This report provides an analysis of the market prices of the key commodities that make up the in-kind food basket as compared to the cash transfer value distributed by WFP to the refugee beneficiaries. The report focuses on price data collected from Adjumani/Pakelle, Arua/Rhino Camp, Kyirandongo, Kyaka II, Rwamwanja and Kyangwali settlements (January – December 2017) for the major commodities of the in-kind food basket which include maize grain, beans and maize flour (for EVH). However, in estimating the cash transfer value, prices for all the in-kind food basket commodities are included (Millet flour as a proxy for CSB).

**KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Overall, there was a reduction in the prices for the key food commodities across the settlements, mainly for maize grain, maize flour and beans. Increases were noticed in a few settlements.
- During the last quarter of 2017, cash transfer beneficiaries were able to get on average the right quantities of the in-kind food basket at the market prices across all settlements due to harvest from different parts of the country.
- In Kyaka the market price values for full ration, half ration & EVH were lower than the WFP cash transfer values by 16%, 11% and 2% respectively.
- In Rwamwanja the market price values for full ration, half ration & EVH were lower than the WFP cash transfer values by 23%, 21% and 19% respectively.
- In Kyangwali the market price values for full ration, half ration & EVH were lower than the WFP cash transfer values by 20%, 14% and 26% respectively.
- In Kiryandongo the market price values for full ration, half ration & EVH were lower than the WFP cash transfer values by 7%, 1% and 3% respectively.
- In Rhino camp the market price values for full ration, half ration & EVH were lower than the WFP cash transfer values by 7%, 3% and 1% respectively.
- In Adjumani/Pakelle the market price values for full ration, half ration & EVH were lower than the WFP cash transfer values by 4%, 2% and 9% respectively.
- There is a very big difference between the market price values in South Western settlements and West Nile. Different transfer values and a higher value for West Nile would be ideal.

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- Average retail prices for some of the commodities in the in-kind food basket reduced during the last quarter of 2017 due to the harvest season.
- Prices for maize flour and beans reduced by 15% and 30% respectively during the last quarter compared to the third quarter of the year.
- Prices for vegetable oil and salt remained the same while for maize grain and millet flour increased by 35% and 12% respectively. Harvest for maize grain was expected to begin towards the end of December and early January 2018.
- Despite an increase in prices for maize grain and millet flour, cash transfer beneficiaries could still afford to buy more than the in-kind food basket using the transfer value received.
- The full ration market value for the last quarter (UGX 26,000) and the half ration market value (UGX 15,000) were less than the WFP cash transfer values of UGX 31,000 and UGX 17,000 by 16% and 11% respectively.
- Similarly, the EVH ration market value (UGX 44,000) was less than the WFP cash transfer value of UGX 45,000 by 2%. Therefore, cash transfer beneficiaries in Kyaka II were able to buy the expected food basket at market price.
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Rwamwanja Settlement October—December 2017

- Average retail prices for maize grain, beans, and millet flour reduced by 34%, 30%, and 15% respectively during the quarter as compared to the third quarter of 2017. Prices for maize flour and salt did not change while for vegetable oil increased by 4% during the October-December period as compared to July-September.

- As a result of the low prices for the key staple commodities, cash transfer beneficiaries would buy more food than the in-kind food basket for all categories (on full ration, half ration and EVH).

- The market value of the full ration (UGX 24,000) was 23% less than the WFP cash transfer value of UGX 31,000. The half ration market value (UGX 13,000) was less than WFP cash transfer value (UGX 17,000) by 21%. Similarly, the EVH market value (UGX 37,000) was less than the transfer value received from WFP (UGX 45,000) by 19%.

- Rwamwanja settlement is an agricultural area. The December harvest brought down prices for key commodities in the food basket resulting into improved purchasing power for the cash transfer beneficiaries. The transfer value should be maintained in this settlement.
The average retail prices for maize grain and beans reduced during the last quarter of 2017 compared to the third quarter by 13% and 15% respectively. Prices for maize flour, millet flour and salt remained the same while vegetable oil prices increased by 6%.

