

Crop failure and conflict

Low rainfall, drought, conflict, and internal displacement are affecting food security across Africa.

According to the latest quarterly Crop Prospects and Food Shortages report released by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) this month, people across 29 countries on the continent cannot access food, or are facing food shortages. The FAO report states that in the Central African Republic, an estimated 30 per cent of the total population is in need of urgent assistance due to conflict, displacements and food constraints. Civil insecurity, unrest and conflict are also hampering access to food in Burundi, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, and Nigeria, among others. In East Africa, erratic rainfall and pest infestations are affecting main season crops.

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