



# IPC e-Newsletter

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In this newsletter you will find a pick of the IPC activities, developments as well as new resources released since September 2009.

## Editorial Note

By the end of 2009, many IPC initiatives have progressed at national, regional and global level:

- **At Global level**, following the recommendations and feedback received during the IPC Review and Consultation Workshop (Johannesburg, June 2009), a governance reform of the Global IPC partnership is ongoing to better answer to the needs of IPC practitioners and stakeholders.
- **At Regional Level**, in **East and Central Africa**, technical and institutional capacity-building efforts have been led in particular through the recent regional events (analysis workshop, training of trainers and forthcoming lessons learning workshop). In **Southern Africa**, IPC is being enhanced through national training and regional planning activities led by the RVAC IPC Technical Working Group established last April. In **West Africa**, the Technical Committee led by CILSS working on the Cadre Harmonisé has had the Cadre Harmonisé Bonifié methodology validated and is identifying the next steps for its wider testing.
- **At National Level**, the countries adopting the IPC have further progressed in the implementation and use of the IPC tool by conducting coordinated food security analysis, translating them into new maps and providing response options with key recommendations to decision makers.

There is much to look forward to in the 2010 year. More news will be available on the website and in the next newsletter.

The IPC's newsletter aims to offer clear, easily accessible feature news, events as well as updates of the latest IPC resources and publications with leading figures in global development efforts.

The IPC Newsletter will be regularly distributed on bi-monthly basis.

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## 1. IPC Global Events



### **IPC Review and Consultation Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa, June 2009, Final Report**

The IPC Global Partners organized an IPC Review and Consultation Workshop on June 2009 in Johannesburg, South Africa in order to engage with and consult IPC practitioners, with a focus on Sub-Saharan Africa, and review IPC implementation in the regions. The workshop brought together seventy-two practitioners with a longstanding experience in implementing the IPC and from the main institutions concerned with food security in the regions and countries where the IPC has been introduced or adopted (mainly from Sub-Saharan Africa). Participants also included the IPC Partners and, among the donors, the Humanitarian Aid Department of the European Commission (ECHO), which is one of the main contributors to the development and implementation of the IPC activities.

Overall, the workshop took stock of major existing IPC initiatives and activities at global, regional and country level; identified and looked at sub-regional strategies, potential governance mechanisms, lesson learning and quality control processes as well as key partnerships; discussed a framework and the potential contribution to the future development of the IPC activities within the current countries, sub-regions and beyond.

The final report, the workshop presentations and related materials are available at:

<http://www.ipcinfo.org/event.php>

## 2. News from the Regions

### **IPC in East and Central Africa:**

A **Technical Workshop for East and Central Africa** was held on October 2009 in Nairobi with the purpose of gathering technical food security professionals from the region to develop a consolidated regional Food Security and Nutrition Situation Analysis using the IPC approach and recent IPC analysis. The Updated IPC Regional Map and a summary of the Food Security and Nutrition Conditions in Central and Eastern Africa can be found at:

<http://www.ipcinfo.org/attachments/Updated%20Regional%20Map%20Summary.pdf>

An **IPC Training of Trainers (ToT) Course** was organized by the Regional Food Security and Nutrition Working Group (FSN WG) on November 2009 with the main objective of creating a core group of country level IPC trainers able to strengthen national capacities in undertaking IPC analysis. The training was attended by participants coming from Burundi, DRC, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Somalia and Sudan (North and South). Participants from Zimbabwe and Mozambique were also involved in order to assume the role of IPC trainer in their respective country.

More information at: [http://www.ipcinfo.org/country\\_eastafrica.php](http://www.ipcinfo.org/country_eastafrica.php)

### **IPC in Southern Africa - Establishment of the RVAC IPC Technical Working Group and IPC Technical Training in South Africa**

In Southern Africa, a Technical Working Group has been established within the Regional Vulnerability Assessment Committee (RVAC) of the SADC and is taking on the coordination of IPC work in the region. The TWG includes a representatives of the NVACs of the four focus countries that have expressed interest in IPC, namely South Africa, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique. On November 2009, an **IPC Technical Training** and an **IPC exercise using real data** were organized in Johannesburg in order to further develop the IPC in South Africa and start building capacity at national level.

More information at: [http://www.ipcinfo.org/country\\_southafrica.php](http://www.ipcinfo.org/country_southafrica.php)

### **Cadre Harmonisé in West Africa – Preparation of a Methodological Note**

Following the validation of the Cadre Harmonisé Bonifié supported by CILSS, the common framework for food security analysis developed in the Sahel and upgraded using some of the key elements from the IPC model, an updated regional food security analysis framework was initially tested in 3 countries (Niger, Mauritania and Senegal) between August and September 2009. Based on this experience and the main findings of the regional analysis, an updated Methodological Note is being prepared to provide the methodological elements to of Harmonized Framework for food security analysis, enhanced by the integration of the IPC approach and some of the IPC principles.

### 3. News from the Countries

#### Burundi – 5<sup>th</sup> cycle of IPC analysis and new IPC Map

The 5th cycle of IPC analysis in Burundi was completed on July 2009 and describes the food security situation from June to December 2009 making projections on the likely evolution of the situation until January 2010. The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock organized a workshop to disseminate the main results of this 5th biannual cycle analysis involving the main food security and nutrition actors in the country.

Report (in French), the Burundi IPC map and more information at: [http://www.ipcinfo.org/country\\_burundi.php](http://www.ipcinfo.org/country_burundi.php)

#### Ivory Coast - Revision of the 4<sup>th</sup> cycle of IPC analysis and updated IPC Map

Following the caterpillars infestation reported in November 2009 in the North of the country, the IPC working group has decided to review the situation and the 4th of IPC analysis results. A consensus has been reached regarding activating an alert in five regions being affected by the infestation or the rainfall perturbation.

