

Horn of Africa briefing

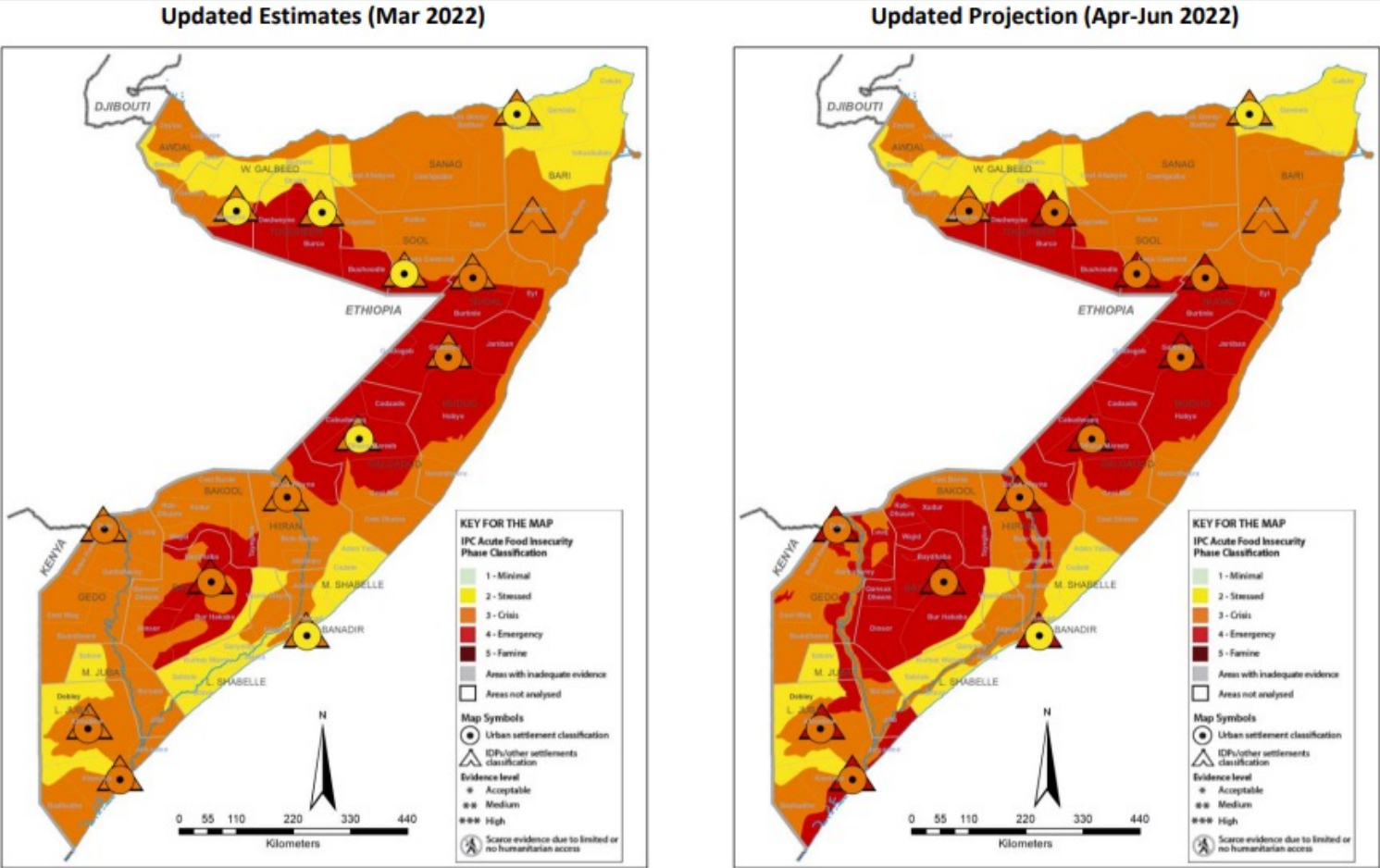
Global Food security Cluster

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SOMALIA

“Somalia faces Risk of Famine (IPC Phase 5) as multi-season drought and soaring food prices lead to worsening acute food insecurity and malnutrition”
 April 8th 2022



Displacement:
 2.9m currently
 1.4m predicted
‘people died on the roads’

