

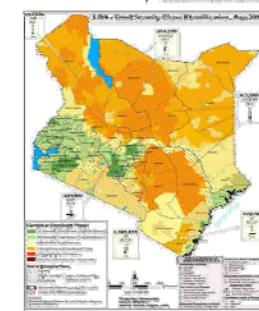
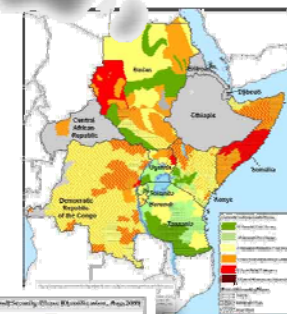
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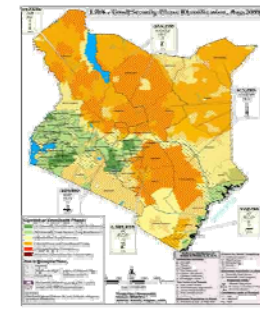
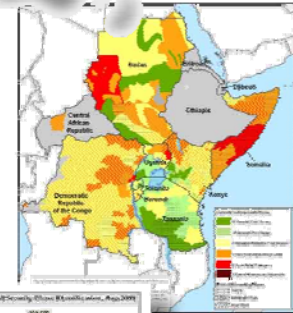


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Technical revision of the IPC is ongoing:

- IPC first conceived in/for Somalia
- Adaptation to other country/regional contexts (East Africa, West Africa, South Africa, Asia)
- Technical lessons learned and expert consultations inform revision process



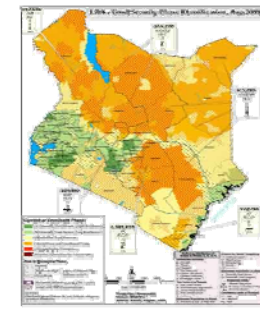
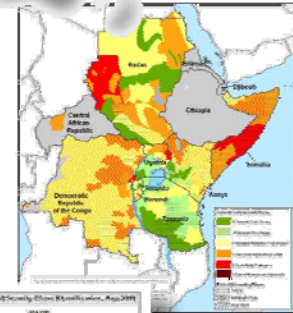
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Technical challenges are currently being addressed with the aim of making the IPC approach **more robust** and **striking a balance** between comparability and country specificity.



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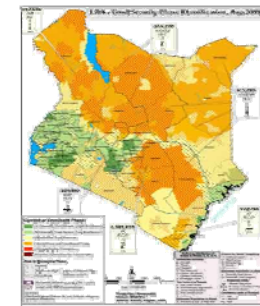
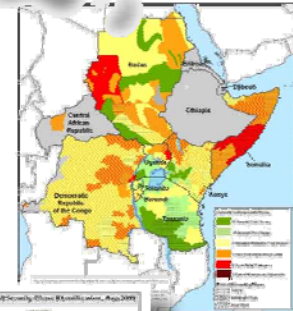
Overview of key issues:

Issues that have been resolved:

- Number of IPC Phases
- Masking effect of humanitarian assistance
- Consistency of outcomes: population-based versus household level
- Time factor and risk analysis

Issues that are pending

- Refinement of indicators
- Link to response analysis



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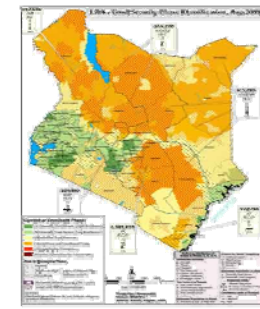
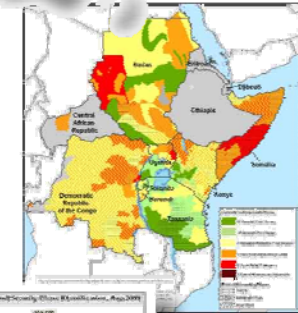
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What issues have been resolved? (1)

1.5 phases to describe the severity of FS situations

Sub-division of the scale possible in non emergency/development context
(more guidance needed)



2. Humanitarian assistance shall be accounted for (masking effect)

Humanitarian assistance is also part of risk analysis (sufficiency, sustainability, etc.)

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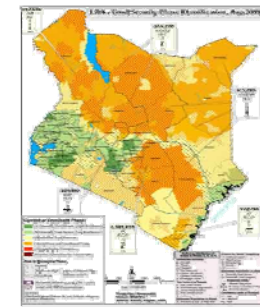
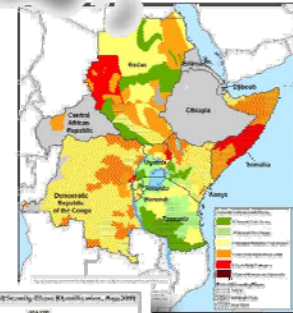
What issues have been resolved? (2)

3. Improve the consistency of indicators

- severity=intensity*depth
- Phase classification based on indicators using population thresholds

4. Improvement of the time factor & risk analysis

- Scale focuses on severity only
- Current/imminent situation vs. projected trend



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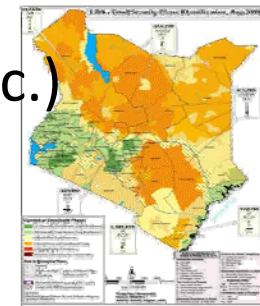
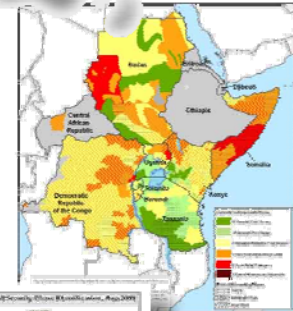
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What issues are pending?

1. Indicators (Key Reference Outcomes)

- Improvement of key indicators and thresholds: nutrition and mortality, health, disease, water etc.)
- Low availability of some indicators [?] guidance on “proxy indicators”/indirect evidence



2. Link to response analysis

- Response Framework highlighting broad areas of intervention
- Strategic linkages with Response Analysis projects (e.g. FAO RAF, WFP RAP)

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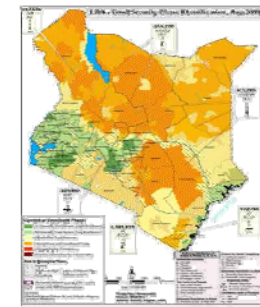
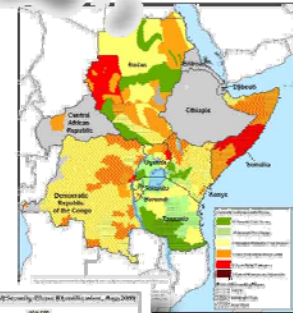


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Remaining questions

- Quality of data feeding into analysis
- Establishing core standards: When is an IPC “IPC- enough?”
- Comparability across time and space?



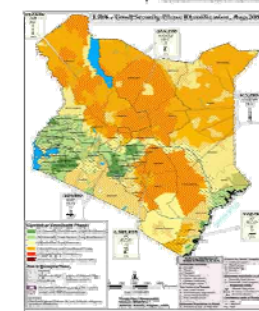
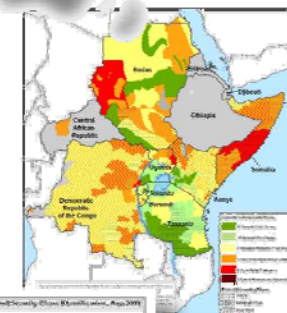
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