Regional Overview

The South African Government has placed an immediate ban on the entry of non-South Africans from the Ebola-hit West African countries of Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone.

The Southern Africa Regional Climate Outlook Forum (SARCOF), taking place from 27 to 29 August in Windhoek, Namibia, will develop the first regional seasonal forecast for the coming rainfall season.

Two cases of Ebola have been confirmed in northern DRC, which are said to be a different strain to the outbreak in West Africa.

In Focus: Zimbabwe

All the provinces except for Mashonaland East and West are projected in the crisis food insecurity phase for 2014. Currently, staple cereals are generally available throughout the country from both own production and the market, but low incomes and higher than normal prices of staple cereals are limiting household access, particularly in the southern provinces.