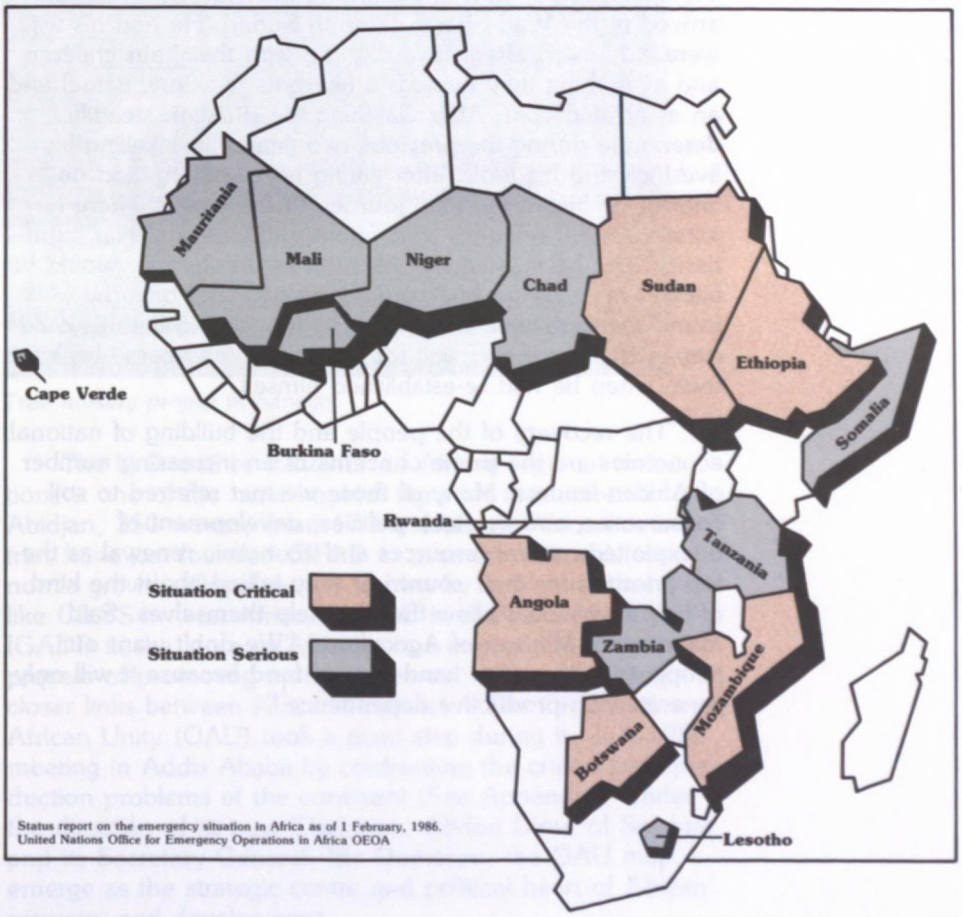
The return of the rains makes it possible to confront the future with some hope. The massive relief efforts of the past year saved millions of lives and relieved the suffering of millions more. The world *did* make a difference. At the same time we are struck by the incompleteness, the fragility and the slowness of recovery. An estimated 19 million people (compared with 30 to 35 million a year ago) continue to be directly threatened by famine and will need emergency aid through 1986. Some 3 million people remain displaced from their homes and must be assisted in the process of recovery and resettlement. The countries and people that have begun to show signs of recovery could be thrown back into disaster by the failure of the next rainy season. For the foreseeable future the world must maintain an "Africa Watch".

Famine in Africa



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