Report (in French) and the updated IPC map: [http://www.ipcinfo.org/country\\_ivoire.php](http://www.ipcinfo.org/country_ivoire.php)

#### Democratic Republic of Congo – Latest IPC Map October 2009

The latest map produced by the IPC working group in Democratic Republic of Congo is available at:

[http://www.ipcinfo.org/country\\_congo.php](http://www.ipcinfo.org/country_congo.php)

#### Kenya - The 2009 Long Rains Season Assessment Report - Projections up to February 2010

The Kenya Food Security Steering Group released the 2009 Long Rains Season Assessment Report which projects the food security situation up to Feb 2010. Report and the Kenyan LRS Map: [http://www.ipcinfo.org/country\\_kenya.php](http://www.ipcinfo.org/country_kenya.php)

#### Somalia - Post Deyr 2009/2010 Analysis

The Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit (FSNAU) and FEWSNET gave a presentation on the Post Deyr 2009/2010 Assessment Analysis during a Special SSS FSEDSC Meeting held on January 29th 2010. A final IPC analysis (and a comparison with the previous IPC map) integrates all of the sectoral data/analysis into an overall assessment of the current situation. Full presentation and the IPC Map: [http://www.ipcinfo.org/country\\_somalia.php](http://www.ipcinfo.org/country_somalia.php)

#### Uganda – Revision of the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of IPC analysis and updated IPC Map

Following the review of the Karamoja templates completed by the IPC working group in October 2009, the main outcomes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of IPC analysis and the related map were revised accordingly.

Report and the updated IPC map: [http://www.ipcinfo.org/country\\_uganda.php](http://www.ipcinfo.org/country_uganda.php)

#### Tajikistan: the 2nd IPC Pilot Exercise and preliminary results

The Report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> IPC Pilot Exercise in Tajikistan conducted by WFP in collaboration with the other IPC Partners is now available. The executive brief highlights the main findings of the Pilot Exercise.

Report and more information at: [http://www.ipcinfo.org/country\\_tajikistan.php](http://www.ipcinfo.org/country_tajikistan.php)

### 4. Latest Publications



#### IPC External Links and Relationships Study Final Report by Jeremy Shoham and John Borton

The study was commissioned by the IPC Global Partnership and prepared by Jeremy Shoham and John Borton to explore the future position and profile of the IPC tool and relationships with existing or planned information-based initiatives within the global institutional architecture reform. The study also examines how the role of key funding mechanisms and actors can be better linked to the process of IPC development as well as how potential partnerships and links within the rapidly evolving high level/global food security architecture can be better promoted. Find the study at:

[http://www.ipcinfo.org/attachments/IPC\\_External%20Links%20and%20Relationships%20Study.pdf](http://www.ipcinfo.org/attachments/IPC_External%20Links%20and%20Relationships%20Study.pdf)



#### Review of Nutrition and Mortality Indicators for the IPC by Helen Young and Susan Jaspers

The study was commissioned by the Task Force on Assessment, Monitoring and Evaluation (TF-AME) of the United Nations Steering Committee of Nutrition (UN SCN) and the IPC Global Technical Working Group (IPC global TWG) to guide the IPC practitioners on the significance and use of nutrition and mortality indicators for the classification of different food security phases. The study provides a rich basis for further research work, including in strengthening linkages between food security and nutrition analysis and in revisiting the definition and interpretation of the reference levels of various indicators for the classification of the depth of food insecurity. The study, conducted by Helen Young of the Feinstein International Centre, Tufts University, and by Susan Jaspers from the Overseas Development Institute (ODE), is available at:

[http://www.ipcinfo.org/attachments/IPC\\_NutMortalityIndicatorsReview.pdf](http://www.ipcinfo.org/attachments/IPC_NutMortalityIndicatorsReview.pdf)

## 5. Communication and Training Material



### IPC in Brief by the IPC Global Partners

The IPC Global partners developed an IPC brochure to provide a quick and easy description of what the IPC is, what it is intended and used for, how it works and where, and who is behind the IPC.

Download the brief: [http://www.ipcinfo.org/attachments/02\\_IPCBrief\\_EN.pdf](http://www.ipcinfo.org/attachments/02_IPCBrief_EN.pdf)

## 6. IPC in the News



### “IPC - using information to fight food insecurity” in the ROSA Operational Food Security Network (EU) Bulletin

The ROSA Operational Food Security Network (EU) recently released an article on IPC which presents the main features of the IPC and explains why and how it is an innovative approach to qualify each food insecurity situation, determine its level of severity, identify its causes and provide useful analysis for decision-makers. The article also addresses key questions about IPC development in terms of technical development, strategy and governance.

Download the full article:

[http://www.ipcinfo.org/attachments/Zoom%20de%20ROSA%20No.%2018\\_EN2.pdf](http://www.ipcinfo.org/attachments/Zoom%20de%20ROSA%20No.%2018_EN2.pdf)



### IPC in the Save the Children Report “Hungry for Change: An eight-step, costed plan of action to tackle global child hunger”

The recently released Save the Children’s Report on “Hungry for Change: An eight-step, costed plan of action to tackle global child hunger” refers to the IPC as an innovative approach for increasing the likelihood of early and preventive action as the IPC provides relevant, accountable and timely information and analysis to decision makers.

Download the full report: [http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/en/54\\_9544.htm](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/en/54_9544.htm)

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