HUNGER IN A WORLD OF PLENTY
WHAT IS THE HUNGER CRISIS?

ON THE BRINK OF **FOUR FAMINES**

30 MILLION PEOPLE

SOUTH SUDAN –
FAMINE DECLARED 20 FEB 2017
WHY IS IT SUCH A BIG DEAL?

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TRUE!
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NEVER AGAIN!
What is a famine?

“Famine” is a technical term, declared after evidence is gathered and analysed against specific criteria.
THE FIVE IPC PHASES

PHASE 1: MINIMAL
PHASE 2: STRESSED
PHASE 3: CRISIS
PHASE 4: EMERGENCY
PHASE 5: FAMINE
LET'S TALK ABOUT HUNGER
Confused by the language of food crises? Learn how to spot them early and understand how your action can help save lives.

FOOD SECURITY
When all people at all times have access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to meet their dietary needs for an active and healthy life.

<5% of the population is acutely malnourished
means of earning an income
>15 liters of water per person per day
>2,100 calories per person per day; consistent quantity and quality of food available
FOOD INSECURITY
When people’s access to food is minimally adequate and they have trouble meeting their basic needs.

5-10% of the population is acutely malnourished
unsustainable means of earning an income
about 15 liters of water per person per day but unstable
2,100 calories per person per day; barely adequate diet
ACUTE FOOD AND LIVELIHOOD CRISIS

When there is a critical lack of access to food coupled with high levels of acute malnutrition—or when people can meet minimal food needs only by selling essential possessions.

10–15% of the population is acutely malnourished
serious interruption to the means of earning an income
7.5–15 liters of water per person per day

Unable to meet 2,100 calories per person per day without extreme measures; limited food choices

PHASE 3

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HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY

When there is a severe lack of access to food, high and increasing acute malnutrition, excess deaths, and people face an irreversible loss of their means of earning an income.

15–30% of the population is acutely malnourished

critical and irreversible interruption to the means of earning an income

4–7.5 liters of water per person per day

<2,100 calories per person per day; access to 3 or fewer food groups

PHASE 4
FAMINE
When people face a complete lack of access to food and other basic needs and experience mass starvation, death, and destitution.

>30% of the population is acutely malnourished
Complete loss of the means of earning an income
<4 liters of water per person per day
An extreme shortage of calories per person per day; access to 1-2 food groups
WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW?
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NIGER

CHAD

NIGERIA

SOUTH SUDAN

KENYA

SOMALIA

YEMEN

ETHIOPIA

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WHY IS IT HAPPENING?

THERE IS NO SINGLE CAUSE OF FAMINE.

IT’S CAUSED BY VARIOUS FACTORS, INCLUDING:

• CONFLICT
• SEVERE WEATHER – PERSISTENT DROUGHT
• CHRONIC POVERTY
• INSECURE SUPPLY
• ACCESS PROBLEMS
100,000 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING FAMINE NOW

4.9 MILLION NEED URGENT HELP

1 IN 3 EXPERIENCING SEVERE HUNGER IN MARCH 2017

COULD BE 1 IN 2 BY JULY 2017
YEMEN

2/3 PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY

7 MILLION PEOPLE IN PHASE 4
The Horn of Africa

18.1 Million people need emergency food and water

Nearly 3 million people in Somalia in phases 3 and 4
4.4 MILLION PEOPLE IN DESPERATE NEED OF FOOD

400,000 LIVING IN AREAS WE CAN’T REACH – LIKELY IN FAMINE
WHAT IS OXFAM DOING?

WORKING WITH LOCAL PARTNERS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FOOD, NUTRITION SUPPORT AND COOKING EQUIPMENT

WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE SO THEY CAN PRODUCE THEIR OWN FOOD AND EARN OTHER INCOME
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Providing vouchers for canoes in South Sudan so people can travel across the swamps to access food.

Giving people cash and vouchers for seeds, tools and livestock care.
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TRUCKING IN URGENTLY NEEDED WATER TO THE WORST DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS

IMPROVING SANITATION THROUGH BUILDING BATHING FACILITIES AND REPAIRING TOILETS, TO PREVENT DISEASE SPREADING
WHAT CAN WE DO?

HOLD A HUNGER BANQUET!
WHAT CAN WE DO?

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP AREAS REACHING FAMINE
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WRITE TO YOUR FEDERAL MP
THANK YOU