

# IPC



Integrated Food Security Phase Classification

Evidence and Standards for Better Food Security Decisions



# An Integrated Analysis of Food Security and Nutrition to support Agriculture Planning The Example of IPC in Southern Africa

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# Why do we need an Integrated Analysis of Food and Nutrition Security?

- Need to understand multiple causes of Malnutrition for program design
- Several sources of data need to be used
- Common language/Consensus
- *The Emergency food security community has lacked a **common language** for classifying food security situations.*
  - *IPC developed and the approach can be used for development programming*

# This results in...

## Lack of clarity & consensus

We have a food security crisis...

But look at the data!!  
We have low  
production of maize

I know nothing??! Your  
method is so weak, you  
only visited a few  
communities



No we do NOT have a  
food security crisis...

You know nothing! The  
community said that all  
is normal

I wonder if I should I  
make chicken or beef for  
dinner tonight... Ummm



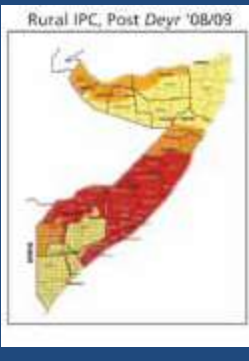
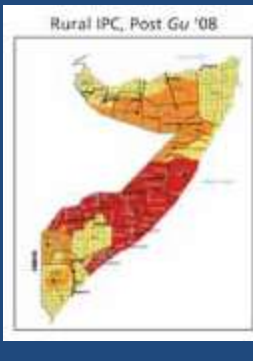
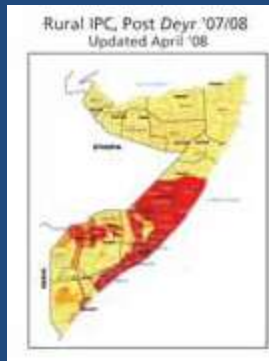
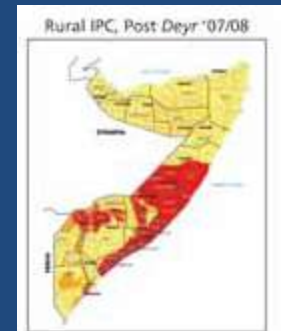
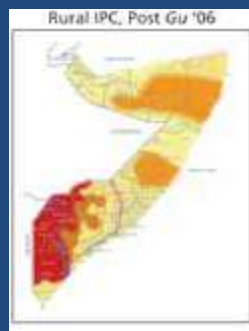
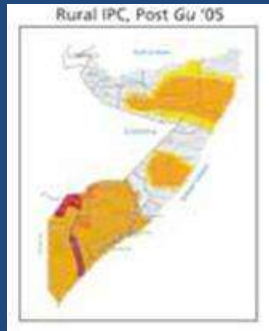
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- Comparability over space and time






# ...and comparability over time



Showing improvements and worsening of situations over time



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- Integrated food security analysis



# Integrated Food Security Analysis

- Bringing together information from **various sectors**:
  - Market Data
  - Economic Data
  - Climatic Data
  - Agricultural Data
  - Nutrition Data
  - Etc...
- And from **various sources**
  - National Governments
  - NGOs
  - UN Agencies
  - Technical Agencies
  - Civil Society



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- Technical consensus based on standards, transparency and evidence



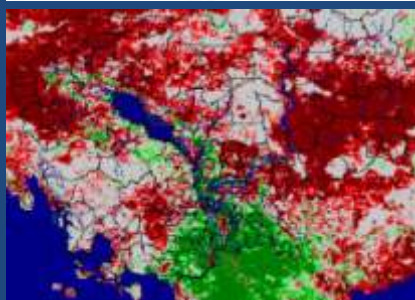
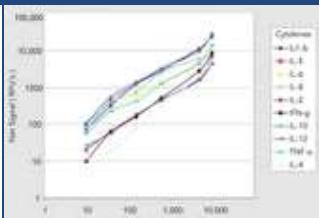
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- **Simplifying complexity**

# Simplifying Complexity

Various scattered evidence

Transformed into concise and meaningful information



Province	Population	Area (km²)	Density (per km²)
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**Zimbabwe Current Acute Food Insecurity Situation Overview**

**Key Outlook for the Month**  
 Acute food insecurity is increasing in several provinces, particularly in the north and west. The situation is most severe in the north-western provinces, where the number of people in acute food insecurity has increased significantly since the start of the year.

