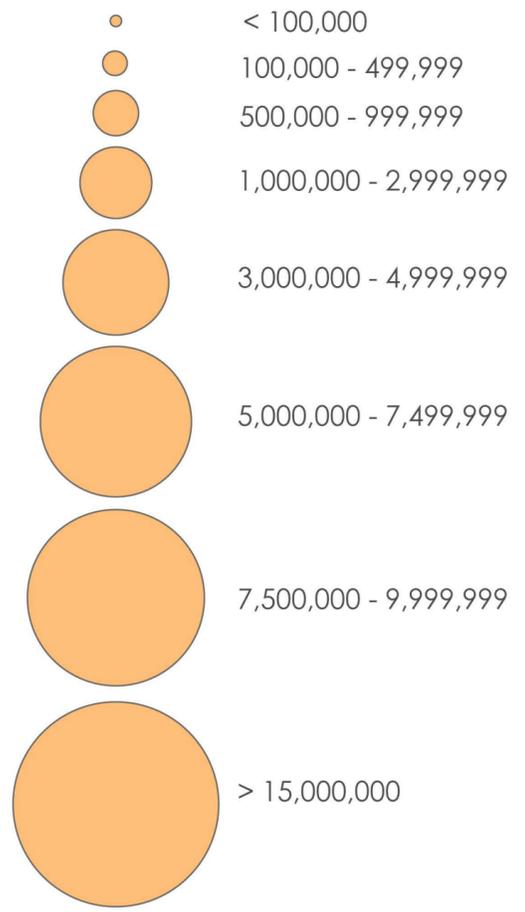


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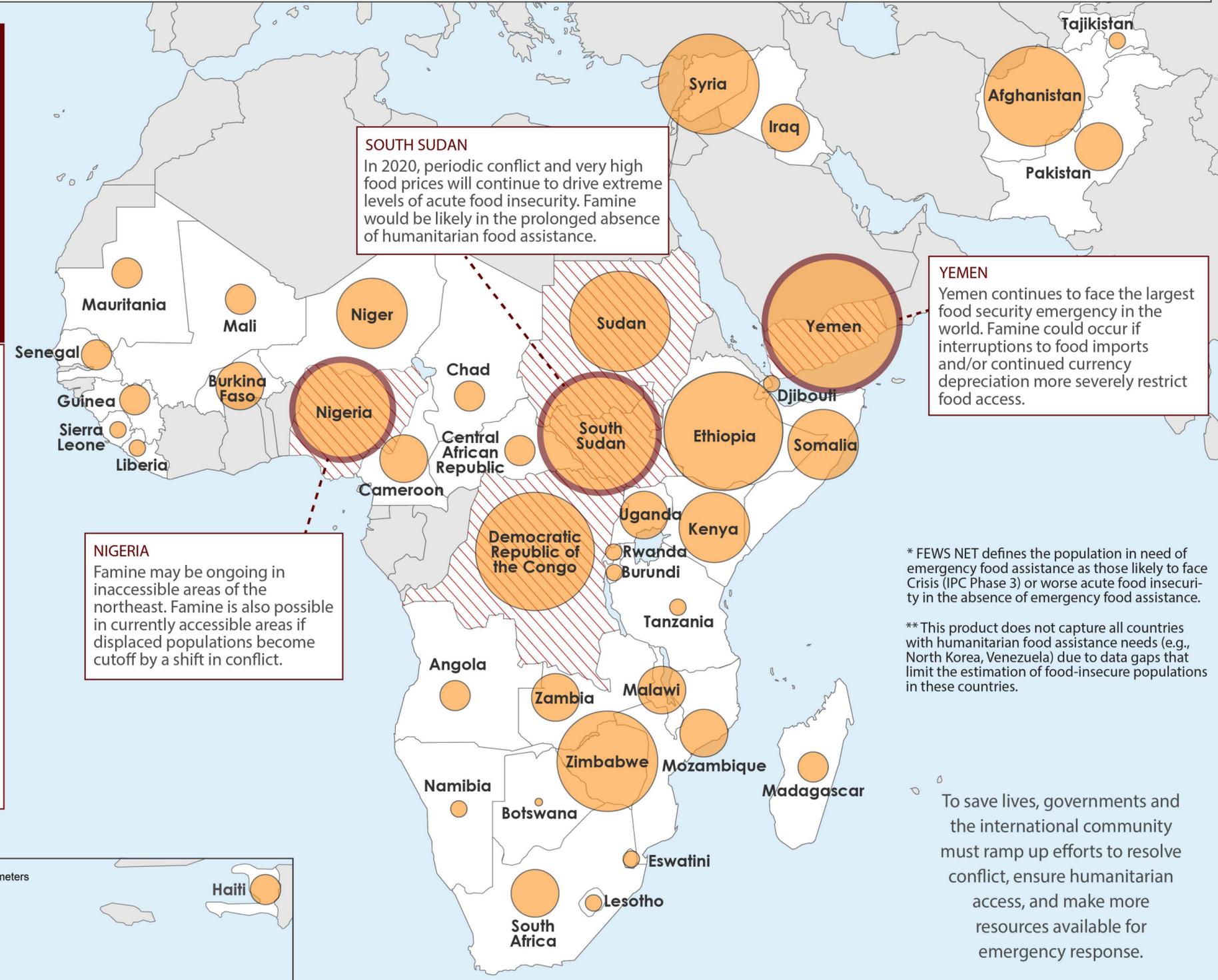
Peak population in need of emergency food assistance in 2020*



