

World Food Program warns 34 million face famine in Yemen and Ethiopia



United Nations, March 13 (RHC)-- The United Nations says over 88 million people around the world were facing acute hunger by the end of 2020, and some 34 million are now on the brink of famine.

David Beasley of the World Food Program told reporters: "WFP estimates that at least 34 million people are knocking on the door of famine. These looming famines have two things in common: They are primarily driven by conflict, and they are entirely preventable."

Beasley said Yemen is heading toward "the biggest famine in modern history" and many parts of the country feel like "hell on Earth" after years of food shortages and destruction brought on by the U.S.-backed, Saudi-led war.

Humanitarian groups are also raising the alarm for millions in Ethiopia's Tigray region amid the ongoing conflict, which has prevented the delivery of food and other aid.

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