**Summary of Causes, Constraints and Key Issues**  
 The main cause of acute food insecurity is the impact of the 2010/11 drought, which has led to a significant loss of crops and livestock. This has been compounded by the impact of the 2010/11 floods, which have destroyed crops and infrastructure. The impact of the 2010/11 drought and floods has been particularly severe in the north and west, where the impact of the drought was most acute. The impact of the 2010/11 drought and floods has also been compounded by the impact of the 2010/11 economic crisis, which has led to a significant increase in the price of food and other essential commodities.

**Key for Map**  
 Acute Food Insecurity Prevalence  
 - Moderate  
 - Severe  
 - Very Severe  
 - Extreme  
 - Area with no data  
 - Not Assessed  
 - Insecure  
 - Area with no data  
 - Insecure  
 - Area with no data  
 - Insecure

**Key for Colour Codes**  
 - Moderate  
 - Severe  
 - Very Severe  
 - Extreme  
 - Area with no data  
 - Insecure  
 - Area with no data  
 - Insecure

**Key for Population Data**  
 - Moderate  
 - Severe  
 - Very Severe  
 - Extreme  
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**IC Global Partners**  
 WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR, OCHA, FEMNET, etc.

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- Integrated food security analysis
- Technical consensus based on standards, transparency and evidence
- Simplifying complexity
- Relevance for decision making

# Relevance for decision making

- Provides core answers to six key questions:
  1. How severe is the situation?
  2. Where are the areas that are food insecure?
  3. How many people are food insecure?
  4. Who are the food insecure?
  5. When will people be food insecure?
  6. Why are people food insecure?



**The IPC is a demand driven approach**

*As pushing noodles tangles the dish,  
Pushing more information to decision makers  
can create confusion and inefficiency*

# What the IPC is not...



- A methodology for directly measuring food insecurity – it draws from multiple methods
- Limited to or biased towards any particular analytical methodology
- An information collection tool - though it may inform data collection and highlight information gaps
- An information system; it is a complementary add-on to existing systems
- Response analysis

# How does the IPC Work?

Building  
Consensus

Classifying Severity & Causes

Communica-  
ting for Action

Quality  
Assurance

TWG MATRIX

ANALYTICAL  
FRAMEWORK

REFERENCE  
TABLES

ANALYSIS  
WORKSHEETS

COMMUNI-  
CATION  
TEMPLATE

SELF ASS.  
PEER  
REVIEW




Multi-agency  
stakeholders to  
do collaborative  
analysis

Understanding  
evidence with  
an integrated  
Analytical  
Framework

Referencing  
evidence  
against  
international  
standards

Transparently,  
methodically &  
consensually  
analyzing  
evidence

Transforming  
analyses into  
concise  
information  
for action

Assuring  
for  
quality

Functions

Tools

Procedures for



# Elements considered

- The IPC uses worksheets that contain information on indicators that can be categorized into nine elements namely:
  - Mortality/Death rate
  - Nutritional Status
  - Food Consumption (Quantity and Nutritional Quality)
  - Livelihood Change (Assets and Strategies)
  - Availability, Access, Utilization & Stability
  - Hazards and Vulnerability

# IPC Analytical Framework for Area and Household Classification

## Food Security Contributing Factors

### Causal Factors

- Vulnerability:** (*Exposure, Susceptibility, and Resilience to specific hazards events or ongoing conditions*).
- Livelihood Strategies (*food & income sources, coping, & expenditures*)
  - Livelihood Assets (*human, financial, social, physical, & natural*)
  - Policies, Institutions, and Processes

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### Acute Events or Ongoing Conditions

(*natural, socio-economic, conflict, disease and others*)

Impact ↓

### Food Security Dimensions

#### Availability

Production  
Wild Foods  
Food Reserves  
Markets  
Transportation

#### Access

Physical Access  
Financial Access  
Social Access

#### Utilization

Food Preferences  
Food Preparation  
Feeding Practices  
Food Storage  
Food Safety  
Water Access

Stability (at all times)

### Non Food Security Specific Contributing Factors:

- Disease
- Water/Sanitation
- Health Social Services
- others....

