

Food crises and migration flows from Africa - A Perfect Storm



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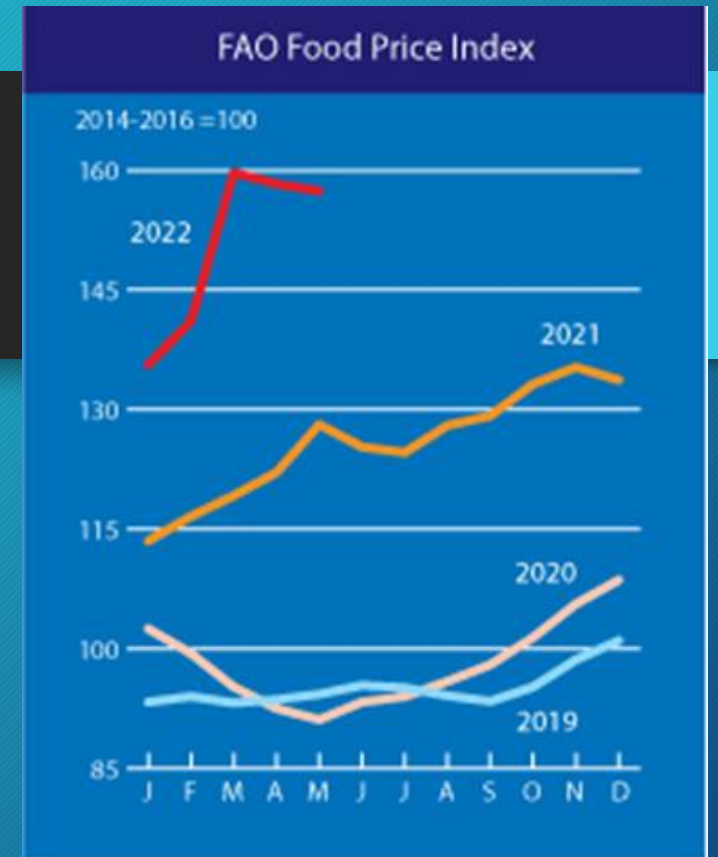


Situation on the ground

- Counting the numbers
 - 345 million acute food insecurity (worldwide)
 - 1,1 - 1,6 billion food insecurity
 - Africa: 280 million food insecurity - 130 million acute food insecurity (June)
- 36 million IDPs and refugees (75% - 20% - 5% asylum seekers) 3,7 million more than in last year
- Perfect Storm - structural and ad hoc reasons

Structural challenges

- Demography (COVID-19)
- Increasing food prices since May 2020
- 50-100% increase by 24 February 2022
- An additional 50-100% since that time
- 60-100% of household expenditures

