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Hunger and Covid-19 Weekly Snapshots



Global Hunger and Covid-19 Daily Snapshot

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Hunger Map LIVE

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Covid-19 statistics by country income group

valid as of 2021-02-14 23:59

	Confirmed cases	Deaths
High income	57,729,635	1,189,156
Upper middle income	33,520,967	913,132
Lower middle income	16,960,160	282,919
Low income	537,489	13,031

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Hunger Alerts

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Covid-19 Alerts

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Prevalence of insufficient food consumption



Hazards

Conflict

Undernourishment

Current Food Consumption

Vegetation

Rainfall

IPC/CH



Hunger Map LIVE

Objective: To help assess, monitor and predict the magnitude and severity of hunger in over 90 countries in close to real-time.



**Data
Integration**

Consolidates all data sources in one central system



**Near real-time
monitoring**

Daily updates from WFP's near real-time monitoring systems



**Hunger
Predictions**

Nowcast the food security situation in the countries WFP works



**Data
Visualization**

Converts data into user-friendly visualisations

Near real-time monitoring for food security

Objective:

Provide streaming analytics (continuous updates) on food security to facilitate:

1. Timely diagnosis of the situation and awareness among stakeholders
2. Rapid triggering of further analysis or surveys as necessary
3. Better decision making to inform more effective and targeted operational response and programming
4. More effective advocacy and resource mobilisation

How it works:



Continuous data collection conducted remotely (through live calls)



Same indicators as Integrated Food Security Phase Classification analyses



Representative data on the food security situation in a country



Data analysed automatically and results made available in near real-time

Near real-time monitoring for food security

Established Systems 38 countries

2018

- Nigeria
- Yemen
- Syrian Arab Republic

2019

West and Central Africa Expansion

- Burkina Faso
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Mali
- Mozambique
- Niger
- Democratic Republic of the Congo

January 2020

Central America Expansion

- Colombia
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras

March 2020

- Afghanistan
- Iraq

May - August 2020

May

- Haiti
- Uganda
- Malawi

June

- Côte d'Ivoire
- Ethiopia
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- United Republic of Tanzania
- Sierra Leone

July

- Republic of the Congo

August

- Somalia
- Zambia
- Nicaragua

September - November 2020

September

- Guinea
- Zimbabwe

October

- Angola
- Kenya

November

- Benin

December 2020 - February 2021

- Mauritania
- Namibia
- Senegal

Hunger predictions



For **first-level administrative areas** where near real-time food security data is not available, the number of people with insufficient food intake and the number of people with crisis-level or above coping strategies is estimated with a **predictive model**.



Information is first consolidated in a unified **data lake**

Population (CIESIN)	Market prices (WFP)
Night-time Light Images (EOG)	Macroeconomic indicators (Trading Economics)
Rainfall (CHIRPS)	Undernourishment (FAOSTAT)
Vegetation index (MODIS)	Food security indicators: Food Consumption Score, reduced Coping Strategies Index (WFP)
Conflict (ACLED)	



The predictive model is trained using historical food security data spanning 63 countries across 14 years (2006-2019).

Hunger predictions

Predicted **indicators**:

- Prevalence of people with insufficient food consumption (i.e. FCG ≤ 2)
- Prevalence of people using crisis or above crisis food-based coping (i.e. rCSI ≥ 19)

Predictors / independent variables:

- Latest FCS/rCSI measurement [when available]
- Number of conflict-related fatalities per inhabitants
- Rainfall
- Vegetation index
- Cereal price variation
- Implied inflation
- GDP & nightlight intensity
- Undernourishment
- Spatio-temporal coordinates (latitude, longitude, month)

Model specification: Gradient boosted decision tree ensembles (**XGBoost**)

Hunger predictions

Model validation

The accuracy of the model was tested performing k-fold cross-validation (with k=4) on 100-bootstrapped models trained on subsamples (with replacement) of the training data.

The following results were obtained on the test sets:

	FCS		rCSI	
	With past FCS data	No past FCS data	With past rCSI data	No past rCSI data
Coefficient of determination (R^2)	0.71 ± 0.02	0.48 ± 0.02	0.81 ± 0.02	0.63 ± 0.01
Mean absolute error (MAE)	0.081 ± 0.002	0.115 ± 0.002	0.061 ± 0.002	0.092 ± 0.002

Next steps

A group of women and children in traditional attire, overlaid with a dark semi-transparent layer for text.

