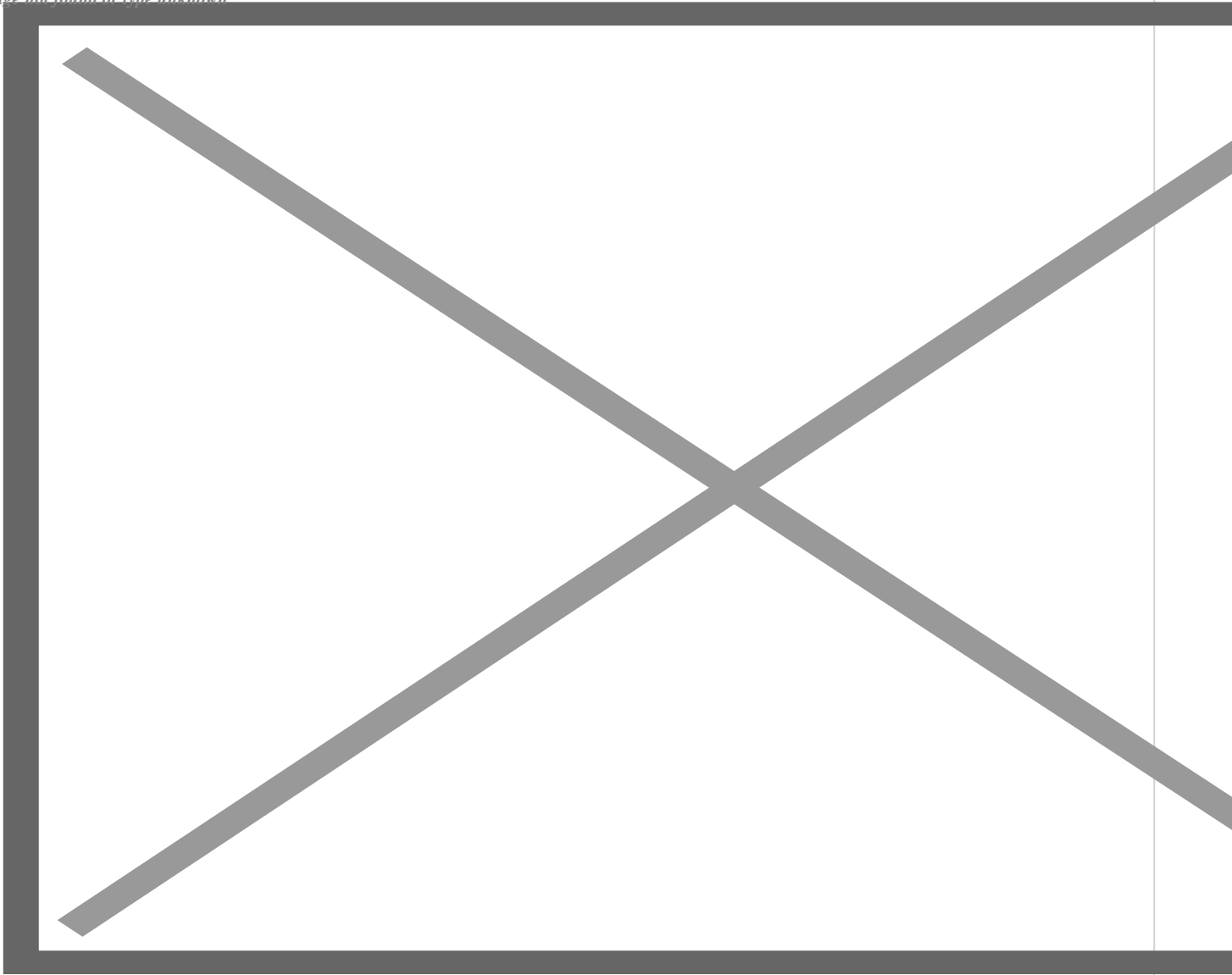


# *Children dying in Somalia as food catastrophe worsens*

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The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), which sets the global standard for determining the severity of food crises, said its most acute level, "IPC Phase 5 Famine," had been temporarily averted but things were getting worse.

In Somalia, where three million people have been driven from their homes by conflict or drought, the crisis is compounded by a long-running Islamist insurgency that has hampered humanitarian access to some areas.

Somalia's last famine, in 2011, killed a quarter of a million people, half of them before famine was officially declared.

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