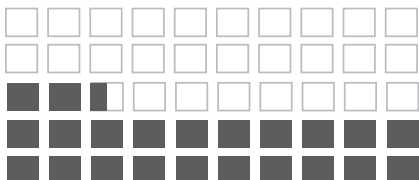


Country Overview



45%

of Rural Population is food insecure

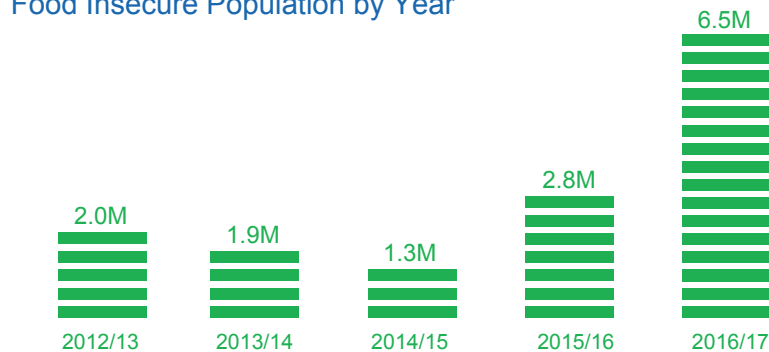


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Affected Rural Population

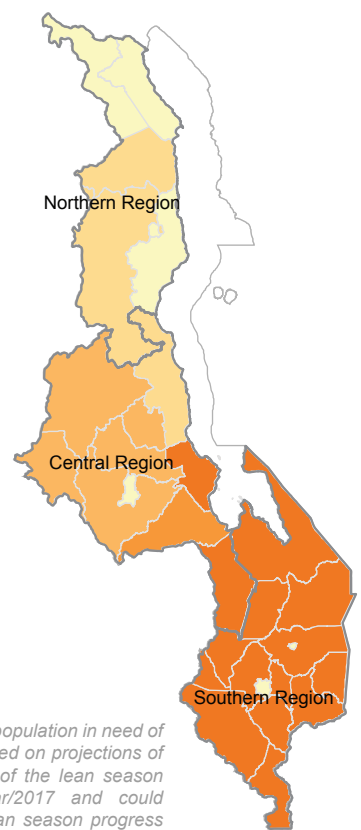
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Immediate needs

14.5M Rural population 16.8M Total Population

Food Insecure Population by Year



Population in Need of Emergency Assistance (%)



Map Footnotes
All Countries: The numbers of population in need of emergency assistance are based on projections of the situation during the peak of the lean season between May/2016 and Mar/2017 and could change (either way) as the lean season progress and assumptions are revised.

Regional Socio - Economic Context

Life expectancy	52 years
Population Growth Rate	2.8%
Human Development Index	0.414 (2013)
Adult Literacy	74.8% (2012)
Employment Rate	84% female, 76% male
Average GDP Growth	2.8% (2015 WB)
Under 5 Mortality Rate	85 per 1,000 live births
Inflation	19%
HIV and AIDS	10.6%

People Targeted by Sector

Sector	People Targeted
Food	6.5M
Health & Nutrition	500k
Wash	775k
Education	280k

Key Humanitarian Needs

- Malawi experienced a maize production deficit of 1.2 million metric tonnes against annual requirements.
- A market assessment indicates that 73 per cent of the affected population will require in-kind food response while 27 per cent will require cash-based interventions.
- There is a need for Government to implement expanded public works programmes to assist communities to access food on the market.
- Promotion of irrigation schemes in areas with irrigation potential.

Situation

An MVAC pre-harvest assessment (released in March 2016) found that the country's three regions experienced dry spells due to effects of the El Niño phenomenon, with the central and southern regions hit harder than the north.

Food insecurity continues to aggravate Malawi's fragile nutrition situation, with vulnerable groups and people on ART and/or TB treatment feeling the heavy consequences of drought. According to the current malnutrition prevalence and incidence rates, approximately 129,653 of children under age 5 will be targeted for lifesaving treatment of severe acute malnutrition and 193,158 children to be targeted for treatment of moderate acute malnutrition. Similarly 80,798 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) will be targeted for moderate malnutrition. The total number of people in need of nutritional humanitarian assistance stands at 358,945.

Maize Production per year (million MT)

