HUNGER-RELATED MORTALITY LIKELY AS IPC PHASE 4 OUTCOMES AND LARGE-SCALE ASSISTANCE NEEDS PERSIST

Across 46 countries,* 85 million people require emergency food assistance in 2019, 80% more than in 2015.

**Famine threatens South Sudan, Yemen, and northeast Nigeria**

In 2019, conflict and extremely high food prices will continue to drive extreme levels of acute food insecurity; Famine would be likely in the prolonged absence of humanitarian food assistance.

**South Sudan**

**Yemen**

Yemen continues to face the largest food security emergency in the world; Famine could occur if interruptions to food imports and/or continued currency depreciation more severely restrict food access.

**Nigeria**

Famine may be ongoing in inaccessible areas of the northeast; Famine is also possible in currently accessible areas were displaced populations to become cutoff by a shift in conflict.

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.

*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.

**In 2018, FEWS NET updated its global estimates to include Cameroon. This product does not capture all countries with humanitarian food assistance needs (e.g. North Korea, Venezuela) due to data gaps which limit the estimation of food insecure populations in these countries.

**Areas facing the highest risk of Famine in 2019, particularly in the absence of emergency food assistance.

**Countries likely to have areas in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) in 2019.

Estimates reflect the peak food insecure population expected between January - December 2019.

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