Malnourishment:
 1.4m <5 predicted to be acutely malnourished

Funding:
 \$65m secured
 \$1.5b needed
 4% funded

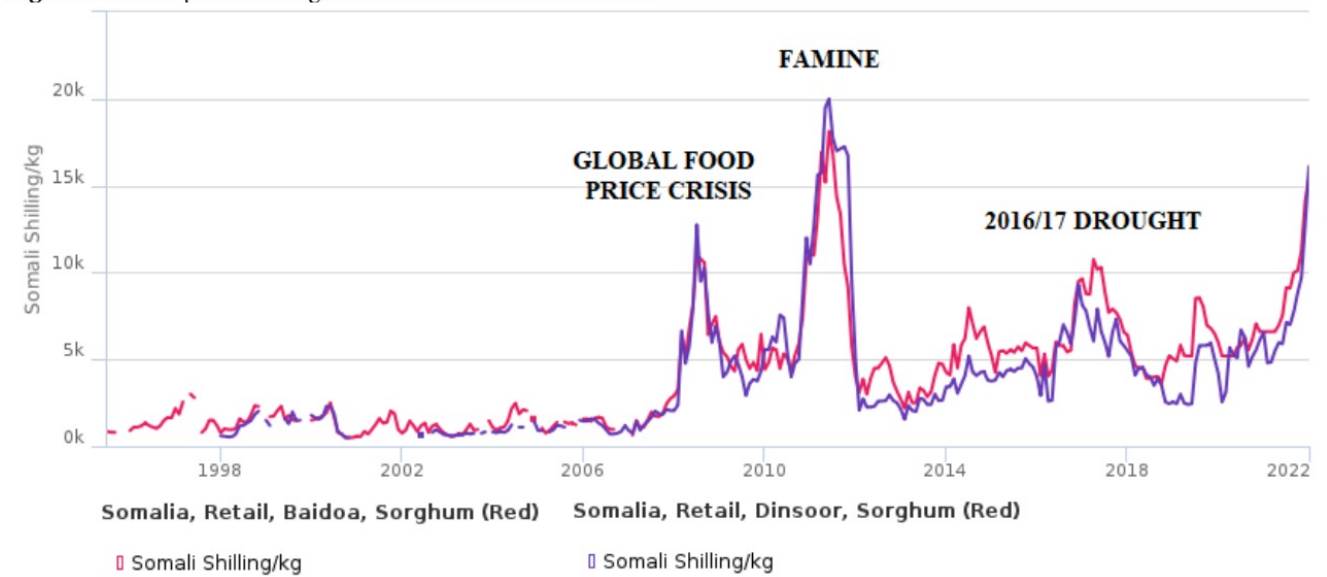
IPC numbers:

Current:	Projected
IPC 2+: 8,685,660	IPC 2+: 9,856,920
IPC 3+: 4,845,970	IPC 3+: 5,960,480

Region	Population (2020/21)	Number of Acutely Food Insecure People (Rural, IDP, and Urban Combined)					
		Updated Estimates (Mar 2022)			Updated Projection (Apr-Jun 2022)		
		Stressed (IPC 2)	Crisis (IPC 3)	Emergency (IPC 4)	Stressed (IPC 2)	Crisis (IPC 3)	Catastrophe (IPC 5)
TOTAL	15,737,178	3,839,690	3,645,730	1,200,240	3,896,440	4,220,310	81,100

22% increase

Figure 4. Retail prices of sorghum in select market of Somalia



Source: FAO-GIEWS

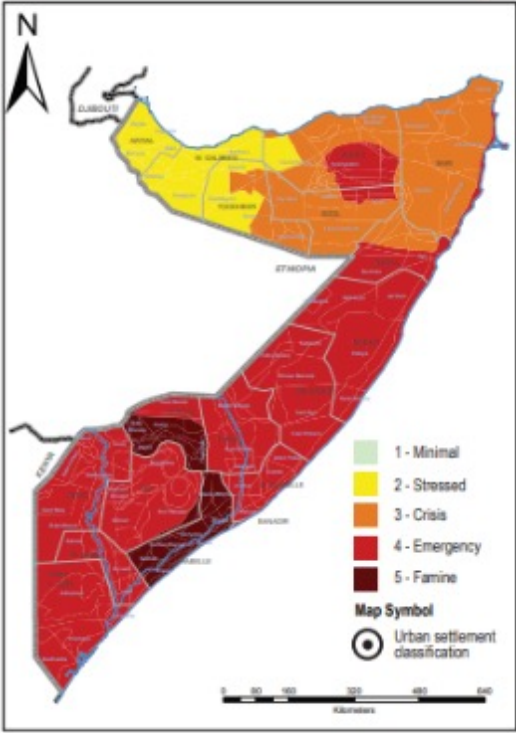
Figure 11. Severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admission trends in Somalia (2019 – 2022)



