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AFRICA

RESPONDING TO FOOD CRISIS

Since the end of 2016, the African continent is facing an unprecedented rise in food insecurity. Millions of people are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, particularly where consecutively poor rainfall, rising food prices and insecurity continues to worsen the situation.

Many countries are facing emergency levels of food insecurity, which has had devastating impacts to millions who's livelihoods depend on their crops and livestock. Famine could be imminent in South Sudan, Somalia and Nigeria where conditions are quickly deteriorating in early 2018.

The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement response builds on its efforts to respond to those most vulnerable, improve resilience and provide social protection. Our presence in thousands of communities across the region allows us to offer vital support where it is most needed.

The IFRC launched a regional appeal in April 2017 to support and scale up actions in countries most affected by the food crisis. It aims at not only urgent relief efforts but also promoting community-driven sustainable solutions to increase the resilience of crisis-affected people to cope with cyclical food insecurity.

Most significant concerns for 2018



76 million people across 45 countries, mainly in Africa, are likely to require emergency food assistance in 2018



Food insecurity has long-lasting negative effects disrupting livelihoods, limiting trade and displacing families



Famine remains a risk in South Sudan, Somalia, and Nigeria where conditions continue to deteriorate into 2018

Drivers of food insecurity


- Conflict
- Displacement
- Limited humanitarian access
- Diseases
- Fall Army Worm
- Below-average rainfall, drought
- Floods and other disasters
- Currency depreciation

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RESPONSE FOCUS:


Food security and livelihoods


Health and nutrition

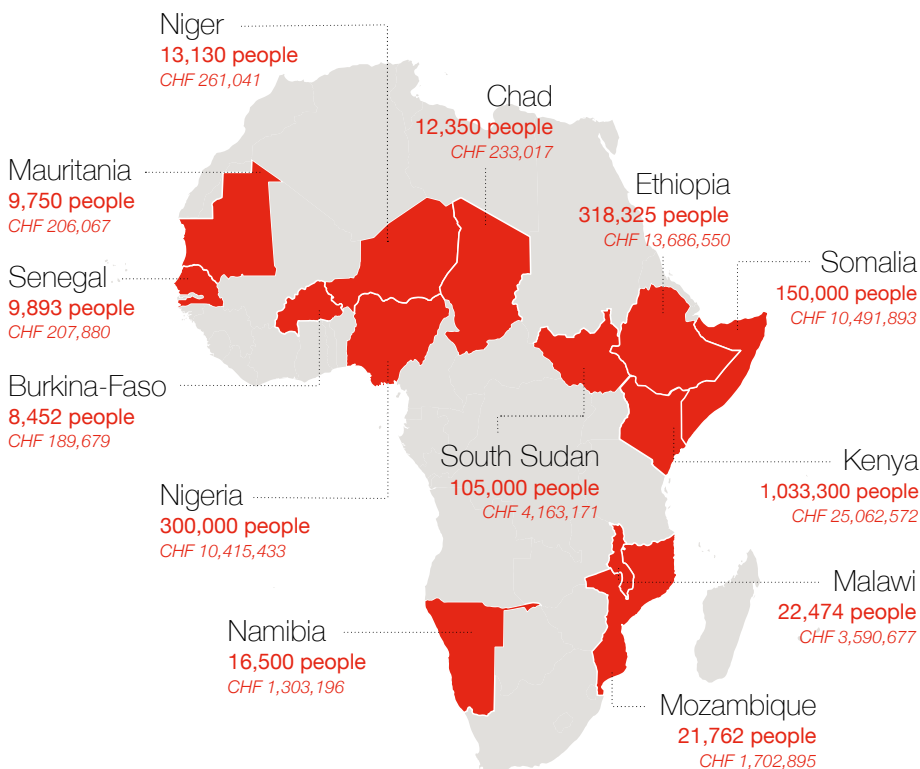

Water, sanitation and hygiene


Community resilience


National Society capacity building

IFRC's response to food insecurity across Africa

Number of people targeted and funds required



Regional coordination



13 operations supported
in 2017, with 10 operations ongoing



82 delegates deployed
to support food crisis operations across the region



Two million people targeted
across the region

Thanks to the generous support of the global community through the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, we are reaching some of the most isolated, vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities with life-saving services. The IFRC Emergency Appeal is working with national societies across the region to ensure their short and longer-term efforts continue to meet the urgent needs of people now and their resiliency to future droughts.

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