LARGE ASSISTANCE NEEDS AND FAMINE RISK CONTINUE IN 2018

Famine threatens several countries

Across 45 countries, some 76 million people will require emergency food assistance in 2018, 60% more than in 2015.

**SYRIA**
The recent Humanitarian Needs Overview has identified 6.5 million people in need of emergency food assistance given ongoing conflict and displacement.

**SOUTH SUDAN**
Famine was declared in February 2017; conflict, restricted access, and extremely high food prices maintain Famine risk throughout 2018.

**YEMEN**
Globally, the largest food insecure population is in Yemen; given Yemen's reliance on imported food, recent port closures increase the risk of Famine.

**SOMALIA**
Four consecutive below average rainy seasons have severely limited food access; Famine is possible in the absence of continued large-scale intervention.

**ETHIOPIA**
A severe drought in 2016/17 has decimated livestock herds and contributed to displacement and disease outbreaks in the southeast.

**NIGERIA**
Famine may have occurred in 2016 in Borno State; could be ongoing in areas inaccessible to aid workers.

**DRC**
Violence in the Kasai provinces, Tanganyika, Haut-Katanga, and South Kivu continues to drive displacement and hamper relief efforts.

To save lives, governments and the international community must ramp up efforts to resolve conflict, ensure humanitarian access, and make more resources available for emergency response.

Source: FEWS NET, OCHA, Southern Africa RVAC

*FEWS NET defines the population in need of emergency food assistance as those likely to face Crisis (IPC phase 3) or worse acute food insecurity in the absence of emergency food assistance.*