

This folder contains the shapefiles for the October 2012 West Africa FEWS NET Food Security Outlook. The classification scale used is the [Integrated Phase Classification \(IPC\) V2.0 scale](#). The folder includes three shapefiles, representing the three periods of analysis:

WA_201210_CS	Current food security outcomes for October 2012
WA_201210_ML1	Most likely food security outcomes for October 2012 – December 2012
WA_201210_ML2	Most likely food security outcomes for January 2013 – March 2013

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 and IPC 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 IPC 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](#).