Feedback

### 2<sup>o</sup> Outcomes

Nutritional Status

Mortality

### 1<sup>o</sup> Outcomes

Food Consumption  
Quantity & Nutritional Quality

Livelihood Change  
Assets & Strategies

## Food Security Outcomes

(directly measured or inferred from contributing factors)

Classification of Acute Phase (current or projected) and Chronic Level

# Elements considered

Element	Potential Indirect Evidence for IPC Analysis	Potential Sources
<i>Food Consumption (Quantity and Nutritional Quality)</i>	Availability of fortified staple food items (e.g. maize and wheat flour)	(Grain traders, distributors)
	Shifts in expenditure patterns toward cheaper and less nutritious foods	(Food security monitoring)
	Number of meals/day	CFSVA (Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis), food security surveys
	Number of food groups consumed	HDDS (Household Dietary Diversity Score), CFSVA, food security surveys
<i>Livelihood Change (Assets and Strategies)</i>	Ownership of productive assets, e.g. bicycle and farming tools and recent changes in ownership	Household Budget Surveys, population census, household food security surveys
	Ownership of livestock and recent changes in ownership	Food security surveys
	Migration, e.g. from rural to urban areas or in search of casual labour	Food security surveys, authorities
	Expansion of informal settlements	Authorities, UN-Habitat
	Proportion of urban population living in slums	UN-Habitat, authorities
	Internally displaced persons/refugee concentrations	Authorities, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), International Organization for Migration (IOM)
	Prevalence of extreme behavioural patterns, e.g. begging	Food security surveys

# Elements considered

<i>Nutritional Status</i>	Underweight	Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS), Demographic and Health Survey (DHS), Nutrition studies (e.g. –Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters, Complex Emergency Database (CRED CEDAT database)
	Admissions to feeding programmes	Health Information System Data Sentinel site data
	Prevalence of night blindness (children under 5/pregnant mothers)	DHS (pregnant mothers)
	Prevalence of low birth weight	MICS
	Household iodized salt consumption	MICS
	Iron and folic acid supplementation programmes to pregnant women	MICS and DHS
	Vitamin A supplementation programmes to children under 5 and/or breastfeeding mothers	MICS

# Elements considered

Element	Potential Indirect Evidence for IPC Analysis	Potential Sources
<i>Mortality/Death Rate</i>	Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)	MICS, DHS
	Neonatal mortality	DHS, birth records
	Under 5 Mortality Rate (U5MR)	MICS, DHS
	Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (<115 mm) (MUAC)	DHS, CFSVA, Nutrition surveys
	Severe Acute Malnutrition	MICS, DHS, CFSVA, Nutrition data
	Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM)	MICS, DHS, CFSVA, Nutrition data
	Maternal mortality rate	DHS (women)
	Adult Body Mass Index (BMI)	DHS (women)
	Case fatality rates (e.g. epidemics)	Health surveillance bulletins Religious leader consultations Grave counting