Source: UNICEF

Figure 12. Trends in acute malnutrition in Mandera County (2013 – 2022)

 **4.3M**
People in IPC Phase 3+

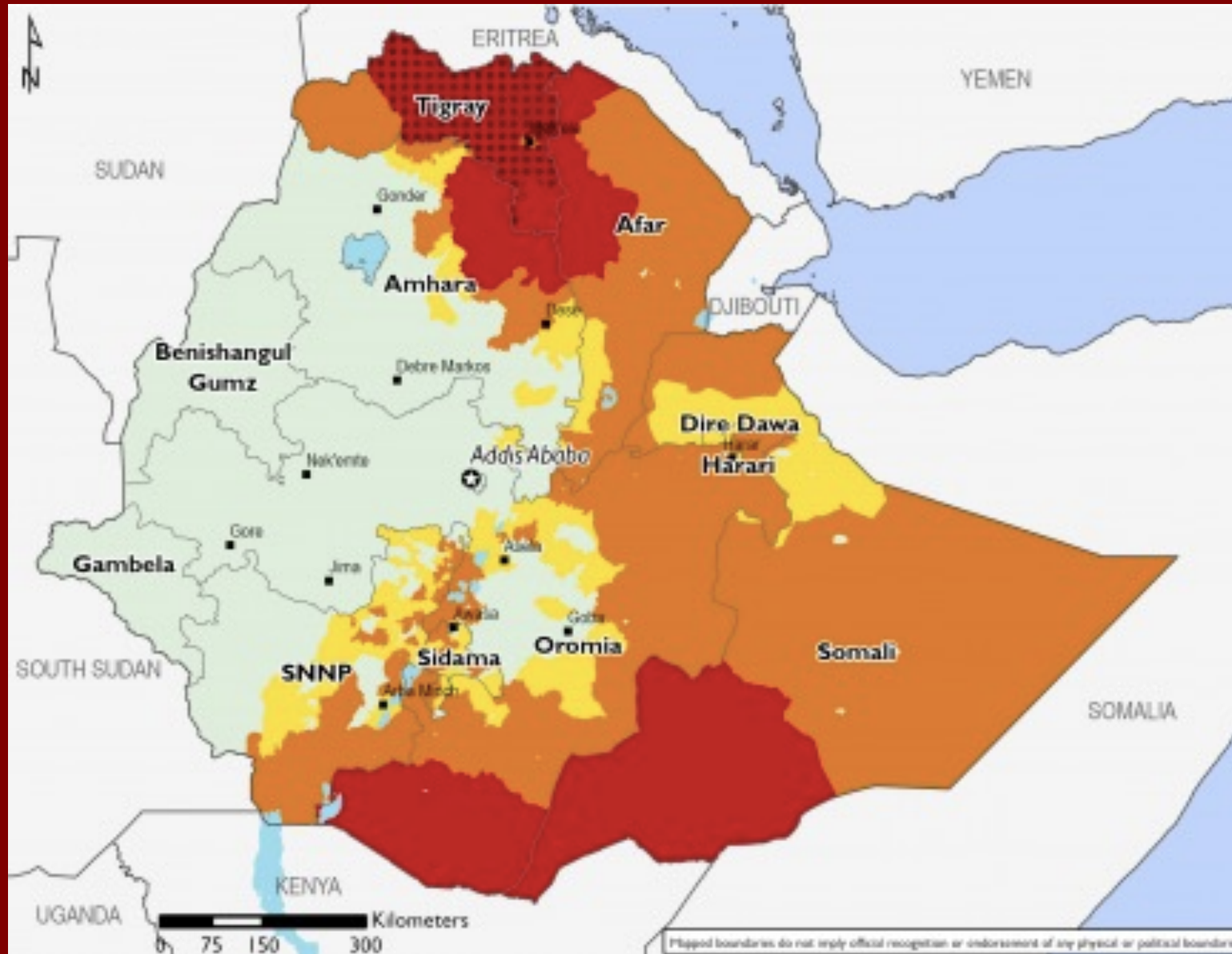




A map of the African continent is shown in white against a solid red background. The borders of the various countries are outlined in white. The country of Ethiopia, located in the eastern part of the continent, is highlighted in a darker red color. A white dot is placed on the eastern border of Ethiopia, with