Overview

A projection update analysis was conducted in Haiti in February 2022 to update the IPC Acute Food Insecurity projection originally released in September 2021, on the basis that new data was available, as well as the need to follow up on the acute food insecurity situation in areas affected by the August 2021 earthquake. According to this update, for the period from March to June 2022, 1.32 million people (13% of the population analysed) are classified in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) and 3.18 million people (32%) in need of urgent assistance in total.

With the exception of the South-HT08 zone, whose classification has been updated from IPC Phase 3 (Crisis) to IPC Phase 4 (Emergency), the update confirms a slight improvement or stable situation in all other areas affected by the last major earthquake in August 2021 and/or flooding caused by Hurricane Grace. Humanitarian assistance is a key component that has prevented any deterioration in the food security situation. However, South-HT08 zone has received very little assistance (16%), compared to other areas, which is why the situation has worsened there.

Overall, four areas are classified in IPC Phase 4 (Emergency), including the coastal part of the South Department (South HT08), the lower North-West (North-West HT01) and the high plateau (Center HT03) as well as the poor and very poor neighborhoods of Cox-Soleil. The rest of the country continues to be classified in Crisis (IPC Phase 3).

In addition, flooding which took place on January 30-31, 2022 has had a negative impact on the following communes: North - Nippes HT07 – Baradères Limonade, Plaine du Nord, Quartier Morin and Bahon; North-East has had a negative impact on the following communes: North - In addition, flooding which took place on January 30-31, 2022. Overall, four areas are classified in IPC Phase 4 (Emergency), other areas, which is why the situation has worsened there.

Recommended Actions

Humanitarian Assistance

Low production

Low agricultural harvests due to lower than normal rainfall and lower income for farmers due to poor performance of previous harvests.

Economic decline

Inflation, deterioration of the exchange rate with the U.S. dollar and reduction in remittances from overseas.

Low humanitarian food assistance

Lower level of HFA than expected in some areas of concern.

Livelihood Support

As vulnerable households have been affected by recurrent shocks in recent years (droughts, cyclones, etc.), there has been an erosion of the livelihoods of populations who need support to rebuild their livelihoods and assets. This assistance should include support for the implementation of the 2022 agricultural season.

Strategic Response

Given that structural factors (agricultural development, access to basic services, governance, etc.) have a strong influence on household food insecurity, it is important to better articulate emergency and development interventions and to rethink intervention strategies in order to have more sustainable and structural impacts.

Key for the Map

IPC Acute Food Insecurity Classification

- Minimal
- Stressed
- Crisis
- Emergency
- Famine

Areas receives significant humanitarian food assistance (accounted for in Phase classification)

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