



A catastrophic hunger crisis is unfolding in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) with more than 157 million people severely affected (IPC3+)*. Behind the staggeringly high numbers are real people – men, women and children battling life-threatening hunger every day.

Key Facts and Figures

Pre-existing conditions such as prolonged drought and flooding, conflict, desert locusts, and the economic downturns exacerbated by COVID-19 have worsened the crisis hitting vulnerable communities the hardest.

Climate change increases disasters, especially in Africa, where drought, flooding and disease epidemics coexist, directly impacting agricultural productivity and food resources.

During this emergency phase, Red Cross Red Crescent is focusing its support on cash and livelihoods initiatives, Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), and food and nutrition assistance.

Longer-term food security and resilience programming is our focus to addressing the root causes of food insecurity. We will build on our previous successes and work in support of governments' plans and frameworks.

38 countries

in Sub Saharan Africa have populations facing acute food insecurity

14 million people

to be reached in 18 countries by Red Cross Red Crescent emergency appeal

1 out of 3 children

under the age of five in SSA is stunted by chronic undernutrition****

106 million women

of child bearing age in SSA are anemic due to poor diets*****

30 million insecure people

the number of food insecure people has quadrupled in the Sahel between 2015 and 2022

Timeline

2018: Food insecurity was less by 55% what it is today. The number of food insecure increased by more than **80 million people** in Africa**

2021: Early warnings of evolving food insecurity given by IFRC

2022: IFRC launches an emergency appeal seeking **CHF 205 million** to respond to the crisis in **14 countries**

2023: IFRC Emergency appeal revised to seek **CHF 318 million** to respond to the food insecurity crisis in **18 countries**

2024: Emergency appeal is only **19% funded**. There is a funding gap of **CHF 258 million**

2050: The risk of hunger is expected to increase by upto **25%** as a result of climatic shocks***

* Integrated Food Security Phase Classification
 ** 2019-WFP Global report of food crises
 *** Brookings report on climate adaptations for Africa food security
 **** UNICEF/WHO/WB JME 2023
 ***** WHO Anemia Factsheet



EMERGENCY APPEAL

IFRC today seeks **CHF 318 million** to support **18 Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies** in Africa respond to the hunger crisis.

14 million people will receive aid in the form of cash assistance, food and nutrition and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).



Interventions in 18 countries:



1.55 million people reached in total



600,000 people received cash voucher assistance through multipurpose cash grants



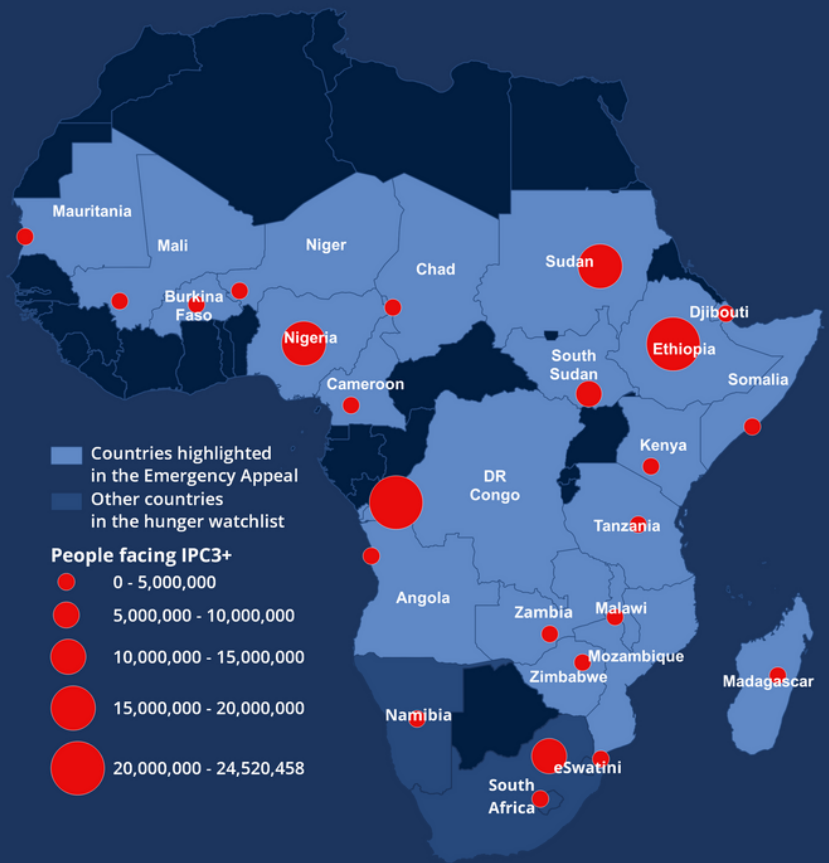
232,000 people received livelihoods support and training in income generating activities and livestock production



425,000 people received health and nutrition support including child supplementary feeding



1,200,000 people received water, sanitation and hygiene assistance



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