



Special Session: **Children and Hunger**

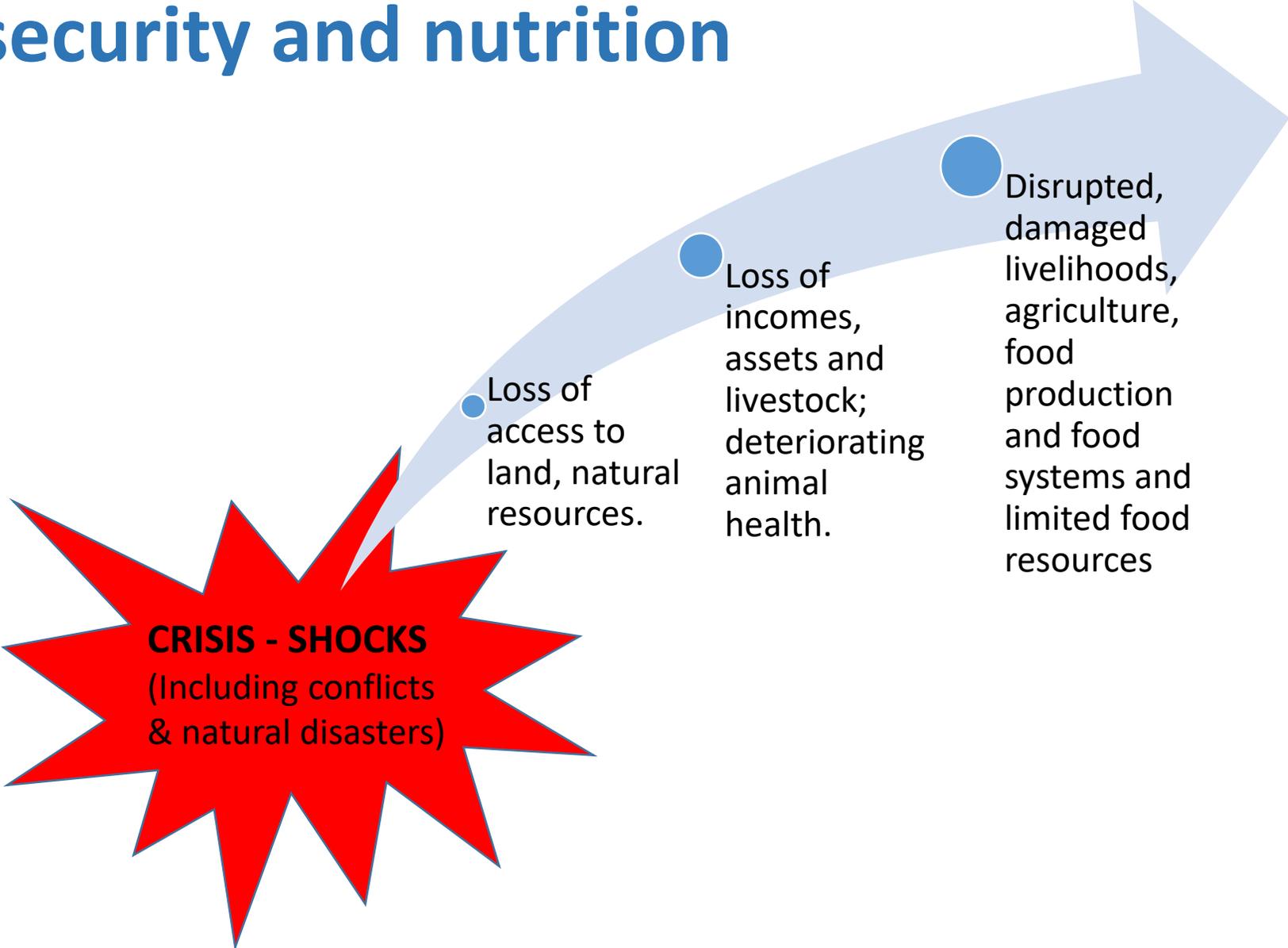
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Conflict, agricultural livelihoods and children's food security and nutrition



