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#### **Food Security Phase Classification Map**



# Phase 2: Moderately Food Insecure (or Stressed) Phase 3: Highly Food Insecure (or Crisis) Phase 4: Severely Food Insecure (or Emergency) Phase 5: Humanitarian Emergency (or Declared Fan

### Phase classification indicators\*

Indicator	VDC Cluster		
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Area Outcomes			
Food Consumption	1	1	
Acute child malnutrition (6-59m) - Wasting	1	1	
Livelihood Change (and Coping strategies)	1	1	
Availability			
Production :1 <sup>st</sup> main crop- Maize ( Harvested}	1	1	
2 <sup>nd</sup> main crop-Paddy (Harvesting)	1	1	
3 <sup>rd</sup> main crop- (Harvesting)	1	1	
Household food stock-Millet	1	1	
Market stock	1	1	
Accessibility			
Food prices of main staples (rice, wheat flour, and others)	1	1	
Employment opportunities within and neighbouring districts	1	1	
Non Timber Forest Products (NTFP), Cash/high value crops, and small enterprises	1	1	
Income from meat, milk, egg, fish, honey	1	1	
Remittances	1	1	
Utilisation			
Human disease incidences, and epidemics	1	1	
Water supply for drinking, sanitation	1	1	
Stability			
Climatic hazards: floods, landslides, dry spell, snowfall, hailstorm, and strong wind	1	1	
Disaster: Earthquake, Fire	1	1	
Out-migration (stress induced)	1	1	
Civil security (social violance, and bandh/blockade)	1	1	
Overall classification	1	1	
4 months outlook	•	•	

\* VDCs are clustered based on general similarities in food security. Classification of each indicator is based on agreed

#### Estimated number of food insecure

Food insecure VDCs (Phase 3 and 4)	Estimated population (Phase 3 and 4)		
Total population at risk	52,236 (20%)		
Total population in district (2011 census)	261,180		

Source: Census 2011, CBS

## Food security statements

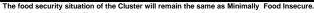
Current food security situation	
The Overall Food Security situation is normal. All VDCs (cluster A & B) of the district are minimally food	_
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- nsecure in this cycle.

  Maize, paddy and millet, which are the main summer crop of the district is harvested and the production was normal.
- However, some areas of 5 VDCs are affected from the floods that dcreased area of paddy slightly.

  Income from NTFP/cash crop, vegetable, animal products and their sale was normal (Rs1 Arab 64 Lakh) and price rate
- is high as compared to baseline.
- Employment opportunities from some agriculture & construction works are reportedly available.
- There was sufficient food stock in the market to fulfill the demand and the price of main staples were also normal
- Estimated inflow of remittance is increased by 20% (Rs 2 Arab 40 Crore) as compared to baseline due to major festivals
- The district malnutrition rate is 1.98% and wasting rate is less than 1% in the cycle.
- There was no siginificat natural disaster causing food loss and civil security was normal during this cycle

# **Current food security outlook**



• HH food stock will be sufficient for more than 4 months from the stock of previous harvest and good purchasing • Cash crop (orange/ vegetable) and livestock products sell will be continued.

Similarly there will be income from remittance and employment opportunity will also be available from development activities.

Market price of main staples in key markets may remain stable due to good road access and availability of food

from summer harvested crop.

Market stock will be sufficient and civil security will be normal due to completion of Constitutional election.

People will use their traditional mechanism as wage, sell of cash crops, out migration

Phase 1. Minimal Food Insecure – Households with secure food and non-food needs without shifting or changing livelihood strategies. These households are capable of adjusting small scale stresses caused by hazards, disasters, shocks, epidemics and conflicts or violence by means of existing social, natural and economic capital.

Phase 2. Moderately Food Insecure (or Stressed) – Households meet minimal food with traditional coping, but are unable to afford some essential non-food expenditures without engaging in irreversible coping strategies.

Phase 3. Highly Food Insecure (or Crisis) - Households with food consumption gaps high or above usual acute malnutrition. Or meet minimal food needs only with accelerated depletion of livelihood assets - lead to food consumption Phase 4. Severely Food Insecure (or Emergency) – Households unable to meet food and non-food needs without losing livelihood assets. This induces very high acute malnutrition leading to high morbidity, mortality and shortened life

expectancy. Probable high level of violence and movement restriction due to conflict. Some immediate interventions and assistance required. Phase 5. Humanitarian Emergency (or Famine) - Almost all households have an extreme lack of food and other basic needs where starvation, destitutions, irreversible loss of capital resources and loss of lives are evident. Households of

he whole areas are challenged by acute shortage of food and other basic needs - hazards, disasters, epidemics or destruction of infrastructure, disturbances of services. Immediate humanitarian assistance required.

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