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## **C<sup>4</sup> Annual Bulletin ▪ 2024 Calendar Year**

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### **Economic Crises**

#### **Global Food Insecurity:**

The 2025 Global Report on Food Crises reported that 295.3 million people across 53 countries faced acute food insecurity in 2024, a 5% increase from 2023. Key drivers included conflict, climate-related disasters, and economic shocks, with significant impacts in Sudan, Gaza, South Sudan, Haiti, and Mali. Economic instability, including inflation and currency devaluation, pushed 59.4 million into food crises.

#### **Source:**

Reuters (Center bias, highly credible).

#### **Article:**

<https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/climate-energy/conflict-climate-drive-record-global-hunger-2024-un-says-2025-05-16>

#### **USAID Aid Cuts:**

Massive reductions in U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) funding severely impacted humanitarian efforts in conflict-ridden regions, notably northeastern Nigeria. Over 90% of foreign aid contracts were slashed, leading to the termination of food and healthcare services for malnourished children and increasing child mortality rates.

**Source:**

Associated Press (Center bias, highly credible).

**Article:**

<https://apnews.com/article/4447e210c4b5543b8ebb9a6b9e01aa53>

## Humanitarian Crises

**Gaza Conflict:**

Following the collapse of a ceasefire in March 2024, intensified Israeli airstrikes led to over 53,000 Palestinian deaths since October 2023. The blockade prevented aid from entering Gaza for over 75 days, leaving nearly half a million Palestinians at risk of starvation.

**Source:**

Associated Press (Center bias, highly credible).

**Article:**

<https://apnews.com/article/9caf8f6eb19efe038c1fd50aa1d2d8ec>

**Sudan Civil War:**

Ongoing conflict since April 2023 displaced over 10.5 million people, with 25.6 million facing severe food shortages. Catastrophic hunger levels were reported in Khartoum and Gezira states, and 730,000 children were projected to suffer from severe acute malnutrition.

**Source:**

Catholic Relief Services (Center bias, highly credible).

**Article:**

<https://www.crs.org/stories/global-emergency-update-august-2024>

**Haiti Famine:**

Gang wars and economic turmoil led to famine conditions affecting 5,636 people, with 5.4 million experiencing crisis-level food insecurity. The crisis was exacerbated by violence, displacement, and a cholera outbreak.

**Source:**

UNICEF

**Article:**

<https://www.unicef.org/appeals/haiti>

**Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC):**

Escalating violence in eastern DRC displaced at least 150,000 people in early 2024, with over 25 million in dire need of humanitarian aid. Children were disproportionately affected, with 78,000 forced to flee their homes in a single week.

**Source:**

Save the Children (Center bias, highly credible).

**Article:**

<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/charity-stories/humanitarian-crises-you-need-to-know-about>

**Yemen Crisis:**

Nine years of conflict left over 18 million people in need of humanitarian assistance, with 17.6 million facing acute food insecurity. Displacement,

damaged infrastructure, and limited access to basic services compounded the crisis.

**Source:**

Save the Children (Center bias, highly credible).

**Article:**

<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/charity-stories/humanitarian-crises-you-need-to-know-about>

## **Environmental Crises**

### **Global Coral Bleaching:**

The 2023–2025 global coral bleaching event affected approximately 84% of the Earth's coral reef ecosystems, making it the most extensive incident in recorded history. Elevated ocean temperatures due to climate change were the primary cause.

**Source:**

US NOAA Coral Reef Watch

**Article:**

<https://coralreefwatch.noaa.gov/>

### **South Sudan Floods:**

Catastrophic flooding beginning in August 2024 impacted over 735,000 people, displacing 65,000. Prolonged rainfall and overflow from Lake Victoria led to concerns about permanent displacement due to expanding uninhabitable wetlands.

**Source:**

IOM South Sudan Flood Response

**Article:**

<https://southsudan.iom.int>

## Health Crises

**Dengue Outbreak in Latin America and the Caribbean:**

A record-breaking dengue outbreak resulted in over 13 million suspected cases and more than 8,186 deaths. Countries affected included Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, and several Central American nations.

**Source:**

PAHO Epidemiological Update

**Article:**

<https://www.paho.org/en/topics/dengue>

**Rwanda Marburg Virus Outbreak:**

Rwanda experienced its first-ever Marburg virus disease outbreak, with 65 confirmed cases and 15 deaths. The outbreak was declared over in December 2024 after no new cases were reported for 42 days.

**Source:**

World Health Organization

**Article:**

<https://www.who.int/news/item/13-12-2024-rwanda-marburg-outbreak>

**Mpox Epidemic:**

A new variant of mpox (clade Ib) led to over 29,000 suspected cases and 812 deaths, primarily in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The World Health Organization declared it a public health emergency of international concern in August 2024.

**Source:**

World Health Organization

**Article:**

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news/item/2024-DON444>

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## Sources and Media Bias Ratings

**Reuters:**

Center bias, highly credible -

<https://www.mediabiasfactcheck.com/reuters/>

**Associated Press (AP News):**

Center bias, highly credible -

<https://www.mediabiasfactcheck.com/ap/>

**The Guardian:**

Left-center bias, highly credible -

<https://www.mediabiasfactcheck.com/the-guardian/>

**World Health Organization:**

High factuality, highly credible -

<https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/world-health-organization-who/>

**US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:**

Very high factuality, highly credible -

<https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/national-oceanic-and-atmospheric-administration-noaa/>

**Pan American Health Organization:**

High factuality, highly credible -

<https://mediabiasfactcheck.com/pan-american-health-organization-paho/>

**Save the Children:**

Center bias, highly credible -

<https://www.mediabiasfactcheck.com/save-the-children/>

**Catholic Relief Services (CRS):**

Center bias, highly credible -

<https://www.mediabiasfactcheck.com/catholic-relief-services/>

**Concern Worldwide:**

Center bias, highly credible -

<https://www.mediabiasfactcheck.com/concern-worldwide/>