a thin white horizontal line extending from it towards the right, ending just before the word 'ETHIOPIA'.

ETHIOPIA

“worst drought in 40 years”



Numbers

5.7m need food assistance

930K livestock lost

72% crops lost

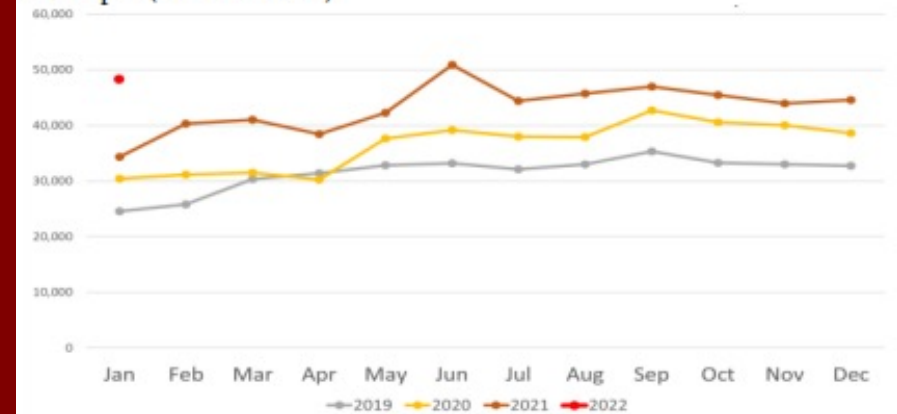
Malnourishment:

850K <5 predicted to be acutely malnourished

Funding:

TBC

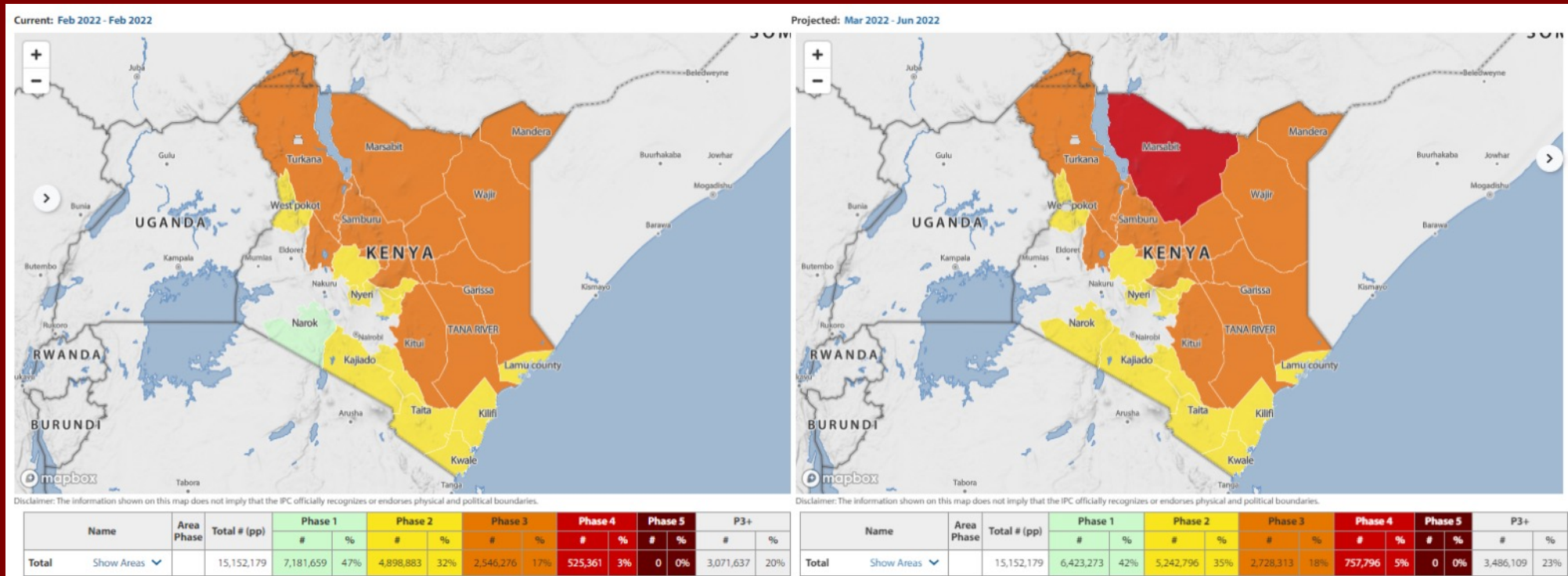
Figure 9. Severe acute malnutrition (SAM) admission trends in Ethiopia (2019 – 2022)



