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# How funders can address the growing famine in Sudan

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# Moderator

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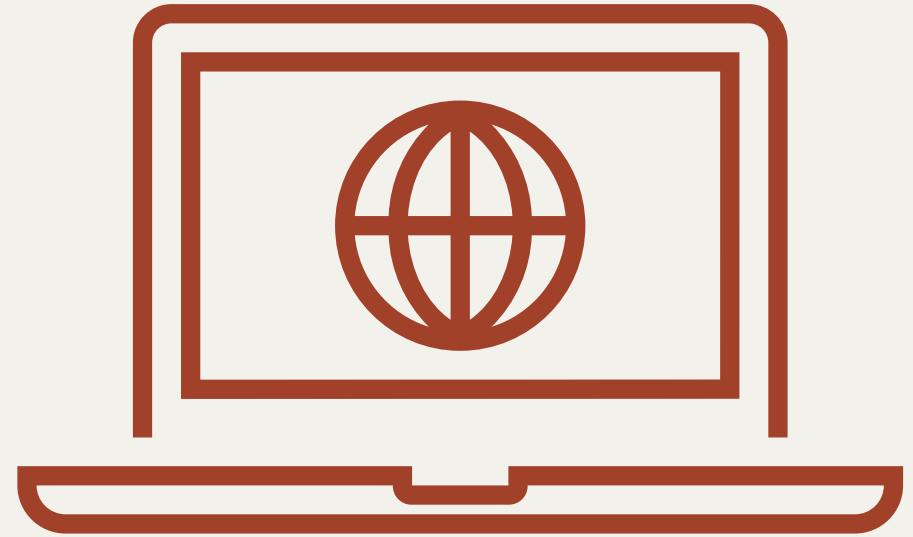
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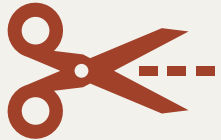
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Explore how funders can reduce famine and hunger.



Recognize the repercussions of governmental and philanthropic funding cuts.



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# Definition of Famine



“A famine is defined as the most severe kind of hunger crisis. It is very rare, but when it does occur, it means that there is an extreme shortage of food and **several children and adults within a certain area are dying of hunger on a daily basis.**”

“A famine happens slowly, caused by long-term conflict, climate shocks, extreme poverty, and other drivers. Famines are never inevitable – they are always predictable, preventable, and man-made.”

~ [Action Against Hunger](#)

# Understanding Famine

Phase name and description	Phase 1 None/Minimal	Phase 2 Stressed	Phase 3 Crisis	Phase 4 Emergency	Phase 5 Catastrophe/ Famine
	Households are able to meet essential food and non-food needs without engaging in atypical and unsustainable strategies to access food and income.	Households have minimally adequate food consumption but are unable to afford some essential non-food expenditures without engaging in stress-coping strategies.	Households either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have food consumption gaps that are reflected by high or above-usual acute malnutrition; or</li><li>• Are marginally able to meet minimum food needs but only by depleting essential livelihood assets or through crisis-coping strategies.</li></ul>	Households either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have large food consumption gaps which are reflected in very high acute malnutrition and excess mortality; or</li><li>• Are able to mitigate large food consumption gaps but only by employing emergency livelihood strategies and asset liquidation.</li></ul>	Households have an extreme lack of food and/or other basic needs even after full employment of coping strategies. Starvation, death, destitution and extremely critical acute malnutrition levels are evident.  (For Famine Classification, an area needs to have extreme critical levels of acute malnutrition and mortality.)
Priority response objectives	Action required to build resilience and for disaster risk reduction	Action required for disaster risk reduction and to protect livelihoods	<b>Urgent action required to:</b> Protect livelihoods and reduce food consumption gaps      Save lives and livelihoods      Revert/prevent widespread death and total collapse of livelihoods		

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**Phase 5 Catastrophe/ Famine**

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Source: [IPC Famine Facts](#)

# IPC Level 5 - Famine



of households facing an extreme lack of food

of children suffering from acute malnutrition



Deaths of two people or four children for every 10,000 **each day** due to outright starvation or to the interaction of malnutrition and disease.

## PREVIOUS IPC FAMINE CLASSIFICATIONS



**Somalia**  
**2011**

In 2011, Famine was declared by FSNAU and FEWS NET in parts of Southern Somalia due to conflict, drought and poor rains.



**South Sudan**  
**2017**

Three years of civil war, coupled with an ailing economy and high food prices, led to Famine being declared in 2017 in South Sudan's Unity State.

Source: [IPC Famine Facts](#)

# Speakers



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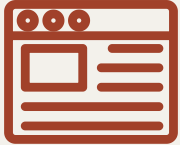


## NEXT STEPS AND ACTIONS

- 1. There is a crisis now!**
- 2. Support women and girls.**
- 3. Famines are predictable, preventable and man-made.**

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# Expert Resources



## Disaster Updates

- Weekly “What we’re watching” post
- Disaster profiles
- Blog



## Recovery Funds

- Long-term recovery focus
- Community-driven, equity-focused and holistic grantmaking



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