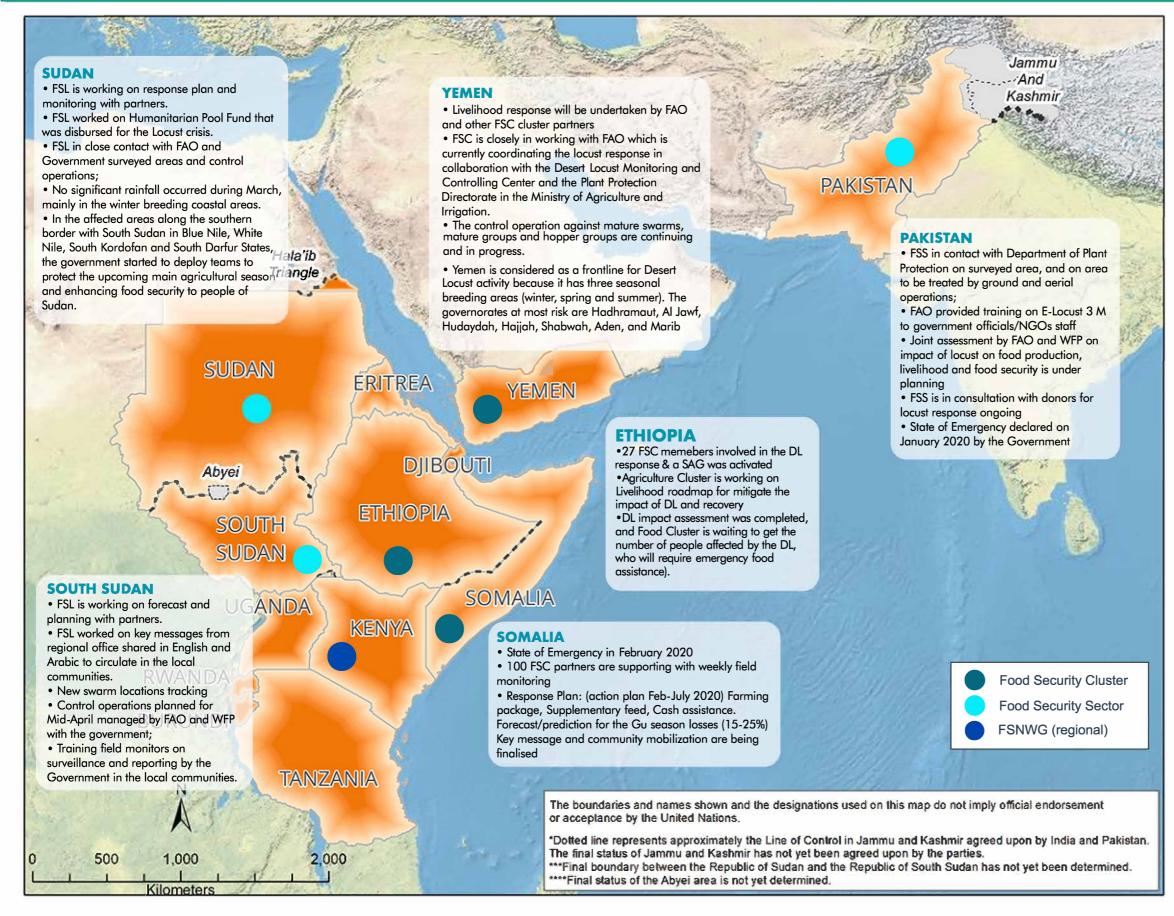


DESERT LOCUST OUTBREAK SNAPSHOT Food security Clusters/Sectors Response









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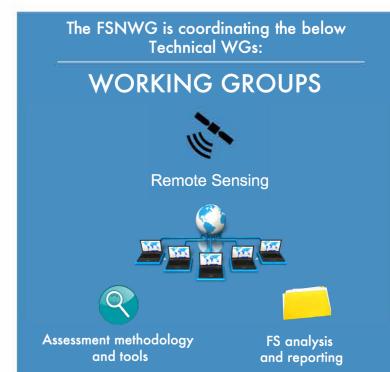
Desert Locust outbreaks occurred along the Red Sea shores in winter of 2018/2019. Swarms emigrated from these areas to Central and Eastern regions from January to March 2019.

Two generations of spring breeding spread to the Horn of Africa and to the Inda-Pakistan border in June 2019. Two more generations occurred in the latter area as a result of the best monsoon rains in 25 years. (source: Locust Watch FAO) Desert locust outbreak critically affects agriculture-based livelihoods and food security. The current crisis (from December 2019) is affecting countries and communities with high percentage of population in Phase 3 and above of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) and fragile economic stability.

EAST AFRICA REGION (FSNWG)

The Nairobi-based Greater Horn of Africa Food Security and Nutrition Working Group (FSNWG) is a coordination body in the Eastern and Central Africa Region which is playing a

key role on information sharing and analysis relating to the locust outbreak, bringing together partners and technical experts. FSNWG is co-lead by FAO and IGAD.



USEFUL LINKS

FAO Desert Locust FAO Locust Watch FSNWG Special report on DL gFSC webpage IGAD WFP Emergencies