

FOOD SECURITY IN THE IGAD REGION

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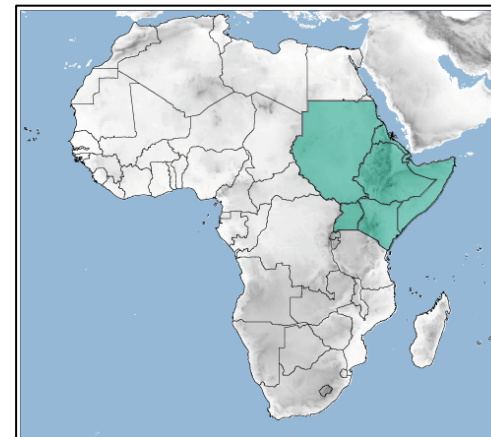
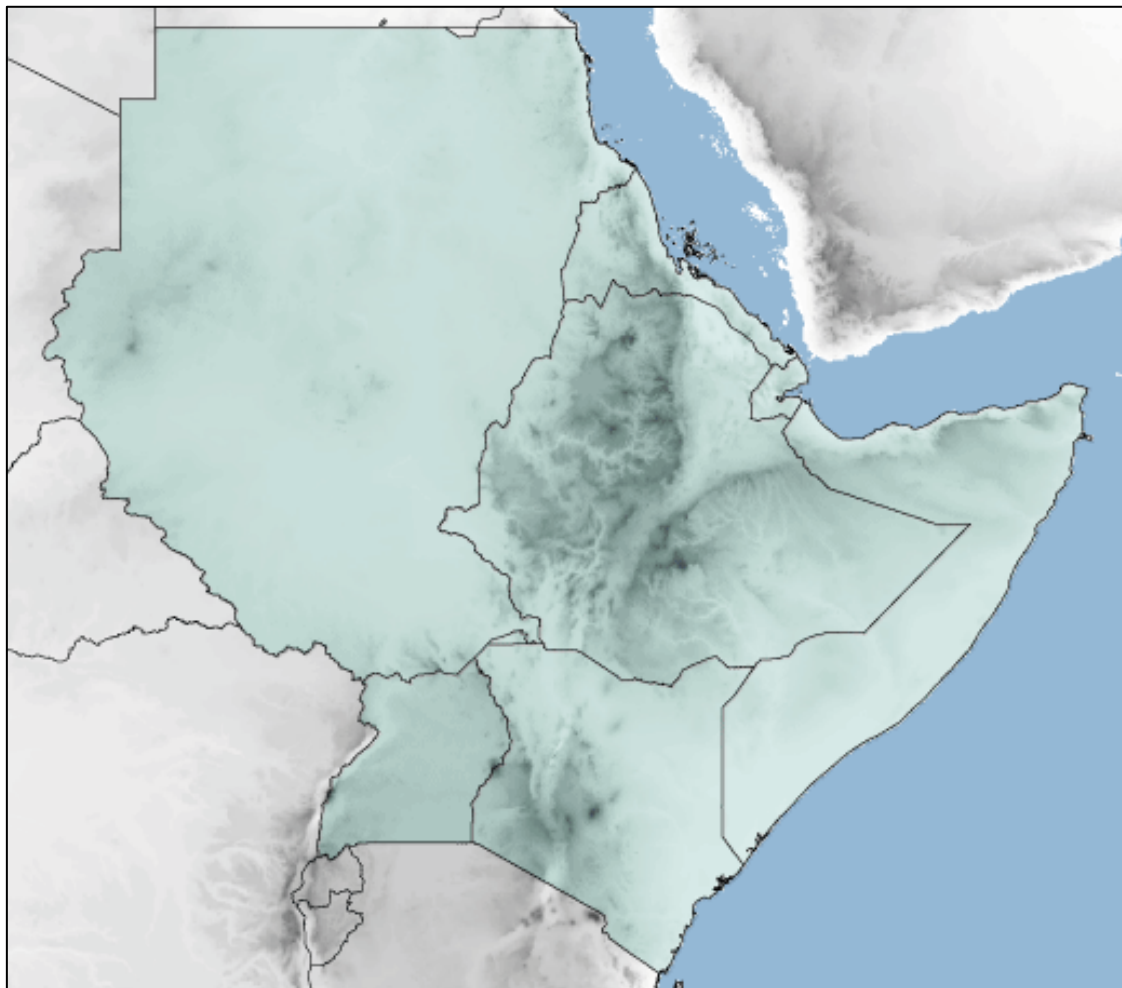
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Food Security Situation in the IGAD Region

