This folder contains the shapefiles for the July 2015 West Africa FEWS NET Food Security Outlook. The classification scale used is the [Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) V2.0 scale](http://www.ipcinfo.org/fileadmin/user_upload/ipcinfo/docs/IPC-Manual-2-Interactive.pdf). The folder includes three shapefiles, representing the three periods of analysis:

WA\_201507\_CS Current food security outcomes for July 2015

WA\_201507\_ML1 Most likely food security outcomes for July 2015 – September 2015

WA\_201507\_ML2 Most likely food security outcomes for October 2015 – December 2015

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](http://shapefiles.fews.net.s3.amazonaws.com/HFIC/FEWS_NET_Food_Security_Data.pdf). Food security data for other regions and dates is available [here](http://www.fews.net/fews-data/333).