- Countries that face a risk of Famine (IPC Phase 5)
- Countries likely to have areas in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) in 2020

Drought, economic shocks, continued conflict, and the indirect impacts of COVID-19 drive high assistance needs. A risk of Famine persists in South Sudan, Yemen, and northeast Nigeria.

Across 46 countries, **113 million** people require emergency food assistance in 2020, **25% more** than peak needs prior to the anticipated impacts of COVID-19.

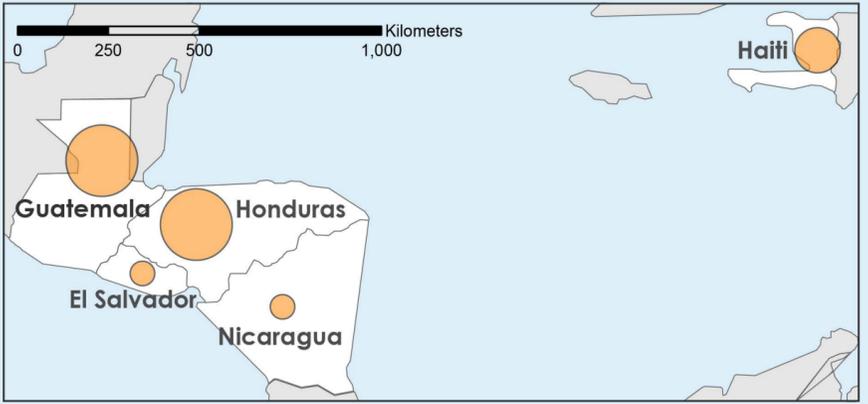
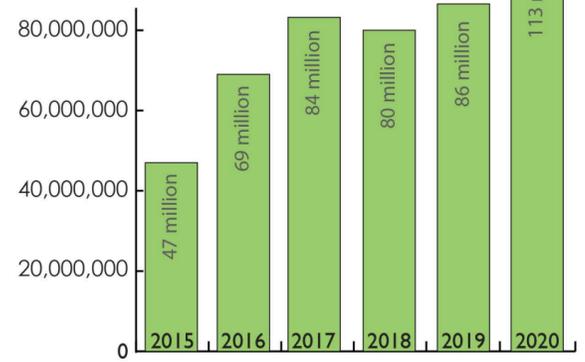


* FEWS NET defines the population in need of emergency food assistance as those likely to face Crisis (IPC Phase 3) or worse acute food insecurity in the absence of emergency food assistance.

** This product does not capture all countries with humanitarian food assistance needs (e.g., North Korea, Venezuela) due to data gaps that limit the estimation of food-insecure populations in these countries.

To save lives, governments and the international community must ramp up efforts to resolve conflict, ensure humanitarian access, and make more resources available for emergency response.

Estimated peak population in need of emergency assistance



Estimates reflect the peak food insecure population expected between January and December 2020. Detailed reports can be found at www.fews.net.



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