population in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above) was expected to increase to 3.5 million, an increase of 1.1 million people since the 2021 peak. This includes 758,000 people in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) (IPC, October 2021).

In Somalia, over 6 million people were expected to be in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above) through June 2022, a 74 percent increase compared to the 2021 peak. In the most likely scenario, 81,000 people across the most-affected areas will face Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5) during April–June 2022, accounting for 5–10 percent of the population in most of these areas. In a less likely scenario, a Risk of Famine could occur in three livelihood zones and IDP settlements in Mogadishu, Baidoa and Dhusamareb through June 2022 if the April–June Gu season rains fail, if conflict intensifies, if drought increases displacement and if food prices continue to rise. A further risk is if humanitarian assistance is not scaled up and does not reach the country’s most vulnerable populations (IPC, April 2022).

Other countries expected to face large increases in the number of people facing Crisis or worse (IPC/CH Phase 3 or above) through mid-2022 relative to the 2021 peak period include Benin, with an additional 944,000 people, as well as Burkina Faso (an additional