
Food Crisis Affects Millions in Africa's Horn

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The United Nations Office for Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) revealed on Thursday in this capital that 22.4 million people in the Horn of Africa are in need of food assistance.

In a press release, UNOCHA said that 700 000 citizens in Kenya, 1.6 million in Somalia, 6.1 in Southern Sudan, 7.9 in Ethiopia and 6.2 in Sudan live under extreme food shortages.

At the same time, the published text stated that the conflict and internal violence contributed to an increase in these figures in Sudanese and South Sudanese territory, while the steady international response and the abundance of rains helped slightly decrease the amount in the Somali nation.

States in the area are also suffering from a displacement crisis, mainly due to clashes between communities, the report added.

Thus, ethnic clashes on the common border of the Ethiopian area of Gedeo and the southern region of Guji since April have led 960,000 people to leave their homes.

According to the report, the situation has also raised the current number of refugees in the African horn to 3.82 million.