Source: UNICEF



KENYA



Current:
 IPC 3: 2,546,276
 IPC 4: 525,361
 20% of the population

Projected
 IPC 3: 2,728,313
 IPC 4: 757,796
 23% of the population

Malnourishment:
 652,960 <5 to 755,000 <5
 Mandera GAM 34%

Funding:
 139M UN Flash Appeal
 10% funded

Trends:
 Peak 2011 = 31% IPC 3+
 Peak 2017 = 10% IPC 3+
 Current 2022 = 20% IPC 3+

Systemic barriers

- **Late HRP in Somalia**
- **Delayed HRP in Ethiopia**
- **No HRP in Kenya**
- **IPC 4 vs 5 debates**

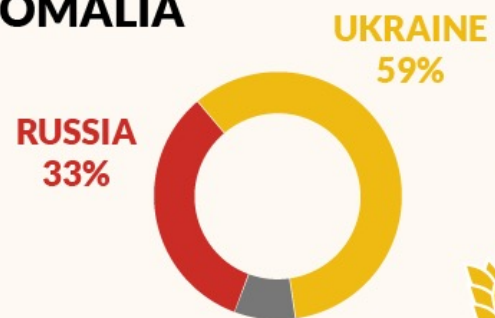


WAR in UKRAINE

Impacts in HoA

Wheat reliance

SOMALIA



KENYA



SUDAN



ETHIOPIA



Sunflower oil reliance

Ethiopia:

215%

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Somalia:

\$50

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\$25

Economic impact: Debt Crisis

Before:

- **FOREIGN EARNINGS REDUCED**
- **IMF NEGOTIATED RECOVERY PLAN**
- **DEBT PAYMENTS STRUGGLED**

After:

- **IMPORT PRICE SPIKE**
- **EXPORT MARKETS CLOSED**
- **SANCTIONS = INCREASED PRESSURE**

Summary:

- **WHEN DEBT REPAYMENTS WERE HARD – NOW HARDER**
- **RESTRICTED ACCESS TO IFI INVESTMENTS**
- **REDUCED DOMESTIC OPTIONS**
- **INCREASED RELIANCE ON MULTILATERAL AID**

Global Geopolitics

Russia and China ties

- Years of positioning
- An alternative option
- Sympathizers

Soft power in Africa

- Anti-western sentiments
- Perceived 'punishments'
- Regain through 'Cold War approach'
- African nations to choose
- Aid politization

Distractions

- Geopolitical manoeuvring above aid
- Famine(s) through inaction

The Wicked Problem

A wicked problem cannot be definitively resolved, has innumerable causes, morphs constantly, and has no correct answer.

It can be tamed with the right approach

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**“ We need children
to be the centre of
discussion of everything
that revolves around the
world we live in. Perhaps
have children's groups that
represent us and voice
our concerns ”**

13-17 year old boy

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What can Global Food Security Cluster do?

- **Sustained advocacy for equity in distribution of global aid resources - as asked by children.**
- **Create and hold the space for nexus / social protection mechanisms – FAST!**
- **Curate and distribute the evidence of resilience gains.**
- **Work with UNDP to maximise on the open door.**
- **Avail resources with equity – prevent a talent drain to Ukraine.**