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**KENYA**

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**SOMALIA**

- 1.8 million children are acutely malnourished in drought-affected areas.
- An estimated 3 million livestock have died.
- Over 1 million people were internally displaced by drought since January 2021.

**FEWS NET projected IPC acute food insecurity phases (Oct. 2022 – Jan. 2023)**

- Phase 5: Famine
- Phase 4: Emergency
- Phase 3: Crisis
- Phase 2: Stressed
- Phase 1: Minimal

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