

## A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME AN IPC PROFESSIONAL

Building IPC Capacity through Knowledge, Practice and Professional Standards

With the accelerating adoption of the IPC around the world, there is a growing demand for IPC experts with demonstrated knowledge of the IPC approach and tools. In response, the IPC Certification Programme was launched in June 2013.

This certification programme presents a unique opportunity for a food security expert to become a globally certified IPC Professional. It builds IPC capacity through **knowledge**, **practice** and **professional standards**. The aim of the Certification Programme is to harmonize IPC Trainings and qualify IPC practitioners professionally, thereby strengthening their engagement in IPC activities at global, regional and country levels. It is designed to ensure that applicants acquire and prove the relevant level of capacity and skills according to their role and commitment. The Certification Programme also provides the platform to generate an expanded pool of qualified IPC analysts, trainers and experts worldwide.

The IPC Certification Programme is built around three primary roles for the IPC practitioners who would like to be involved in IPC activities: IPC Analyst, IPC Trainer & Facilitator, and IPC Expert. These role-based certification credentials can be earned by passing three proficiency levels:

- ◆ **“Level 1 Certificate as IPC Analyst”** certifies an individual to use the IPC tools and procedures professionally
- ◆ **“Level 2 Certificate as IPC Trainer/Facilitator”** certifies an individual to lead IPC Level 1 Trainings and Country Analysis Workshops
- ◆ **“Level 3 Certificate as IPC Expert”** certifies IPC International Experts who can operate and support the IPC Certification Programme anywhere in the world.

## WHY GET AN IPC CERTIFICATION?

The IPC Certification Process ensures that applicants acquire:

- **Understanding and knowledge** of IPC technical standards, protocols, and guidelines;
- **Skills** to apply the **IPC approach** and engage in IPC Analysis;
- **Capacity and experience** to lead IPC Training and Analysis.

## BENEFITS OF BEING CERTIFIED...

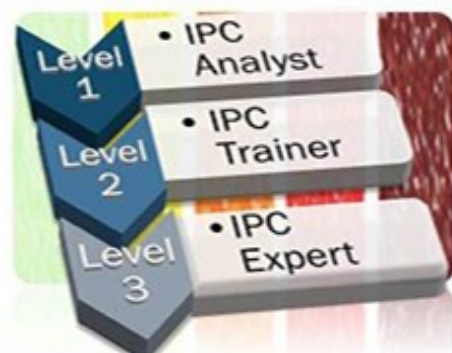
The **IPC Certificate** establishes a food security-wide recognition of your technical skills. You will become a part of a group of highly sought after professionals.

You will be able to **innovate and strengthen** your food security expertise, and employ best practices, which can lead to a more prominent role within an organization.

The IPC Certification also provides a **direct return on your training investment** because it validates the skill levels of food security experts.

It also **increases credibility** for internal and external customers from managers and peers. Certified individuals will know how to get the most from IPC approach and final goals, and design innovative solutions.

## IPC Certification



See IPC Website - <http://www.ipcinfo.org/capacity-building/ipc-certification-programme/en/>

# CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

**Each level** of certification includes specific requirements, what the certification qualifies the person to do, and process for certification registration. The IPC certification requirements were developed by the GSU in close consultation with the IPC Steering Committee member agencies and international partners to reflect **high standards of technical expertise** and practical analysis experience.

IPC Certification is not mandatory to get involved in IPC activities. However, for the sake of sustainability and increased technical rigor, all IPC stakeholders, in particular the national IPC Technical Working Groups (TWG), are encouraged to get IPC certified.

Certification	Requirements	Qualifications
<b><u>LEVEL 1</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• e-Learning Course on Acute Food Security Phase Classification</li><li>• IPC Level 1 Training Participation</li><li>• Participation in at least ONE IPC Country Acute Food Insecurity Analysis Workshop</li><li>• IPC Level 1 Test successfully completed*</li></ul>	<b>IPC QUALIFIED ANALYST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use the IPC Tools and procedures</li></ul>
<b><u>LEVEL 2</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IPC Analyst Level 1 Certificate</li><li>• IPC Level 2 Training participation</li><li>• Co-Facilitation of at least ONE IPC Level 1 Training</li><li>• Co-Facilitation of at least TWO IPC Country Acute Food Insecurity Analysis Workshop.</li></ul>	<b>IPC TRAINER &amp; FACILITATOR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lead IPC Level 1 Training</li><li>• Lead IPC Country Analysis Workshop</li></ul>
<b><u>LEVEL 3</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completed IPC Level 1 and 2 Certificates</li><li>• Lead at least TWO IPC Level 1 trainings</li><li>• Lead at least THREE IPC Country Acute Food Insecurity Analysis Workshops</li><li>• Co-facilitate at least ONE IPC Level 2 Training</li><li>• Pass IPC Global Support Unit final interview with endorsement from the IPC Global Steering Committee</li></ul>	<b>IPC EXPERT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lead IPC Level 1 and Level 2 Trainings</li><li>• Lead IPC Country Analysis Workshop and Regional Synthesis</li><li>• Be part of the IPC International Roster of IPC EXPERTS</li></ul>

