

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

MW_202010_CS Current food security outcomes for October 2020

MW_202010_ML1 Most likely food security outcomes for October 2020 to January 2021

MW_202010_ML2 Most likely food security outcomes for February 2021 to May 2021

Within the shapefiles, the CS/ML1/ML2 fields contain the IPC area phase classification for the outlook period. The Humanitarian Assistance column (HA0, 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 report_mon field represents the reporting month. The cov_start and cov_end fields represent the phase classification projection period.

In most countries where FEWS NET operates, FEWS NET maps food security outcomes at the intersection of Admin units (Admin 2 or 3) and livelihood zones. The boundaries used for mapping have changed over time to account for revised livelihood zone boundaries, updated administration units, and the need to map at a more detailed level of analysis. The decision on when to revise the units used for mapping is made by the FEWS NET country teams in consultation with home-office analysts.

The IPC_legend.lyr file is provided for reference. It contains the official IPC color scheme. An additional layer file with the standard 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](#).