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Cover: Children await food at UNICEF relief station in Kadepo, Uganda. Though Africa's 17-year drought has triggered conditions that foster famine, socioeconomic factors may play at least as big a role. Many experts are coming to feel that science offers the only hope of ensuring that most of Africa's rapidly growing populace eventually gains access to an adequate diet. (Photo: World Bank/Yosef Hadar)



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Correction: The map image of Africa on the cover of the May 4 SCIENCE News should have been credited to National Aeronautics and Space Administration/Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

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