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## **INTRODUCTION**

The dire state of the humanitarian situation in Africa is currently shaped by three inter-related factors. The first dimension is the exponential increase of the humanitarian need on the continent. As further discussed below, this is attributable, among others, to the increase in the number, geographic spread and level of violence of conflicts and crisis on the continent in recent years. This situation is further compounded by other factors including climate change induced extreme weather conditions.

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