# Elements considered

<i>Availability</i>	Food balance sheet	FAO
	Production figures	FAO, CFSAM (Crop and Food Supply Assessment Mission), national agricultural surveys
	Average cereal yield (kg per ha)	National agricultural surveys
	Land ownership/access to land	CFSVA, food security surveys
	Food sources of households	CFSVA, food security surveys
	Remote sensing data (rainfall, vegetation)	FEWS NET, Africa Data Dissemination Service, EC-JRC (Joint Research Centre of the European Commission)
<i>Access</i>	Prices (staple food items, price trends)	Government data, NGOs, United Nations agencies
	Distance to markets/market density (no. of markets per unit area)	FAO
	Purchasing power / terms of trade (livestock to cereals, labour to cereals)	CFSVA, food security surveys
	Percentage of population in lowest wealth quintile/ wealth index	DHS, CFSVA
	Proportion of population unable to access a basic consumption basket during the analysis period (poverty or food poverty line)	Household Budget Surveys, DHS, population census
	Percentage of income spent on food (for the poorest quintile)	CFSVA

# Elements considered

<i>Utilization</i>	Typical meal composition/dietary preferences	(Food security surveys)
	Food preparation practices	(Food security surveys)
	Food storage practices	(Food security surveys)
	Child care practices (breastfeeding, weaning age, feeding, hygiene)	MICS, DHS
	Types of water sources	CFSVAs, MICS
	Average distance to water sources	(CFSVA, food security monitoring, government)
	Seasonality of water access	(CFSVA, food security monitoring, government)
	Price of water	(CFSVA, food security monitoring, government)
	Access to improved sanitation facilities	MICS, food security surveys, government
	Access to and type of cooking fuel used by households	Food security surveys
<i>Stability</i>	Cropping calendar	(Food security surveys)
	Seasonal migration patterns	(Food security surveys)
	Household food stocks	CFSVA, food security surveys
	Trends of food production	CSFAM, food security monitoring, government

# Elements considered

<i>Hazards and Vulnerability</i>	Disease epidemics (human and animal)	: WHO (World Health Organization), FAO, OCHA
	Morbidity patterns	: Ministry of Health annual reports
	Measles vaccination coverage	: DHS, MICS
	Household expenditure, out-of-pocket – expenditure on health	: WHO Global Health Observatory Data Repository
	HIV/AIDS prevalence	: DHS, national statistics, UNAIDS
	Coverage of antiretroviral therapy (ART)	: UNAIDS (Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS country estimation reports), Ministry of Health
	Fertility rate	: DHS
	Assisted deliveries by skilled birth attendants	: DHS
	Natural hazards: drought, floods, earthquakes, etc.	: Authorities, United Nations, NGOs
	Man-made hazards: conflict, deforestation, erosion, etc.	: Authorities, United Nations, NGOs
	Number of displaced	: OCHA, UNHCR
	Percentage of population under the national poverty line	: Household budget surveys, census reports





# IPC Chronic FI Prototype Tool

- Piloted in three countries in 2012 (Lesotho, Malawi, and Zimbabwe)
- Uses trend analysis as it analyses long term behaviour of indicators
- More relevant for long-term planning including CAADP
- Requires thorough understanding of Acute Analysis (not mutually exclusive)