- Integrate new data from the continuous monitoring systems
- Explore new and refined predictors/independent variables
- Improve the model explainability (i.e. open the “black box”)
 - Peer-reviewed paper
 - Visual explanations of each predictor’s contribution

Challenges

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- Little & non standardized data in non-computer friendly format
- Finding globally available and regularly updated open data with desired spatial and temporal resolution for all the desired predictors
- Scaling primary data collection to 60+ countries
- Infrastructure maintenance to ensure real-time information



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Story of Hunger





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Sudan PREDICTED

South Libya

Al Quassim

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Food Security

Population
41.8 M

People with insufficient food consumption
10.5 M

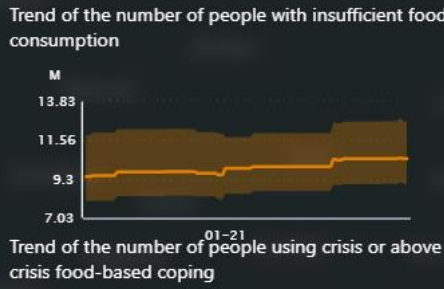
- ↑ 1.06 M increase from 3 months ago
- ↑ 0.47 M increase from 1 month ago

Nutrition

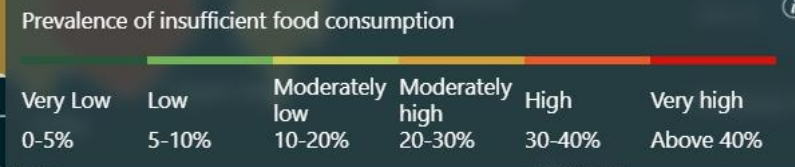
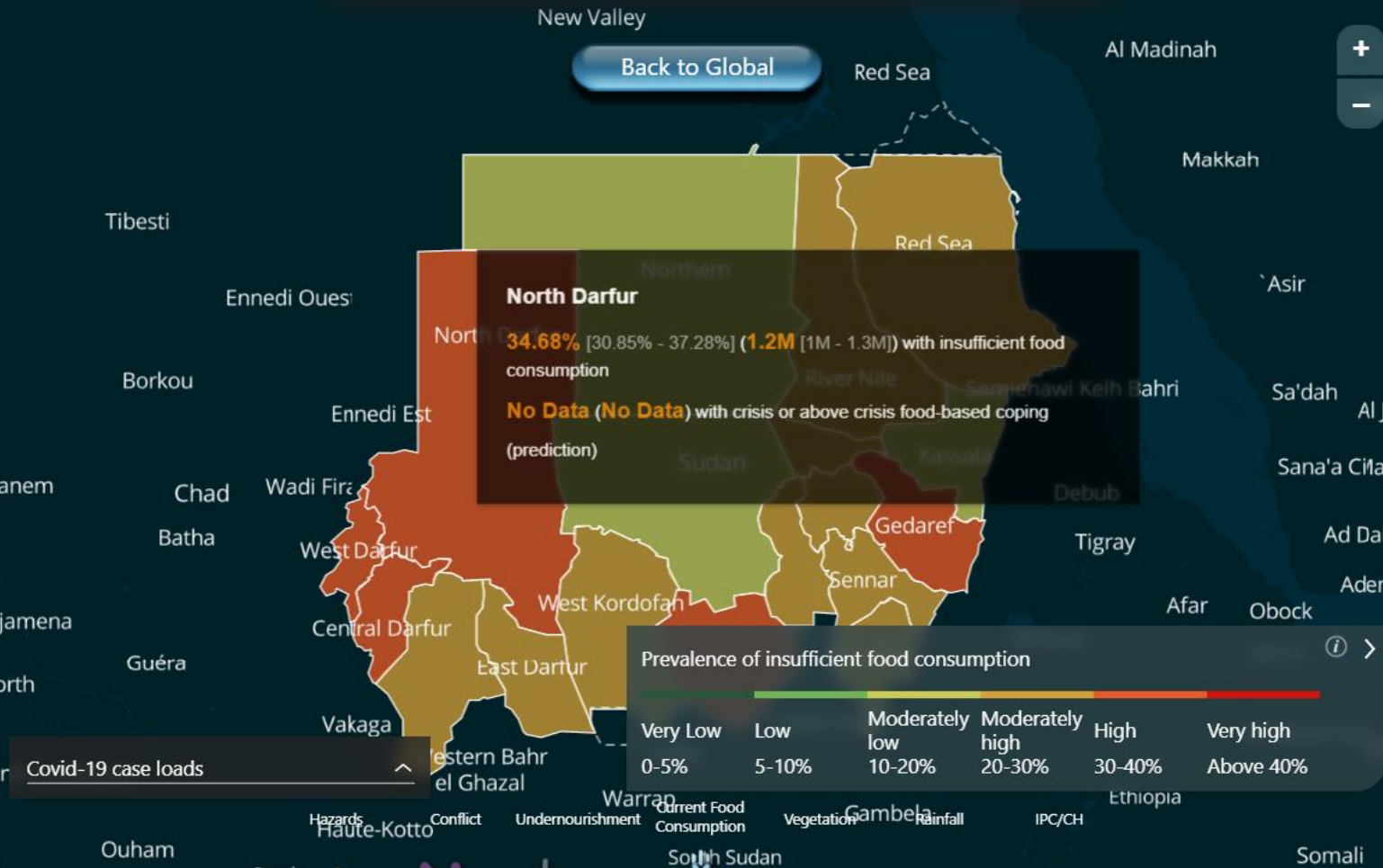
Acute malnutrition
16.3% of children (under 5)

