

This folder contains the shapefiles for the August 2020 Southern Africa FEWS NET Food Security Outlook Update. The classification scale used is the [Integrated Phase Classification \(IPC\) V3.0 scale](#). The folder includes three shapefiles, representing the two periods of analysis:

SA_202008_ML1	Most likely food security outcomes for August - September 2020
SA_202008_ML2	Most likely food security outcomes for October 2020 - January 2021

Within the shapefiles, the ML1/ML2 fields contain the IPC area phase classification for the outlook period. The Humanitarian Assistance column (HA1, or HA2) indicate if humanitarian assistance is helping to lower the phase classification. If the HA column = 1, then the phase classification would likely be at least one phase worse without current or programmed humanitarian assistance. In FEWS NET maps, this is represented by an exclamation mark (!).

The IPC_Legend.lyr file is provided for reference. It contains the official IPC color scheme. An additional layer file with the symbology (!) for humanitarian assistance is also provided.

For additional details on our food security data please click [here](#). Food security data for other regions and dates is available [here](#).