**Regional forecast, 2022**

In 3 countries in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Yemen were forecast to be in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above) in 2022.

**AFGHANISTAN**
- **55%** of the population is in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above)
- Numbers of people in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above): 12.47 million

**YEMEN**
- **60%** of the population is in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above)
- Numbers of people in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above): 7.2 million

**PAKISTAN**
- **26%** of the population is in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above)
- Numbers of people in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above): 6.45 million

In **Afghanistan**, extremely high levels of unemployment and income losses and significantly above-average prices will constrain food access for an increasing number of households in rural and urban areas. Wheat production in 2022 is likely to be below average at the national level, with the greatest concern for deficits in northern rainfed areas due to below-average snowpack and forecast below-average precipitation during the spring season (March—May 2022) (FEWS NET, February 2022). Erratic distribution and below-average rainfall amounts at the start of the season in the Syrian Arab Republic have also diminished production prospects of the 2022 wheat crop (FAO, March 2022).

In **Pakistan**, the number of people in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above) is expected to decrease slightly in Sindh and increase slightly in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, as high food and fuel prices curtail the purchasing power of low-income households. Drought may also affect wheat crop production in rain-fed areas of Balochistan and Sindh.

During June–December 2022 in Yemen in Hajjah governorate, a **Risk of Famine** is projected under the worst-case scenario in the districts of Abs and Hayran. Due to insufficient evidence during data collection, further assessment was recommended in Midri and Haradh districts to assess the Risk of Famine.

Additionally, although Al Hali and Al Hawak districts in Al Hudaydah governorate are not forecast to be at Risk of Famine within the projection period, the analysis determined that should a worst-case scenario apply for a protracted period beyond the projection period, these districts will likely shift into Famine (IPC, March 2022).