Chronic malnutrition
38.2% of children (under 5)

Food Security Trends



No Data



Macro-economic

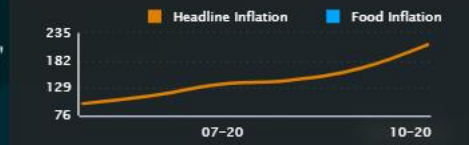
Import dependency
24.0% of cereals



Balance of trade



Headline and food inflation



News feed

Violence still raging in South Sudan despite peace deal: U.N. - Reuters Africa

Reuters Staff - 2021-02-19 09:53:00 Z

By Reuters Staff
NAIROBI (Reuters) - Violence is still raging in vast swathes of South Sudan a year after a peace deal was signed to end civil war that began in 2013, a United Nations report said on Friday. Attacks by armed groups against civilians intensified in 2020 and victims are targeted.

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OVERVIEW



14.4M
Population
(World Bank, 2018)



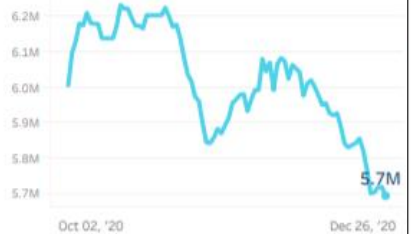
4.3M
People in IPC/CH Phase 3 or above
(IPC/CH, Feb 2020 - Jun 2020)



No data available for chronic hunger

TREND AND FOOD CONSUMPTION PATTERNS

Number of people with insufficient food consumption (updates)



Data source: WFP (actual data)

* People with insufficient food consumption

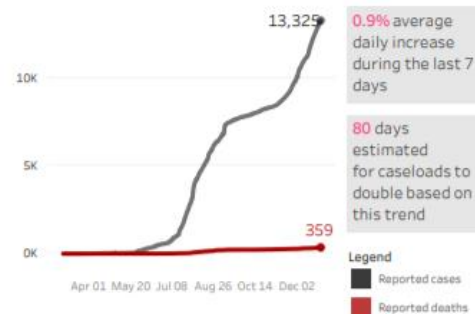
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COVID-19 CASES (Source: © Johns Hopkins University)

Confirmed COVID-19 cases as of 29 December, 2020



DEMOGRAPHICS

Breakdown of age groups in Zimbabwe (60 and above)
(Source: UNDESA)



*Age groups with higher mortality if infected by COVID-19; people with pre-existing conditions could also have higher mortality (irrespective of age).

VIRUS TRANSMISSIBILITY

An estimation of possible climate related seasonal changes in SARS-Cov-2 reproductive number (R0), a measure of infectiousness, based on air temperature and relative humidity (Source: COVID-19 and climate: Possible geographical and temporal patterning)



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HEALTH ACCESS

The number of households (HH) reporting challenges accessing health services has increased by 1.6K compared to last week



Top barriers to accessing health services



Source: WFP

MARKET ACCESS

The number of households (HH) reporting challenges accessing markets/grocery stores has increased by 18.6K compared to last week



Top barriers to accessing markets/grocery stores



Source: WFP

LIVELIHOOD COPING

The number of households (HH) using crisis or emergency livelihood coping strategies (LCS) has decreased by 12.9K compared to last week



Top livelihood coping strategies



Source: WFP

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