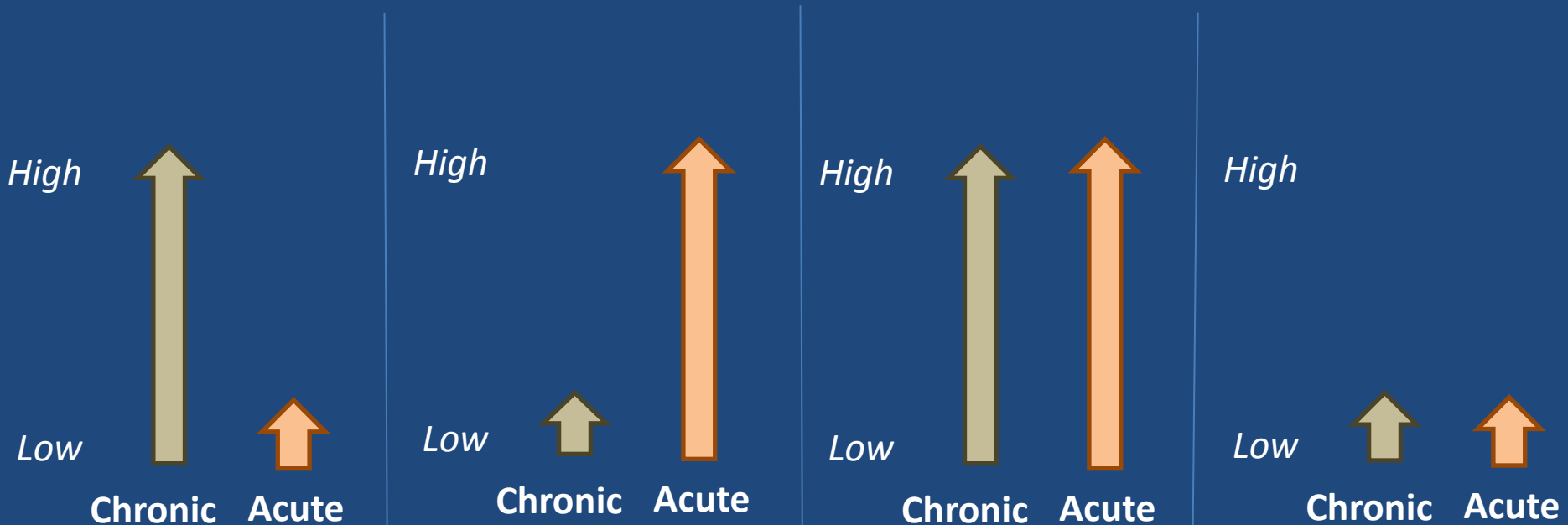


# Importance of Classifying Chronic Food Insecurity

- Ending hunger requires holistic actions with:
  - short term strategic objectives, which are informed by the IPC acute classification
  - medium and longer term strategic objectives, which are informed by the IPC chronic classification
