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following the conclusion of the analytical phase of the 2022 IPC for South Sudan

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and the United Nations in South Sudan are pleased to announce the successful conclusion of the analytical phase of the 2022 Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) for the Republic of South Sudan. This exercise started on 9th March 2022 and concluded on Friday March 18th 2022, with the findings to be published on the 8th April, 2022.

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) is a rigorous multi-partner process for food security and nutrition analysis and is a key element in decision-making for Government and other stakeholders. The IPC results are used by Government, United Nations Agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations, civil society and other relevant actors, as the best representation of the severity and magnitude of acute and chronic food insecurity, and acute malnutrition situations in the country.

South Sudan has a long history with the IPC process, beginning during the preparations for Independence. Since 2007, South Sudan has been one of the early adopters, first as part of Sudan, then as an independent country, and has contributed significantly to the evolution of the IPC since its inception. The government of the Republic of South Sudan has long recognised the value the IPC can bring, utilising the insights, analyses and outputs to develop and coordinate evidence-based interventions to address hunger and malnutrition in the country.

The 2022 IPC builds on the successes of previous years, drawing on expertise from the full range of actors engaged in food security in South Sudan. At the core of the IPC analysis is the two-week workshop, in which the Technical Working Group convened analysts from relevant agencies and sectors to examine the convergence of evidence following the IPC protocols and agree on classification and estimations of the population for the different categories.

We note with satisfaction the success of this process in generating a shared understanding of the situation in South Sudan, based on open, transparent, inclusive and scientifically rigorous discussion between the technical experts. We are confident that this process will facilitate fruitful collaboration in pursuit of our common goal of protecting and improving lives and livelihoods of the population of South Sudan.

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Both the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security and the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator are pleased to support this round of IPC analysis and look forward to the release of the IPC Report, which is expected take place on 8th April.

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