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## Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) for Lebanon

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# IPC Overview & Classification System

- The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) is an innovative multi-stakeholder initiative to improve analysis and decision-making on food security and nutrition;
- Using the IPC classification and analytical approach, governments, UN agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders work together to determine the severity and extent of acute and chronic food insecurity and acute malnutrition situations within countries, according to internationally recognised standards;
- In short, the IPC is:
  - a process to build evidence-based technical consensus among key stakeholders;
  - an approach to consolidate wide-ranging evidence to classify the severity and magnitude and to identify the key drivers of food Insecurity and malnutrition;
  - a path to provide actionable knowledge for strategic decision making;
  - a platform to ensure a rigorous, neutral analysis.
- The IPC inform up to USD 6 billion in food crisis response globally. The information products provide a snapshot of the current situation for immediate response and projection for early actions;
- An IPC analysis seeks to answer six questions: 1. How severe is the situation - 2. When will populations be affected - 3. Where are the most affected people located - 4. How many people are affected - 5. Why is it happening - 6. Who are those most affected
- To answer these questions, the IPC uses three scales: the Acute Food Insecurity scale, the Chronic Food Insecurity scale and the Acute Malnutrition scale. In the case of Lebanon, an Acute Food Insecurity analysis will be conducted.

# Acute Food Insecurity (AFI) and IPC Analysis Cycle

- The Acute Food Insecurity Scale classifies food insecurity found at a specific point in time and of a severity that threatens lives or livelihoods, or both, regardless of the causes, context or duration;
- Strategic objectives: Short-term objectives to prevent or decrease acute food insecurity that threatens lives or livelihoods;
- Severity categories: The scale is broken down into five phases: No (household classification) / Minimal (area classification) (Phase 1), Stressed (Phase 2), Crisis (Phase 3), Emergency (Phase 4), and Catastrophe (household classification) / Famine (area classification) / Famine Likely (area classification) (Phase 5);
- Analytical focus: Identifying areas with a large proportion of households with significant food energy gaps or livelihood change strategies that can endanger lives or livelihoods;
- The IPC Analysis Cycle consists of four interrelated steps that must be followed for each IPC analysis to achieve high quality products and to communicate the results effectively: Plan, Prepare, Analyse and Communicate, and Learn. From planning to publication, the analysis cycle typically takes between one and three months.



# Tentative Timelines & Completed Steps

- The below is the tentative timelines for the upcoming IPC exercise for Lebanon:
  - Introductory scoping mission: The mission is planned for the first week of August, during which colleagues from the IPC Global Support Unit in Rome will be visiting Lebanon to meet with the different stakeholders that will be involved in the exercise (Ministry of Agriculture, UN Agencies, FSSWG Partners, etc.). Once confirmation is received from the Ministry, we will reach out to key partners for the different meetings;
  - The introductory mission will include the formation of the Technical Working Group, which will include representatives/analyst from the different involved stakeholders and will be responsible for the actual analysis;
  - Once the TWG is formed and identified, a training, followed by the actual analysis workshop, is planned to take place at the beginning of September (to be confirmed), following which the results of the IPC for Lebanon will be published. The workshop and training are expected to take two weeks;
  
- Completed Steps until now:
  - Receipt of an official letter from the Ministry of Agriculture indicating the interest in joining the IPC.
  - Nomination of a representative from the Ministry's side that will act as one of the chairs of the eventual technical working group.
  - Preparations ongoing for the Introductory scoping mission at the beginning of August.

A woman wearing a blue WFP cap and a blue t-shirt with the WFP logo and 'wfp.org' is working in a market stall. She is surrounded by various fresh produce, including large crates of red tomatoes, bunches of yellow bananas, and green beans. The background shows other market stalls and people, suggesting a busy outdoor market environment.

# Thanks! Questions?

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