LARGE ASSISTANCE NEEDS AND FAMINE RISK CONTINUE IN 2018

Famine threatens several countries

Across 45 countries, some 78 million people require emergency food assistance in 2018, 65% more than in 2015.

Peak population in need of emergency food assistance in 2018*

- < 100,000
- 100,000 - 499,999
- 500,000 - 999,999
- 1,000,000 - 2,999,999
- 3,000,000 - 4,999,999
- 5,000,000 - 7,499,999
- > 15,000,000

Areas facing the highest risk of Famine in 2018, particularly in the absence of emergency food assistance

Additional areas at risk of severe food insecurity

*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.

Estimated peak population in need of emergency assistance

- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018

Data sources: FEWS NET, OCHA, Southern Africa RVAC

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YEMEN
Globally, the largest food insecure population is in Yemen; given Yemen’s reliance on imported food, the threat of a halt to imports increases the risk of Famine.

SOMALIA
Good rainfall in recent seasons and humanitarian assistance contributed to a reduction in the risk of Famine but large assistance needs will continue throughout 2018.

ETHIOPIA
While the risk of a deterioration beyond Emergency outcomes has declined in Somali Region, large assistance needs continue.

NIGERIA
Famine may have occurred in 2016 in Borno State; could be ongoing in areas inaccessible to aid workers.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
Violence in the Kasai Region, Ituri, Tanganyika, and North & South Kivu continues to drive displacement and hamper relief efforts.

The Humanitarian Needs Overview identified 6.5 million people in need of emergency food assistance given the ongoing conflict and displacement.

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Estimates are for January - December 2018.
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