All cash transfer beneficiaries (full ration-100%, half ration-50% and EVH) could afford to buy a WFP in-kind food basket at market price during the last quarter (October, November and December 2017).

The last quarter (2017) market values of the full ration (UGX 25,000) and half ration (UGX 15,000) were lower than the WFP cash transfer values of UGX 31,000 (full ration) and UGX 17,000 (half ration) by 20% and 14% respectively. Similarly, the EVH ration market value (UGX 33,000) was lower than the WFP cash transfer value of UGX 45,000 by 26%.

Agricultural production in Kyangwali helped to keep food prices lower during the last quarter of 2017 and the cash transfer beneficiaries could buy an equivalent of the in-kind food basket and have a balance to buy other items.
The average retail prices for maize grain, maize flour, beans and vegetable reduced by 18%, 15%, 3% and 3% respectively during the last quarter compared to the third quarter of 2017. However, average retail price for millet flour increased by 26% while there was no significant change in price for salt.

The decrease in prices for key food basket commodities (maize grain, maize flour, beans and vegetable oil) improved the purchasing power of the WFP cash transfer value for all beneficiary categories (full ration-100%, half ration-50% and EVH).

The market values of the full ration (UGX 25,000), half ration (UGX 15,000) and EVH (UGX 44,000) were lower than the WFP cash transfer values of UGX 31,000 (full ration), UGX 17,000 (half ration) and UGX 45,000 (EVH) by 7% 1% and 3% respectively.

It was majorly in October when beneficiaries had issues with accessing the right quantities of food at market price, but in December prices were much lower and the WFP cash transfer value is still relevant in Kiryandongo.
• Average retail prices for maize grain, maize flour and salt reduced by 40%, 18% and 9% respectively during the last quarter of the year as compared to the third quarter. However, average retail prices for millet flour and vegetable oil increased by 10% and 2% respectively while for beans did not change.

• On average cash transfer beneficiaries were able to buy an equivalent of the in-kind food basket at market price during the last quarter of 2017 but not comfortably. The market values of the full ration (UGX 29,000), half ration (UGX 16,000) and EVH (UGX 44,000) were lower than the WFP cash transfer values of UGX 31,000 (full ration), UGX 17,000 (half ration) and UGX 45,000 (EVH) by 7% 3% and 1% respectively.

• The EVH ration market values of UGX 47,000 in October and UGX 46,000 in December 2017 were higher than the WFP cash transfer value of UGX 45,000 by 3% and 2% respectively.

* The market is unfavorable in Rhino camp settlement, and therefore there is a need to mobilize traders into the settlement and revision of the transfer value.
Adjumani-Pakelle Settlement October—December 2017

- Although the absolute prices were still high, average retail prices for maize grain, maize flour and millet flour were lower during the last quarter as compared to the third quarter of 2017 by 25%, 28% and 14% respectively. Prices for beans and salt increased by 5% and 8% respectively while for vegetable oil did not change.

- Cash transfer beneficiaries on full ration (100%) and half ration (50%) were able to buy an equivalent of the WFP in-kind food basket at market price using the cash transfer value received during the last three months of 2017. The market values of the full ration (UGX 29,900) and half ration (UGX 16,700) were slightly lower than the WFP cash transfer values of UGX 31,000 (full ration) and UGX 17,000 (half ration) by 4% and 2% respectively. Similarly, the EVH market value (UGX 41,100) was less than the transfer value received from WFP (UGX 45,000) by 9%. However, the December EVH ration market price value was slightly higher than the WFP cash transfer value.

* On average, cash transfer beneficiaries in Adjumani lived on the borderline of the WFP cash transfer value and any further price increase would affect their ability to buy an equivalent of the in-kind food basket.
### Price Data June 2016 - December 2017

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