- Essential to tackle structural and underlying causes of food insecurity

# Relationship Between Acute and Chronic Food Insecurity

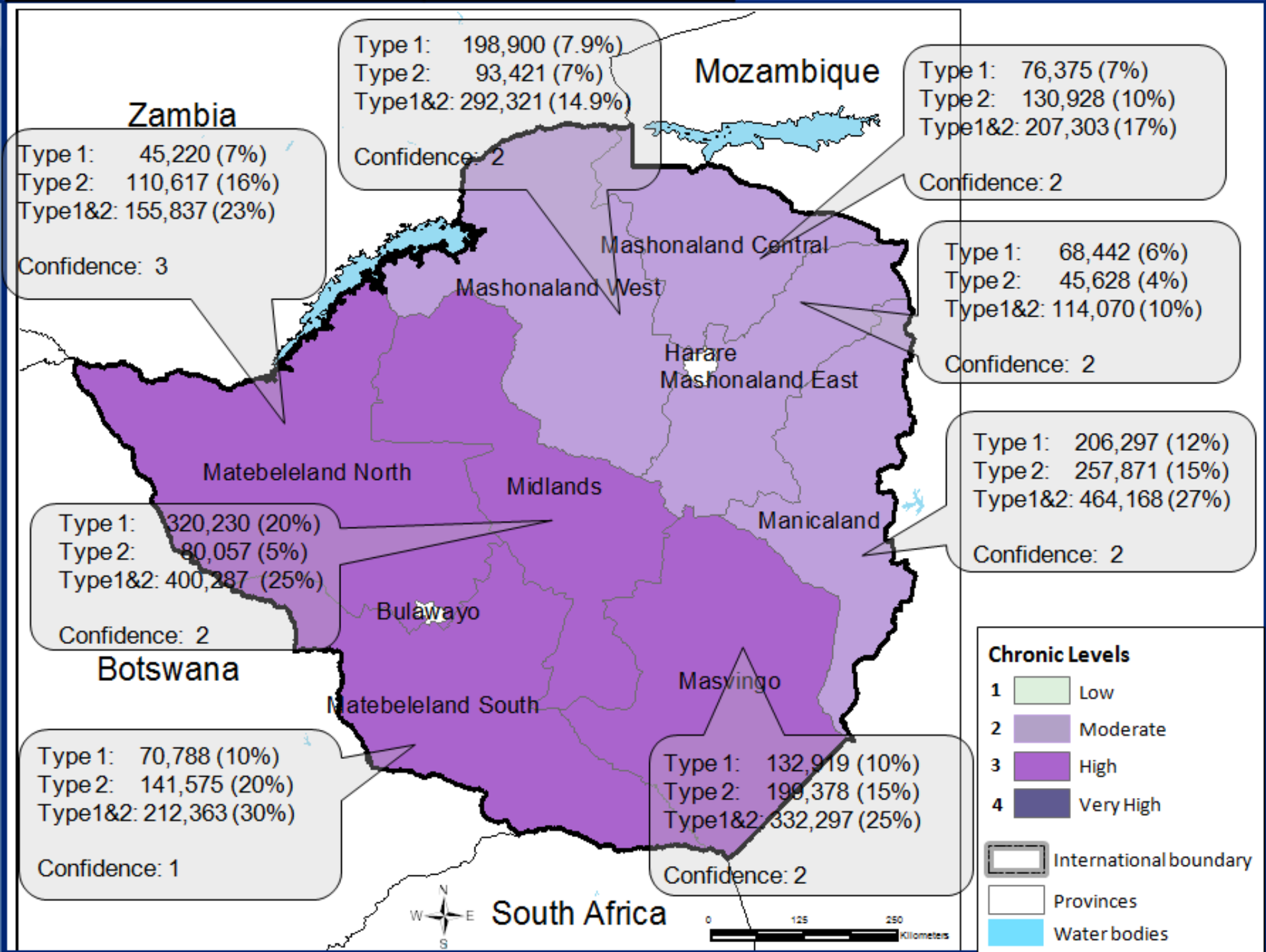
- Acute and Chronic food insecurity are not mutually exclusive
- Understanding the specific configuration of acute and chronic food insecurity is necessary to design strategic interventions to end hunger.