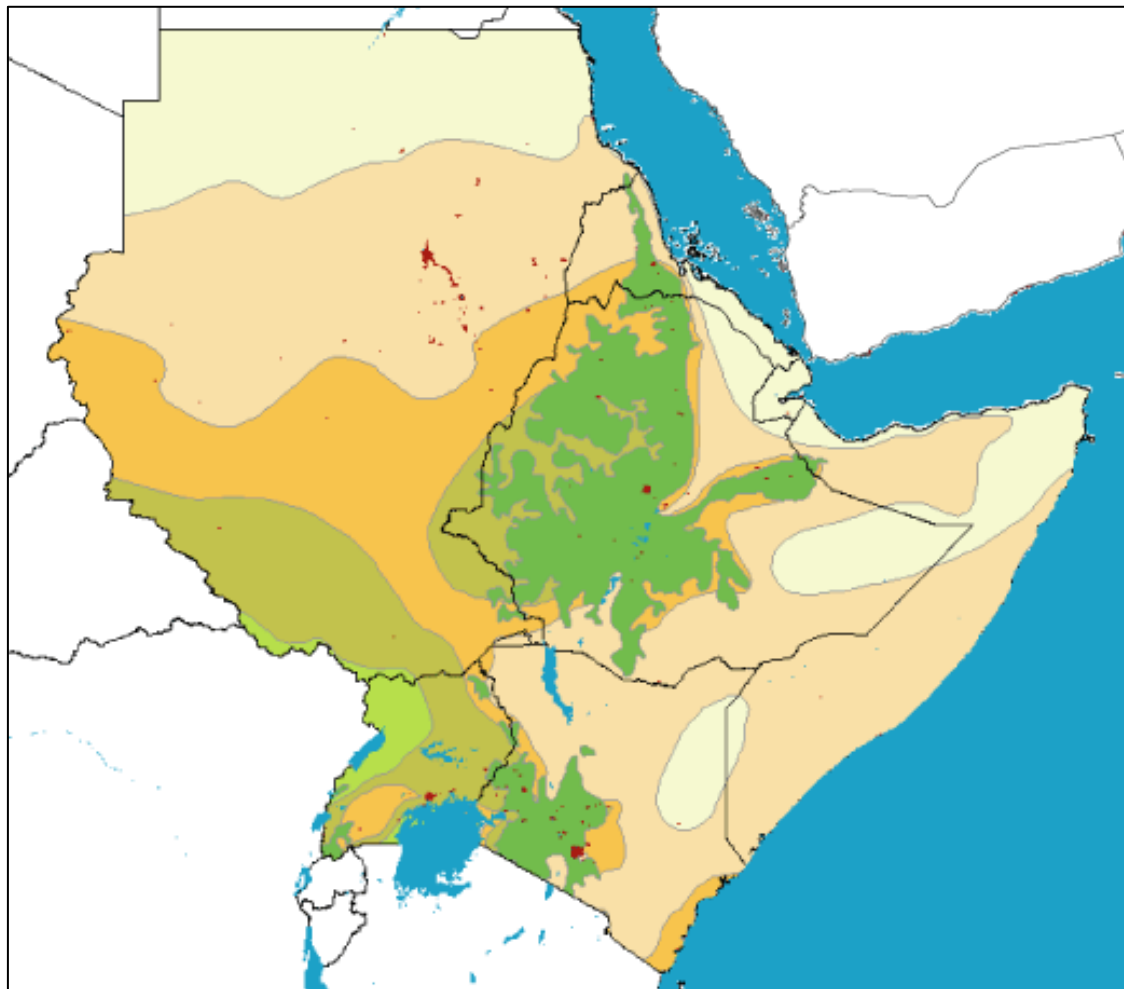
- Over 78% of the population is dependent on agriculture
- Agriculture is small-scale and dependent on rainfall
- Over 60% of the land is ASAL and is drought-prone
- Recurrent droughts are most important trigger of famines
- Over 70 million people are facing chronic food insecurity
- IGAD region is the most food insecure part of Africa
- Poverty levels are highest in the world
- Over 1 million metric tons of food aid imported every year



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Agro-ecological zones



Legend

- Desert
- Arid
- Semi-arid
- Sub-humid
- Humid
- Highland
- Urban / peri-urban



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IGAD recent food availability trend

	Million metric tons of cereals		
	2004	2006	2007
Food balance items			
Domestic supply	22.0	20.7	29.0
Requirements	26.0	25.7	32.8
Surplus/deficit	-4.0	-5.0	-3.8
Food aid imports	1.1	1.7	1.2

Source:- Compiled from FAO/GIEWS



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Causes of food insecurity

- Severe and recurrent droughts (and floods)
- Perennial internal and inter-state conflicts
- Diseases (HIV/AIDS, Malaria, RVF, etc)
- High **population** growth rates and **land** degradation
- Low technology agriculture (research & extension)
- Poor infrastructure (roads, storage, etc.)
- Unfavourable international marketing arrangements
- Unemployment and poverty generally



Tackling food insecurity

IGAD Food Security Strategy:

- Boosting food production
- Livestock development
- Improving marketing
- Supporting the vulnerable

Drought preparedness



IGAD on-going programmes/projects

- Pro-poor livestock policy initiative (EC/FAO)
 - Livestock marketing information system (CIDA)
 - Conflict Early Warning (CEWARN/USAID/GTZ)
 - Climate prediction (ICPAC/USAID/WMO)
 - Water resources assessment/mapping (ADB/OSS)
 - Water harvesting (ADB)
 - Social protection & disaster/risk management (EC)
 - Cross-border trade initiative (EC/COMESA)
 - Infrastructure (EC, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya)
- ➔ Need for a holistic approach and long term planning



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Silver lining – a ray of hope

- Improving governance (Peace in S. Sudan, etc.)
 - Exploitation of mineral resources (Oil, etc.)
 - Increasing investment in agriculture (Eth & Sud.)
 - Improving agricultural prices (Eth. and Sudan)
 - Increasing foreign investments
 - Deepening regional integration (EAC, COMESA)
 - Improving Information/Communication Tech.
- ➔ Is MDG to reduce hunger by ½ by 2015 achievable?



The End



Thank you!



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