MALNUTRITION FORECAST EARLY 2020

In a number of countries affected by food crises in 2019, in addition to the inadequate dietary intake, a deterioration of the malnutrition situation is expected if disease outbreaks are not well managed and continue to spread, affecting children’s nutritional status. In contexts of conflict where violence, insecurity and displacements are likely to increase, the nutrition situation is also expected to deteriorate due to the spread of diseases, limited access to food and basic services as well as limited access to humanitarian aid, such as in conflict areas in Burkina Faso, Mali, northern Nigeria and Yemen.

A persistent, deteriorated situation is forecast for countries with political and economic crises that are not likely to improve in the coming year including Eswatini, Haiti and Zimbabwe. In countries with positive food security forecasting, such as Malawi, the nutrition situation is not likely to deteriorate.

Nine countries (Chad, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, the Niger, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Uganda) affected by food crises in 2019 have conducted an IPC Acute Malnutrition analysis and produced a forecast for early 2020. The situation is expected to deteriorate in all provinces of Chad and the Niger due to the seasonal increase in malaria, diarrhoea and respiratory infections, which peak from May–September, and constitute the main driving factors of acute malnutrition in these countries.

The deteriorating situations expected in Nigeria are the result of poor child-feeding practices coupled with seasonal food shortages and increased morbidity in the areas surveyed.

In Madagascar, the acute malnutrition situation was expected to deteriorate in more than 90 percent of the 12 areas analysed as the forecast period coincides with an increased incidence of diseases associated with poor sanitation and hygiene practices.

The nutritional status in a third of the 31 districts analysed in Mozambique are expected to deteriorate in the lean season when heavy rains contribute to an increase in the number of cases of malaria and diarrhoea. Deterioration is also possible in the districts affected in 2019 by cyclones Idai and Kenneth (Cabo Delgado and Sofala).

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Horn of Africa, IPC Acute malnutrition projections for 2020


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