

Contemporary Famines and Near-Famines

Cases considered by IPC Famine Review Committee, 2014-2024, plus Somalia 2011

Date of FRC analysis	Country/ territory	Main location of crisis	FRC designation	# IPC4	% IPC4	# IPC5	% IPC5
July 2011-February 2012	Somalia	South central	Famine	1,815,000	24%	490,000	7%
January 2017		Central	Projection	439,000	4%	0	0%
April & November 2022		Southwest	Risk of Famine	1,523,500	9%	214,000	1%
February 2016	South Sudan	Unity	Risk of Famine	455,000	16%	0	0%
May 2016		Unity	Population in P5	1,100,000	9%	0	0%
February-May 2017		Central Unity (Leer and Mayendit)	Famine	700,000	6%	80,000	1%
May 2017		Ayod	Risk of Famine	1,495,000	12%	20,000	<1%
December 2017		Greater Baggari	Projection	1,520,000	14%	20,000	<1%
December 2020		Pibor	Famine with reasonable evidence	2,039,000	17%	92,000	1%
November 2016	Nigeria	Northeast	Famine (retrospective)	1,800,000	0.95%	55,000	0.03%
November 2017	Yemen	Multiple	Population in P5	6,780,000	24%	0	0%
March 2022		Hajjah/ Hodeida	Population in P5	5,620,000	17%	31,000	<1%
December 2017	Ethiopia	Southeast	Population in P5	19,130	2%	0	0%
July 2021		Tigray	Risk of Famine	2,078,000	1.72%	353,000	0.29%
July 2021-February 2022	Madagascar	Grand Sud	Risk of Famine	392,000	15%	14,000	1%
December 2023	Gaza	All Gaza	Risk of Famine	938,600	42%	377,800	17%
March 2024		Northern	Projection ('imminent famine')	875,618	39%	676,636	30%
June 2024		All Gaza	Risk of Famine	642,864	29%	342,719	15%
July 2024	Sudan	Darfur	Famine with reasonable evidence	8,500,000	18%	755,000	1.60%
December 2024		Darfur and Southern Kordofan	Famine	8,625,000	18%	525,000	1.10%