\* An IPC Level 1 online course is under development and, once released, it will integrate the IPC Level 1 Test.

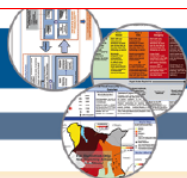
## CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

The IPC Global Support Unit (GSU) is implementing and promoting the **Certification Process** at global, regional, and country level in order to:

- ◆ Reach those IPC users who already qualify for Level 1 and Level 2 Certification, and help them to receive their certification; and
- ◆ Keep record of IPC practitioners at various levels of certification (Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3), and facilitate their progress from one level of certification to the other.

IPC GSU also manages an **automated database system** to keep track of participants in the various IPC activities worldwide, record their progress and create a **roster of IPC professionals**.

# REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO GET CERTIFIED



**IPC** Integrated Food Security Phase Classification

Evidence and Standards for Better Food Security Decisions

Certification	Requirements	How To:
<b>LEVEL 1</b> <i>IPC Analyst</i>	e-Learning Course on Integrated Food Security Phase Classification- Version 2	<a href="http://www.fao.org/elearning/#/elc/en/course/IPC2">http://www.fao.org/elearning/#/elc/en/course/IPC2</a>
	IPC Level 1 Training Participation	Contact the IPC Technical Working Group (TWG) in your country or the IPC Regional Coordinators in your region
	Participation in at least ONE IPC Country Acute Food Insecurity Analysis Workshop	
	IPC Level 1 Test successfully completed	IPC Level 1 Test: <a href="http://23.23.115.229/">http://23.23.115.229/</a> - If you are applying for the Level 1 Certificate as IPC Analysts, send the Test Certificate by e-mail to the IPC Regional Coordinator in your region.
<b>LEVEL 2</b> <i>IPC Trainer &amp; Facilitator</i>	IPC Level 2 Training participation	Contact the IPC Technical Working Group (TWG) in your country or the IPC Regional Coordinators in your region
	Co-Facilitation of at least ONE IPC Level 1 Training	
	Co-Facilitation of at least TWO IPC Country Acute Food Insecurity Analysis Workshop.	
<b>LEVEL 3</b> <i>IPC Expert</i>	Lead at least TWO IPC Level 1 trainings	Contact the IPC Technical Working Group (TWG) in your country or the IPC Regional Coordinators in your region
	Lead at least THREE IPC Country Acute Food Insecurity Analysis Workshops	
	Co-facilitate at least ONE IPC Level 2 Training	
	Pass IPC Global Support Unit final interview	

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Over 80 IPC-Acute Level 1 Trainings held in 35 countries and 14 IPC-Acute Level 2 Trainings held in 13 countries, using *ad-hoc* training material in 3 languages;
- ◆ Over 90 IPC Acute Food Insecurity Analyses conducted in 27 countries;
- ◆ Over 2500 food security practitioners involved;
- ◆ 355 certified IPC Analyst and 37 certified IPC Trainers & Facilitators all over the world.



IPC-Acute Level 2 Training in Bangladesh, June 2014



IPC Acute Food Insecurity Analysis in South Sudan, April 2015



IPC Acute Food Insecurity Analysis in South Sudan, April 2015

# IPC GLOBAL AND REGIONAL COORDINATORS

If you are interested in learning more about the IPC Certification Programme or would like to get certified and need more information on how to do this, please contact:

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For updates and additional information, visit the IPC web site at:  
<http://www.ipcinfo.org/capacity-building/ipc-certification-programme/en/>

## IPC Global Steering Committee Members:



\*The EC in the global partnership is represented by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission

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