Today, more than 34 million people globally are struggling with emergency levels of acute hunger, meaning that they are one step away from famine.

As highlighted in the FAO-WFP Joint Call for Action and Hunger Hotspots Report – March to July 2021 outlook – the latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analyses revealed a dramatic worsening of the acute food insecurity situation in early 2021 – with 174 million people facing extreme food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or worse) in 58 countries. Projections indicate that this number could increase by the end of 2021, primarily due to conflict, climate change and the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19.

The impact of these converging catastrophes is disproportionately hardest especially on women and girls – who make up 60 percent of acutely food insecure people globally.

By the time famine is declared many lives are already lost. Addressing the root causes of today’s hunger and preventing the deterioration into famine requires urgent action at scale.

The side event will bring together frontline stakeholders to seek gender-sensitive solutions, actions and resources to avert famine, mitigate extreme food insecurity and protect the hard-won development gains.

INFORMATION ON THE EVENT CAN BE FOUND AT
www.unocha.org/ecosoc-2021

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WHEN
24 June 2021
17:00-18:30 (CET time)

WHERE
Virtual event on the Zoom platform

Register here: https://bit.ly/3gslrXR

ORGANIZERS
The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Concern Worldwide, The International Rescue Committee (IRC), The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), The World Food Programme (WFP), World Vision International (WVI)

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