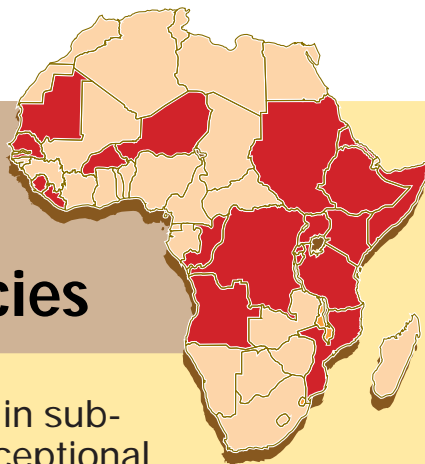


# Africa: food emergencies



The number of countries in sub-Saharan Africa facing exceptional food emergencies has jumped from 13 to 20 since the beginning of 1997. The situation is most critical in Sierra Leone, where production and trade have been disrupted by civil conflict and the unravelling of diplomatic and economic ties with neighbouring countries. Eastern African countries have been severely affected by inadequate rainfall, with Tanzania and Uganda the hardest hit.

Cereal import requirements for 1997/98 will be higher than the previous year's, mainly because of the adverse weather conditions. Despite the growing number of countries facing food emergencies, there has been a drastic fall in food aid around the globe. The latest figures on food aid in 1996/97 show a sharp drop of 37 percent from the previous year, to just 4.9 million tonnes. This is the lowest level since the start of food aid programmes in the 1950s.



## Countries facing exceptional food emergencies

		●			Angola	Population displacement
	●		●		Burkina Faso	Unfavourable weather, localized deficits
●			●	●	Burundi	Civil strife, below-normal production, economic sanctions
●		●			Congo, Dem. Rep.	Refugees, civil strife affecting food distribution
●		●			Congo, Rep. of	Civil strife, population displacement
		●	●		Eritrea	Reduced harvest, large number of vulnerable people
	●	●			Ethiopia	Large number of vulnerable people, localized weather adversities
	●				The Gambia	Unfavourable weather
	●				Kenya	Unfavourable weather
●			●		Liberia	Impact of past civil disturbances, shortage of farm inputs
	●				Mauritania	Unfavourable weather for rainfed crops
		●			Mozambique	Displacement of rural population
	●		●		Niger	Localized unfavourable weather, food deficits
		●	●		Rwanda	Returning refugees, below-normal harvest
	●				Senegal	Unfavourable weather
●		●		●	Sierra Leone	Civil strife, population displacement, sanctions
●			●		Somalia	Civil strife, poor harvest
●			●		Sudan	Localized food deficits, civil strife
	●				Tanzania	Unfavourable weather
●	●				Uganda	Localized weather adversities, civil disturbances