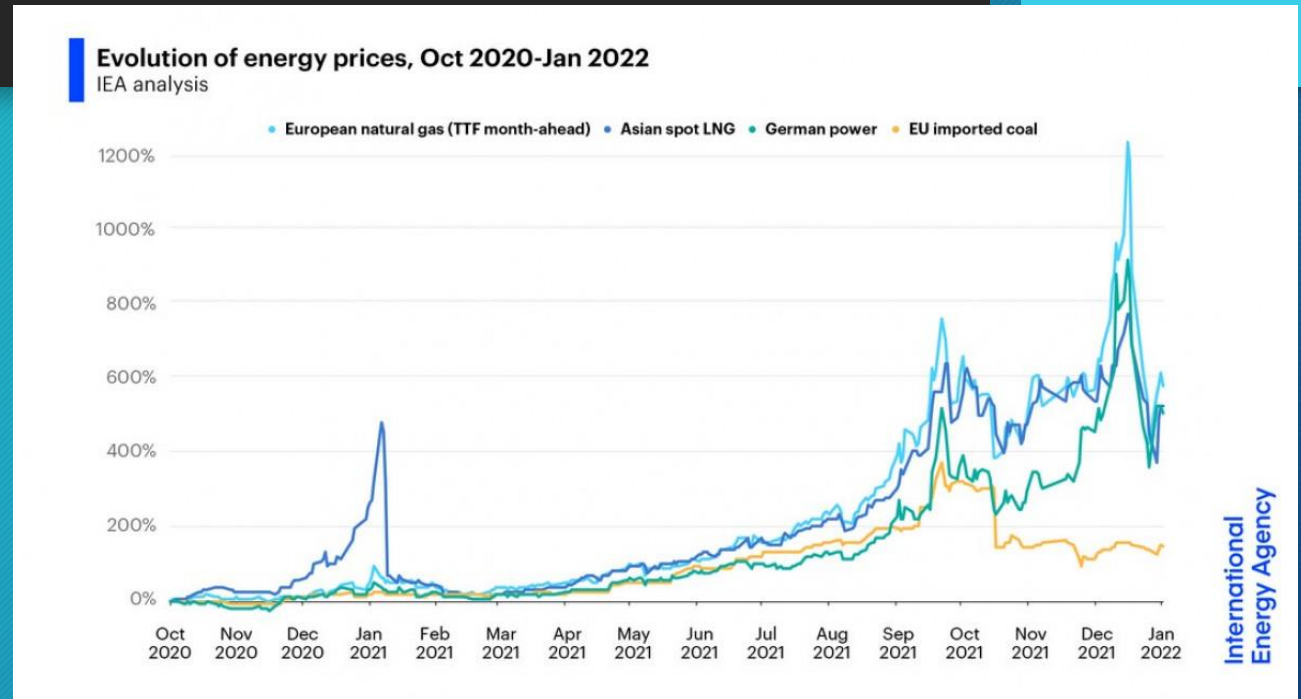


Structural challenges

- Drought - four rainy seasons missed in East Africa
 - In some regions, 80-95% of livestock has perished
- West Africa
- Reserves were used up during the pandemic
- Some actors (al-Shabaab, Ethiopian parties) are using starvation as a weapon

Energy-price shock

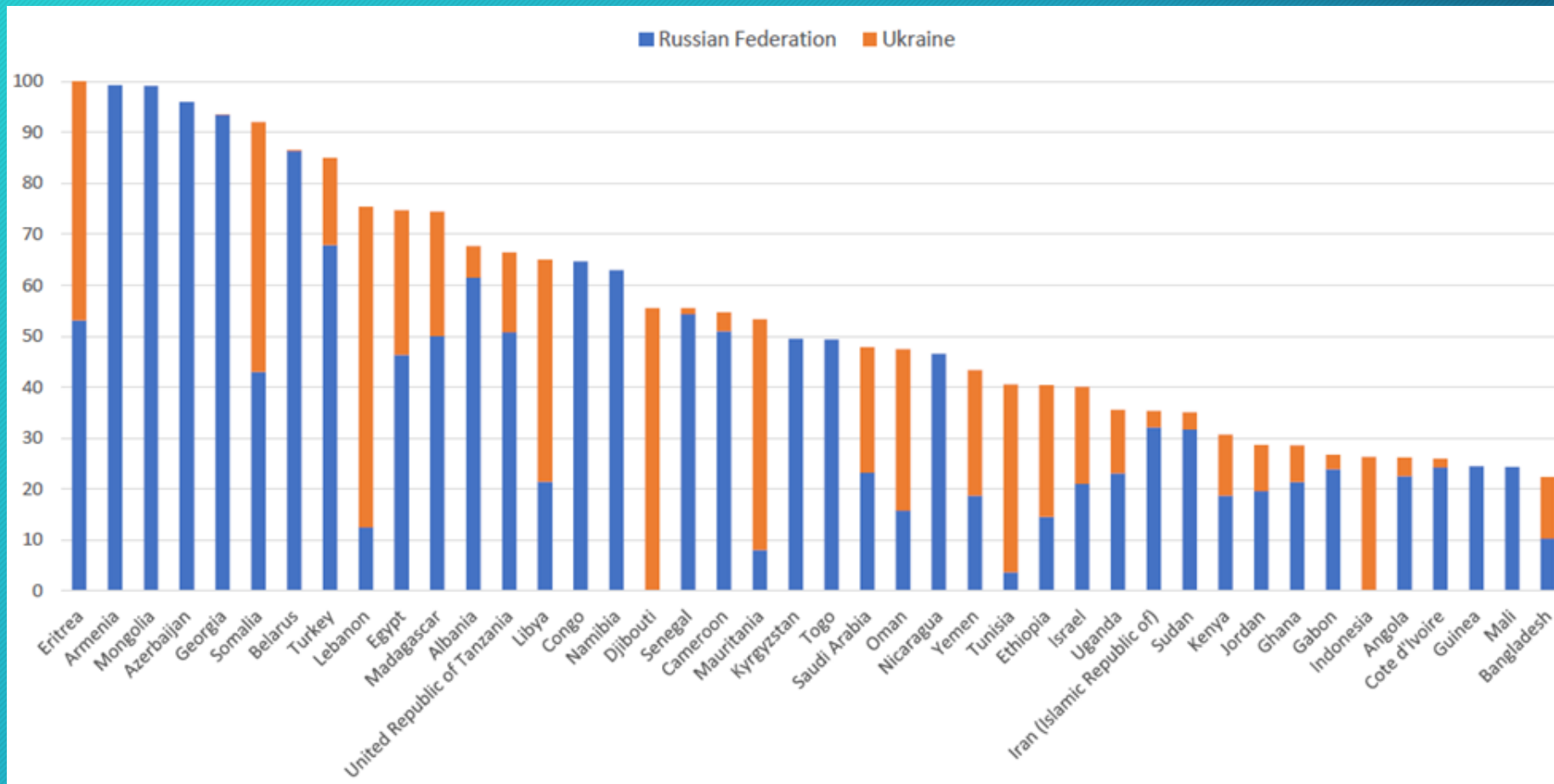
- Also since 2020 (a chance?)