**FOOD INSECURITY
MALNUTRITION**

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**CHILDREN ARE OFTEN
THE MOST AFFECTED**

Horn of Africa: Linking livestock feed availability to malnutrition and children

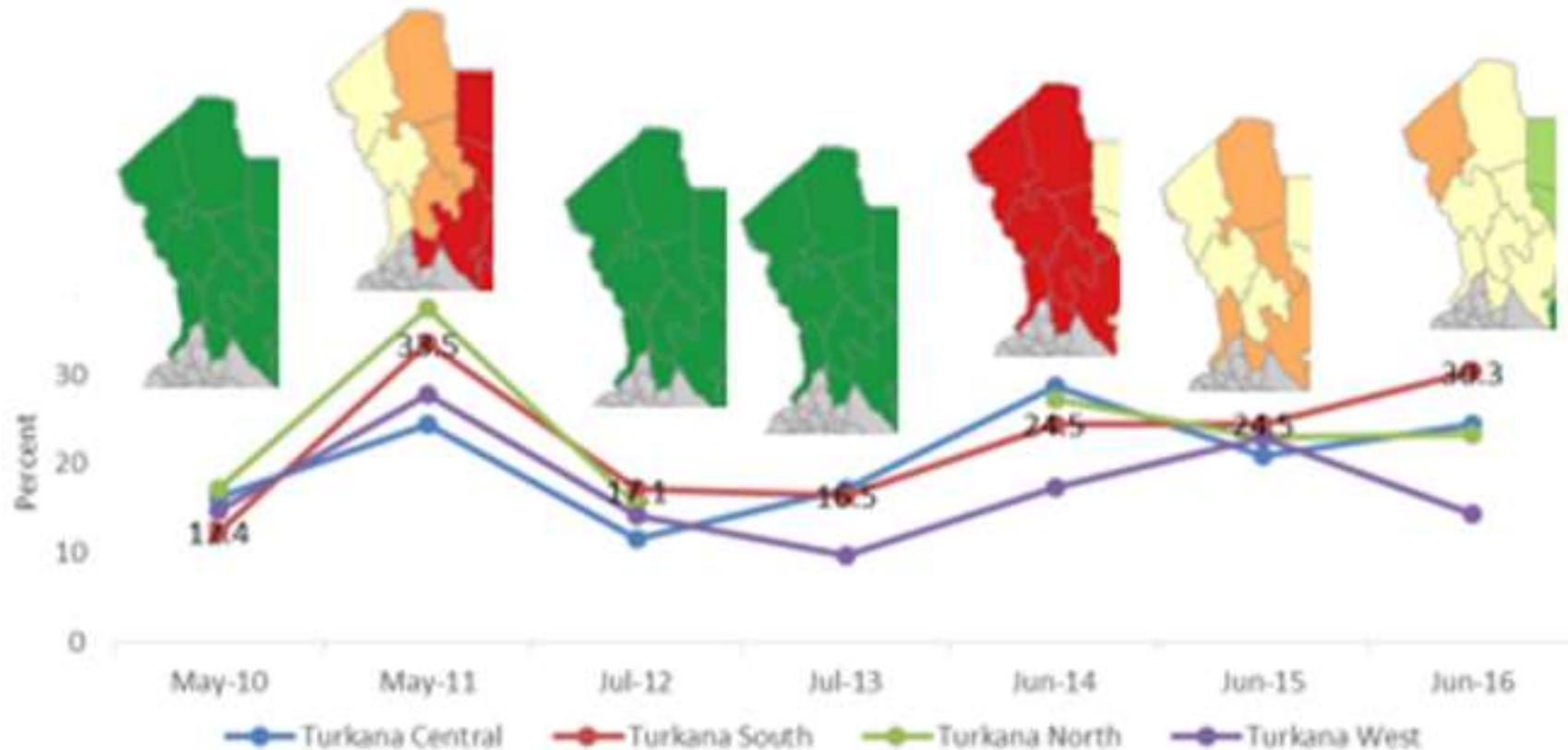
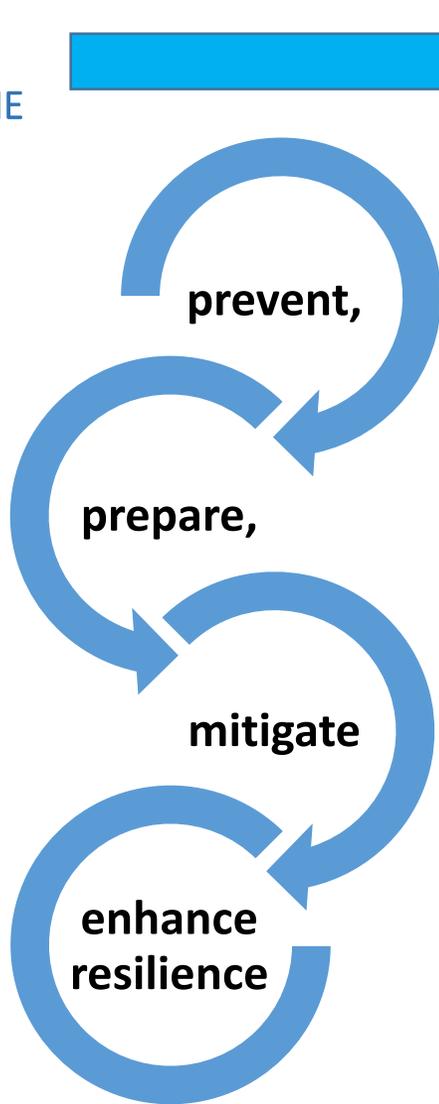


