

INTEGRATED FOOD SECURITY PHASE CLASSIFICATION EXPLAINER

AREA CLASSIFICATION

PHASE 1 - MINIMAL: More than 80 percent of households in an area are experiencing Phase 1 outcomes, and acute malnutrition rates are expected to be below 5 percent.

HOUSEHOLD CLASSIFICATION

PHASE 1 - NONE:

People are able to meet their basic food and other needs without major changes to their daily lives



PHASE 2 - STRESSED:

People are eating minimally adequate diets but must make significant changes to their lifestyles to support other non-food needs.



PHASE 3 - CRISIS:

Some households are not consuming enough food and have high levels of malnutrition, while others are adopting irreversible coping strategies—such as selling assets that support their livelihoods—to support a limited diet.



PHASE 4 - EMERGENCY:

People are facing extreme food shortages, acute malnutrition and disease levels are excessively high, and the risk of hunger-related death is rapidly increasing.



PHASE 5 - CATASTROPHE:

Even when using all of their coping strategies, people have almost no food and cannot support their basic needs. Starvation, death, and destitution are apparent.



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
URGENTLY REQUIRED

PHASE 5 - FAMINE: At least 20 percent of households in an area are experiencing Phase 5 outcomes, acute malnutrition levels exceed 30 percent, and more than two per 10,000 people are dying each day.

PHASE 4 - EMERGENCY: At least 20 percent of households in an area are experiencing Phase 4 or worse outcomes, acute malnutrition rates are expected to be between 15 and 30 percent, and one to two per 10,000 people could be dying each day.

PHASE 3 - CRISIS: At least 20 percent of households in an area are experiencing Phase 3 or worse outcomes, and acute malnutrition rates are expected to be between 10 and 15 percent.

PHASE 2 - STRESSED: At least 20 percent of households in an area are experiencing Phase 2 or worse outcomes, and acute malnutrition rates are expected to be between 5 and 10 percent.



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