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To: Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA)

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Subject: The main food crises, climate changes and gender  
- presentation by CARE International

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Following the informal COHAFA videoconference of 9 September, delegations will find in Annex presentation made by CARE International<sup>(1)(2)</sup>.

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**COHAFA meeting – September 2021**

**The hunger crisis and gender equality**

# Women and girls are at risk of famine

## The world is facing an unprecedented food crisis



- Are disproportionately affected by food insecurity and famine

- Conflicts make it more difficult for them to produce, process, and provide food

- Play vital roles in preventing and responding to food insecurity and famine

- Social norms dictate that men and boys eat first in many contexts



## Focus on South Sudan



Highest levels of food insecurity and malnutrition since independence:

- 60 % of the population facing severe acute food insecurity
- Over 100,000 people are anticipated to be in 'catastrophic' levels of food insecurity

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- Women in charge of provision of food for their household
- Taking greater care burdens
- Lack of food impacts on GBV – negative coping mechanisms, tensions, early and forced marriage

CARE's work: focus on emergency food and nutrition programmes and health and GBV services

# Solutions and recommendations

1. Take urgent action to address the hunger crisis!
2. Integrate gender considerations and actions in EU famine prevention actions and programmes
3. Involve women and girls in all famine prevention and mitigation measures
4. Resolve the underlying drivers of humanitarian needs

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**Thank you,  
Questions?**