# Prototype Definition and Typology of Chronic Food Insecurity

- Chronic Food Insecurity is defined as ***persistent*** inability to meet food needs even in the absence of hazards/shocks, AND/OR high frequency years with acute food insecurity.
- IPC Typology of Chronic Food Insecurity:
  - ***Type 1: Seasonal/cyclical food consumptions deficits***
  - ***Type 2: Ongoing food consumption deficits in quantity and/or quality***
  - ***Type 3: Periodic Acute Food Insecurity for the area equivalent to Phase 4 or 5 on the Acute Ref. Table***





# Causal Analysis in IPC & Nutrition Programming

- Causal analysis in IPC focuses on:
  - How much food security dimensions can be limiting factors (extreme, major, minor) that lead to food insecurity
  - Classification of food insecurity status
- Causal Analysis in Programming:
  - Tries to understand how the various determining factors interact and how they lead to poor nutritional status (the pathway)
  - Deals with identifying the key interventions to improve nutritional status

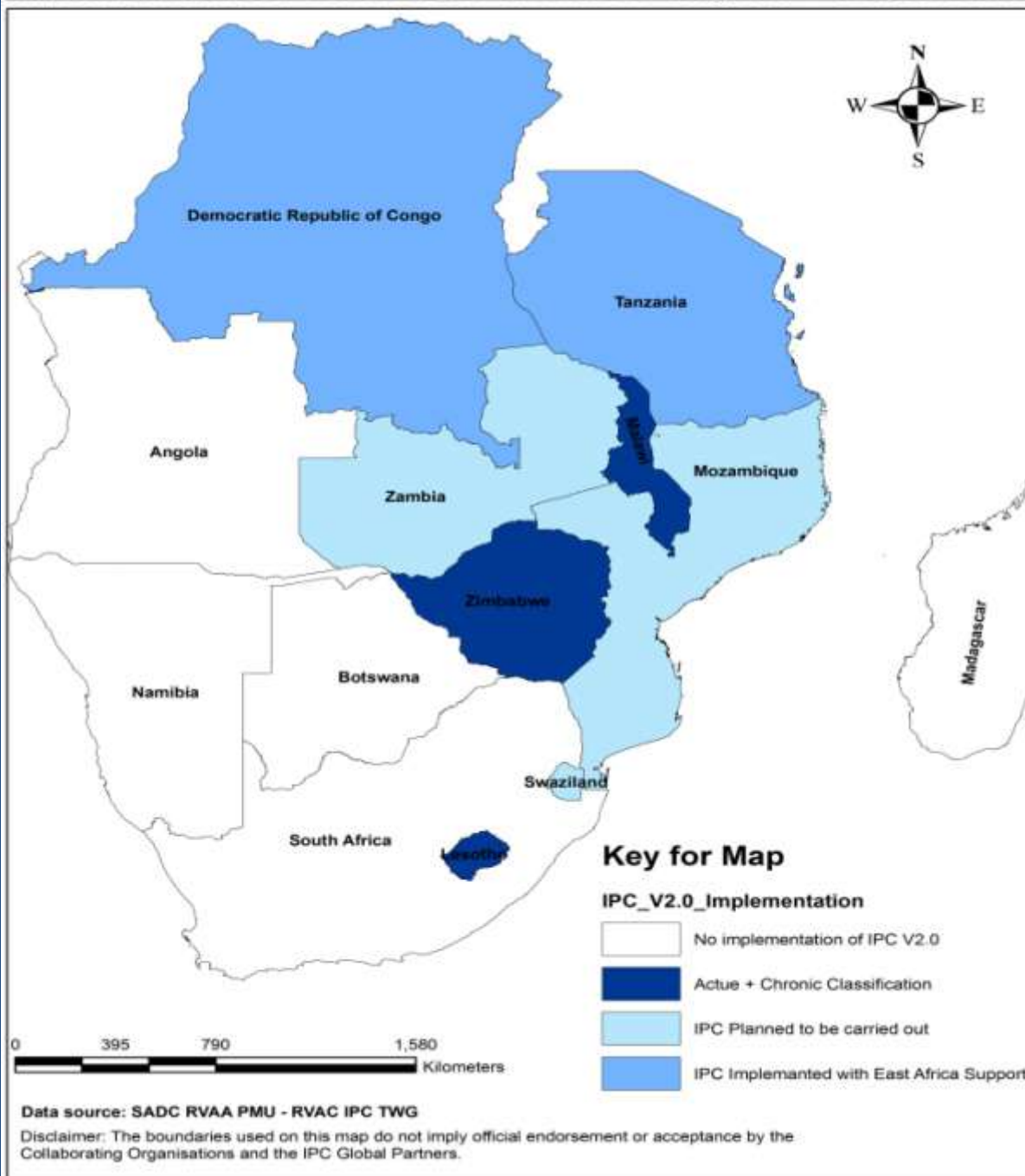
# IPC 2013 Activities Schedule



Item	Time Frame	Confirmed Funding	Comments
<b>1. Awareness Raising (2days in each country)</b> a. Swaziland b. Zambia c. Mozambique	14 <sup>th</sup> October (Final)  7 <sup>th</sup> June	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Awaiting ZVAC Response <b>Completed</b>
<b>2. Acute IPC Training and Analysis (Consolidation – Training=4days, and classification = 4days)</b> a. Lesotho b. Zimbabwe c. Malawi	17 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> June 16 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 19 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> August	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Completed</b> <b>Completed</b> <b>Completed</b>
<b>3. Acute IPC Analysis (New Entrants – Training = 4days, and classification = 4days)</b> a. Swaziland b. Mozambique	15 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> October (Final) <i>Not yet set</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Further communication to be engaged with SETSAN
<b>4. Chronic IPC analysis (Training = 1day, and Classification = 3days, Lessons learnt = 1day)</b> a. <i>Malawi</i>	28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>5. Regional IPC Level 2 Training</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Preparation to start as soon as training Materials <sub>1</sub> are finalised



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Thank you very much for Listening!  
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