave off this unfolding tragedy, including through the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Task Force on Preventing Famine. Under the aegis of this initiative, FAO and WFP have jointly stepped up their advocacy and resource mobilization efforts, jointly calling for USD 6.6 billion to take urgent action, blending critical food and emergency livelihoods assistance.

This meeting will be an opportunity for FAO and WFP to update Members on the latest acute food insecurity situation, focusing on the analysis presented in the July 2021 edition of the **joint Hunger Hotspots report**, ongoing response efforts and recommendations for urgent action.

The meeting will be held in English and interpretation will be available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish.