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REGIONAL SITUATION

- Generally improved regional food security situation due to the recent rains. However, several areas are still in crisis and emergency food security situation (IPC Phase 3 & 4).

- Much as the local populations started recovering from distress, households are presently more vulnerable to new shocks: high malnutrition levels, reduced livestock herd sizes and refugees and IDPs have to adapt to new environments or endure the journey back home.

- Fortunately, the most affected areas, around the borders between Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya, experienced favorable weather conditions at the end of 2011 and beginning of 2012 with a resulting increase on food and fodder availability. However, a rainfall delay and deficit have been observed during the same period in Sudan and the northern part of South Sudan. Therefore, while in Somalia areas previously classified as in famine conditions are now in the emergency phase, in Sudan and South-Sudan the situation is deteriorating and already reaches emergency levels in some regions.