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## Topic 6: Famine: a renewed threat in the 21st century?

### Acronyms and abbreviations

**ENSO-** El Niño Southern Oscillation.

**FEWS NET-** Famine Early Warning System Network.

**IHL-** International Humanitarian Law.

**IPC-** Integrated Food Security Phase Classification.

**OCHA-** UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

**RUTFs-** Ready-to-use therapeutic foods.

**USNCR-** UN Security Council Resolution 2417.

### Glossary

**Al Shabaab-** Islamic fundamentalist group based in Somalia and active in East Africa. They seek to establish a global caliphate based on what followers believe to be the “true Islam.”

**Biafra-** Partly recognized secessionist state in West Africa that existed from 1967–70.

**Famine-** Extreme event in which a large number of people in a given population or geographic area suffer inadequate access to food.

**Holodomor-** A man-made famine in the Soviet Union from 1932-1933 that killed millions of Ukrainians. Since 2006, the *Holodomor* has been recognized by Ukraine and 22 other countries as a genocide against the Ukrainian people carried out by the Soviet regime.

**U.S. Patriot Act-** Act of Congress following the 9/11 attacks with the stated purpose of tightening U.S. national security.

**World Food Programme-** Food-assistance branch of the United Nations.