Political challenges

- Civil wars and insurgencies (South Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sahel))
- Military coups (West Africa) - six in the last two years

The Last Straw - Ukraine



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- Other effects
 - Tourism
 - Investments
- Less political attention
- New Cold War (?) competition

Current situation on African migration

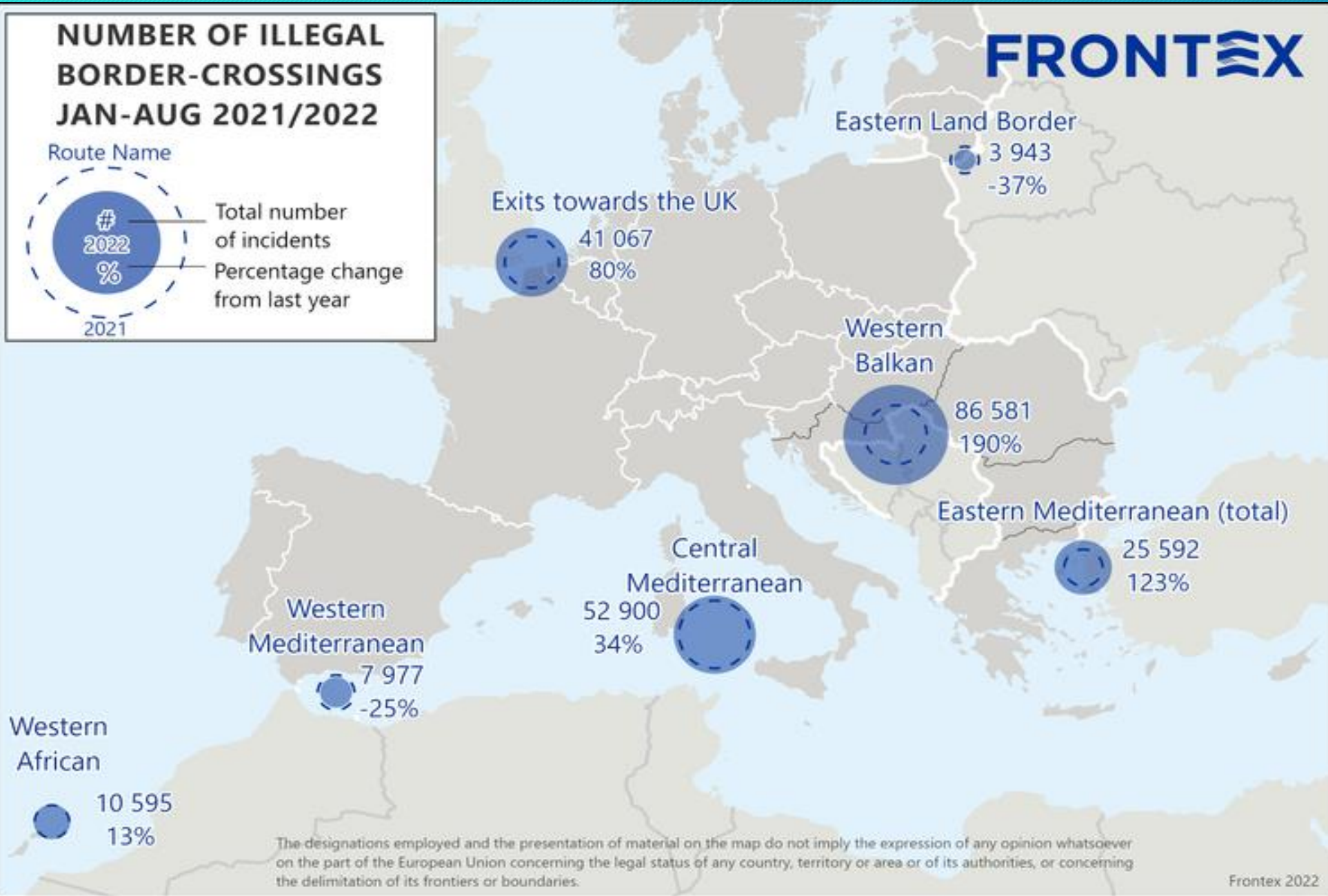
- Mass starvation since June
- Increasing number of IDPs (1 million only in Somalia)
- People are moving to the centers (refugee camps/settlements; cities)



NUMBER OF ILLEGAL BORDER-CROSSINGS JAN-AUG 2021/2022

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Route Name



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Current situation on African migration

- North Africa: middle class is leaving
 - They have the financial background and networks

Conclusions

- Africa is going through an unprecedented humanitarian crisis
- In the shadow of the war in Ukraine, it is little hope for more support for the continent
- It is also affecting Europe which is struggling with multiple challenges (refugees, energy prices and inflation)