East Africa Regional Overview

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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

Source: WFP/VAM
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

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

UNHCR-WFP Joint Programme Excellence and Targeting Hub
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
Update on Ethiopia

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.
Update on South Sudan

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
Looking ahead: 2021

- Supporting self-reliance in Eritrea
- WFP Partnerships Lab
- WFP Regional Innovation Hub
- Social protection engagement
- Economic impact studies (EIS)
- Global innovation competition
- Local and regional procurement