Figure: Trends in acute malnutrition in Turkana subcounty, Kenya, linked to Predictive Livestock Early Warning Information System (PLEWS)

Support to children facing food insecurity and malnutrition

RESPONSE
THROUGHOUT THE
HUMANITARIAN
RESPONSE CYCLE



INTERVENTIONS:
RELIEVE HUNGER,
MITIGATE ITS
CONSEQUENCES
ON CHILDREN



A dual response

Relieving
hunger paying
special
attention to
children's
needs

Care givers have secured
and regular access to
food

Nutrition is adequate for
pregnant women and
children to prevent
irreparable health
consequences

Tackling the
negative
consequences
of hunger
impacting
children's lives

No Education

Child Labour

Early marriage

Forced Labour/Trafficking

Child soldiers



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Targeted measures

1) FAO, WFP, UNICEF, Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture

Project - Syria: Shift from cash crops to cultivating a variety of commodities for nutritional & economic benefits.

- Objective: improving nutrition status with focus on pregnant and lactating women and children under 5.



2) “**CASH+/Social protection+**”: Integrated approach aims at **boosting** the **livelihoods** and **productive capacities** of vulnerable households



Policy and Institutional Environment

- **FAO-EU Partnership on: FIRST and INFORM**
 - (i) Food and Nutrition Security Impact, Resilience, Sustainability and Transformation**
 - (ii) Information for Nutrition Food Security and Resilience for Decision Making programme**
- **Assessing severity of food security crises and predicting future risks issuing periodic reports, including in conflict and protracted crisis situation:**
 - **The Global Report of food crises**
 - **The Global Early Warning Early Action (EWEA) Report**
- **Committee on World Food Security: “The Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crisis”**

Key messages

1. **Saving livelihoods that save lives of children - saving humanity. Need targeted measures such as social protection systems that are predictable, regular, risk-informed and shock-responsive.**
2. **The world face a high number of crises, often of protracted nature. We must make a greater collective effort and partnerships to fight malnutrition and food insecurity as root causes and effects of these crises.**
3. **Humanitarian assistance should focus beyond just surviving: Resilience should be built in. Increasing investments in agriculture, livestock, fisheries, and sustainable management of natural resources is key to build resilience.**

