

PROJECTED FOOD ASSISTANCE NEEDS FOR JUNE 2013

This section summarizes FEWS NET's most forward-looking analysis of projected external emergency food assistance needs, six months from now, in FEWS NET coverage countries. Overall needs at a national level are compared to typical needs at this time of year during the last five years and categorized as Above-average, Average, or Below-average/No need. A star (*) indicates new information this month. Projected lean season months that are highlighted in red indicate either an early start or an extension to the typical lean season. Analytical confidence is lower in remote monitoring countries, denoted by "RM". Visit www.fews.net for more detail.

ABOVE-AVERAGE ASSISTANCE NEEDS PROJECTED IN JUNE 2013

BURUNDI (RM): Returnees from Tanzanian camp are reentering Burundi

Assistance will be needed for poor households recovering from this year's above-average prevalence of plant diseases, 37,000 returnees from the Mtabila refugee camp in Tanzania (closing December 31), and refugees from the DRC.

Projected lean season: September - November

***GUATEMALA: An average Postrera season expected**

Although food security will improve in most areas with 2012/13 *Postera* harvests, an early start to the lean season is expected among households in the highlands affected by the earthquake and in parts of the extended dry corridor that had below-average *Primera* harvests.

Projected lean season: March - Sep/Oct

***HAITI: Multiple, successive shocks in Haiti have reduced local food production**

Interrupted spring rains, poor distribution of autumn rains, two hurricanes, and heavy flooding in northern departments have sharply reduced staple food production and seasonal income earnings. Food security is deteriorating rapidly, especially in the southeast and northwest.

Projected lean season: Jan/Feb - June

LIBERIA (RM) Refugees will require continued food assistance

Ivorian refugees in southeastern Liberia (approximately 37,242 people) will continue to rely, at least partially, on food assistance over the coming year. Local populations will face minimal acute food insecurity.

Projected lean season (Southeast): April - July

***MALI: Good harvests countrywide, except for rice production in the Niger Delta**

Cereal and rice harvests are favorable at the national level, with the exception of localized, flooded areas in the Niger Delta, and the Bani riverine zones of Timbuktu and Gao where rice production was poor.

Projected lean season (Niger Delta): Mar/April - Sept

RWANDA: Refugees will require food assistance

Needs will be above average due to an increasing number of newly displaced refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Projected lean season: September - November

SOUTH SUDAN: Continued displacement, impacts of flooding, and high food prices

Although an average 2012/13 harvest is expected at the national level, needs will be above average due to high food prices, impacts of flooding, and the continued displacement of IDPs and refugees. Some improvements in trade may follow recent agreements with Sudan.

Projected lean season (border areas): April - August

SUDAN: Limited benefits from the harvest for conflict-affected populations

Despite expectations for an above-average harvest at the national level – double last year's poor harvest – conflict-affected populations in South Kordofan, Blue Nile, and parts of North Darfur and Jebel Marra will experience only modest improvements in access to food and income.

Projected lean season: April/May - August

***YEMEN (RM): Below-average harvest in western coastal lowlands**

Due to below-average cereal harvests in 2012, needs for assistance in June (the lean season peak) may be above average in the coastal lowlands despite milk availability and pre-harvest agricultural labor demand; needs may also remain above average for IDPs and returnees.

Projected lean season: Mar/Apr - June

AVERAGE ASSISTANCE NEEDS PROJECTED IN JUNE 2013

***AFGHANISTAN: Stocks from good 2012 harvest should last longer than usual**

Households that lost livestock to winter and spring cold weather conditions in the past several years may require additional assistance, as will households that are primarily dependent on remittances from Iran.

Projected lowland lean season: Feb-April

ETHIOPIA: Early lean season is likely due to poor 2012 Belg

June needs are likely to be well above average in some eastern marginal *Meher*-producing zones, northern Somali Region, and root crop-dependent areas of SNNPR, where the lean season may start as early as December.

Projected lean season in parts of SNNPR: Dec - June

***KENYA: Possibility of post-election violence and poor long rains**

Following the erratic October to December short rains in the southeastern and coastal marginal agricultural lowlands, the possibility of a poor March to May long rains season could increase needs, though needs are likely to be average at the national level.

Projected lean season in the lowlands: July to Dec

***MAURITANIA: Favorable production outlook; locust activity persisting**

Crop production is estimated to be 30 percent higher than average. However, locust activity in some parts of the country could impact flood recession cropping from December to February.

Projected agropastoral lean season: April - August

***NIGER: Strong harvest increases household food access**

Strong cereal production at the national level is restoring household food access. Ayourou, Torodi, and Tillaberi departments in Tillaberi region may enter the lean season early due to crop losses caused by flooding. However, flood recession crops are expected to be above average.

Projected lean season: April - September

***UGANDA: Production shortfalls in some districts of Karamoja**

Projected unimodal lean season: April - July

A below-average sorghum harvest in some districts of Karamoja is expected this year due to waterlogging and fungal diseases. The below average harvest and likelihood of continued high prices, in part due to continued export demand, are likely to increase needs in Karamoja.

***SOMALIA: Lack of floods may push prices up by the lean season**

Projected agropastoral lean season: May - June

Following the significantly below average *Gu* harvest in August, the *Deyr* harvest in January and February is expected to be near average. However, the lack of river flooding has limited flood recession crops, possibly leading to higher prices during the lean season.

BELOW-AVERAGE ASSISTANCE NEEDS OR NO ASSISTANCE NEEDS PROJECTED IN JUNE 2013

BURKINA FASO, CHAD, DJIBOUTI, EL SALVADOR (RM) (none), *HONDURAS (RM) (none), MALAWI, MOZAMBIQUE (none), NICARAGUA (RM) (none), NIGERIA (none), SENEGAL (RM) (none), SIERRA LEONE (RM) (none), TAJIKISTAN (RM) (none), TANZANIA (RM) (none), ZAMBIA (none), ZIMBABWE (none)

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