

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

SO_202008_ML1 Most likely food security outcomes for August 2020 to September 2020

SO_202008_ML2 Most likely food security outcomes for October 2020 to 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 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](#).