Eastern Africa Regional Overview

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Executive Board Presentation
Food Security Overview

20 percent of the population facing acute hunger globally is in eastern Africa.

51.4 million people are estimated to be food insecure.

Ethiopia, Sudan and South Sudan have highest level of acute food insecurity.

Primary drivers of food insecurity: conflict, insecurity and climate-induced shocks.
In 2020, WFP reached an estimated 26 million people with food assistance:

- 13 million people received **in-kind food** assistance
- 5.3 million people received **cash-based transfers**
- 4.4 million children and women received **specialized nutritious food**
- 2.6 million girls and boys received **school meals and take-home rations**
- 2.1 million people participated in **asset creation activities**
- 422,000 people participated in **climate adaptation activities**
COVID-19 and Building Back Better

Significant impact on the urban poor, particularly in informal settlements

Building back better from COVID-19

Expansion into urban areas

Strengthening social protection systems through technical advice and operational support
Conflict, Peace and the Nobel Peace Prize

Over **70 percent** of operations in eastern Africa driven by **conflict and insecurity**

Food assistance critical to supporting **peace and stability**

Strengthening ties between **humanitarian**, **development** and **peacebuilding** work

Expansion of **Food Assistance for Assets** programming in **South Sudan**
Eastern Africa hosts **4.4 million refugees** and **8.1 million IDPs**

Ration cuts in **Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Djibouti, Ethiopia and soon Rwanda**

**Additional support** is needed for host governments

Enhanced collaboration with **IOM** and **UNHCR**
Update on the Tigray crisis

Severe **food security and nutrition emergency**

Estimated **2.98 million people** in need of relief food assistance

**Immediate scale-up** of the humanitarian response required

Urgent appeal for **USD 107 million**

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Innovation

Innovation is crucial to **disrupting hunger**

WFP’s first **regional innovation hub** launched in December

**E-shop** in Somalia helps minimize exposure to **COVID-19**

Promoting **youth empowerment** and **employment** through the **Hult Prize**
Partnerships
2020 was a record year with **USD 2.1 billion** received from donors

Funding from **International Financial Institutions (IFIs)** and the **private sector doubled** in 2020

Annual funding needs for 2021 total **USD 3.7 billion**

**USD 1.1 billion** is required from March to August 2021