FEWS NET

Household Food Insecurity Classification Shapefiles

This folder contains historical FEWS NET current situation (CS) (non-projection) shapefiles. The content is divided into regional folders which each contain data dating back to July 2009.

The shapefiles use the following naming format: XXYYYYZZ_CS where
- XX refers to the region
- YYYY refers to the four-digit year
- ZZ refers to the month

Thus, a file named WA201602_CS would include the February 2016 current situation data for West Africa.

Within the shapefiles, the CS column contains the phase classification for the month. For shapefiles dated after March 2011 this refers to the phase using Integrated Phase Classification. Data from before March 2011 uses FEWS NET Food Insecurity Severity Scale (FNFIS), a scale similar to the IPC, but with differing classification criteria.

Starting in March 2011, FEWS NET began implementing the IPC humanitarian assistance protocol in maps and data. This is captured in the HA0 column. If HA0 = 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 (!).

Three layer files are also included for reference:
1. IPC_Legend: official IPC color scheme
2. IPC_HumanitarianAssistance: Official IPC symbology (!) for humanitarian assistance
3. FEWSNET_Legend: Standard color scheme for the FNFIS scale

Additional details are available on our food security data.

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