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HIGHLIGHTS

KARAMOJA

- In April, there were minimal changes in the overall retail prices for staple foods, compared to March. **Maize grain price was low by 3%**, while **prices for sorghum and beans increased by 2% and 3%**, respectively;
- Generally, **the overall retail prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans remained markedly lower than 2017 levels by 42%, 47% and 15%,** respectively. Similar trends were seen across all major markets, more so in Abim and Nakapiripirit;
- Compared to the long term (2013-2017) average, **the overall retail prices for maize grain and sorghum declined by 21% and 26%,** respectively, due to high supplies following a better harvest in 2017. **Average retail prices were significantly lower in Abim, Nakapiripirit and Kaabong;**
- In April, **the terms of trade for goats and daily labor wage rate against maize grain improved by 4%** (each). Similarly, the terms of trade for goats and daily labor wage rate remained significantly above 2017 levels.

REST OF THE COUNTRY

- Compared to March, slight changes in the average retail prices were observed in April. **Maize grain price fell by 4%,** while the **price for sorghum was up by 4%**;
- Overall retail **prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans were below 2017 levels by 39%, 11% and 21%,** respectively, due to an improved harvest last year. The **price for maize grain and sorghum increased by 23% and 40% in Mbale**, due to high demand;
- In May, **the average retail prices are expected to slightly increase**, but start falling in June due to an anticipated first season harvest across the country.

The Uganda Market Price Update is produced by the Analysis, Monitoring and Evaluation (AME) Unit of the World Food Programme Uganda on a monthly basis. Price data collected by staff at WFP Sub offices in Moroto, Kotido, Kaabong and Nakapiripirit is analyzed along with price data from Gulu, Kampala, Mbarara, Soroti, Tororo, Lira and Mbale. The update is divided into four sections; Karamoja markets, Price trends over one year, Other Markets and table on Price changes.

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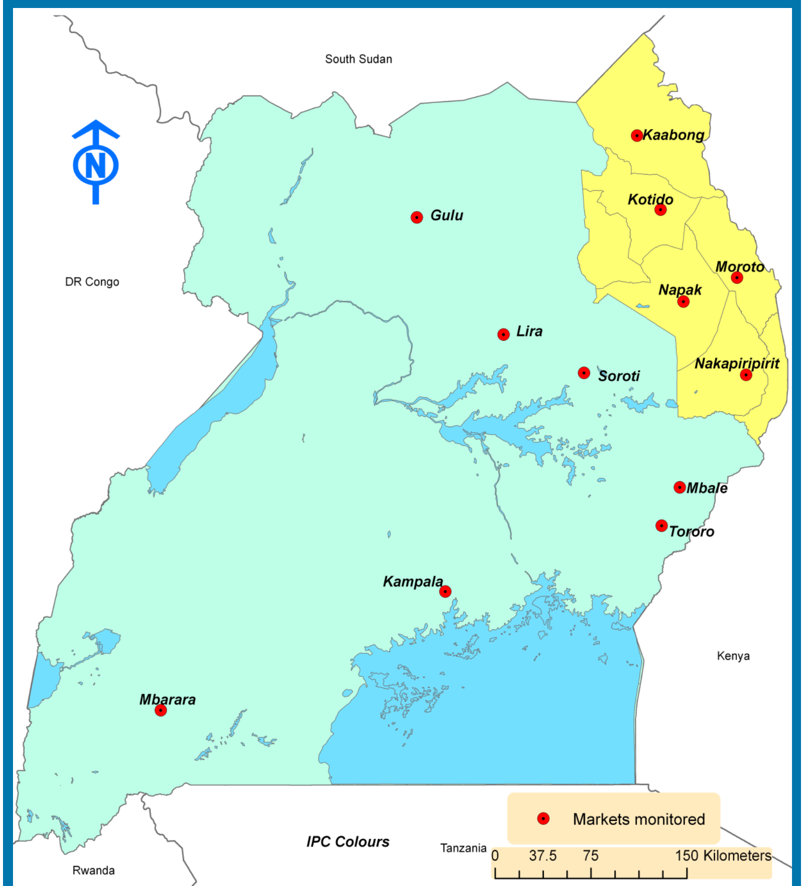

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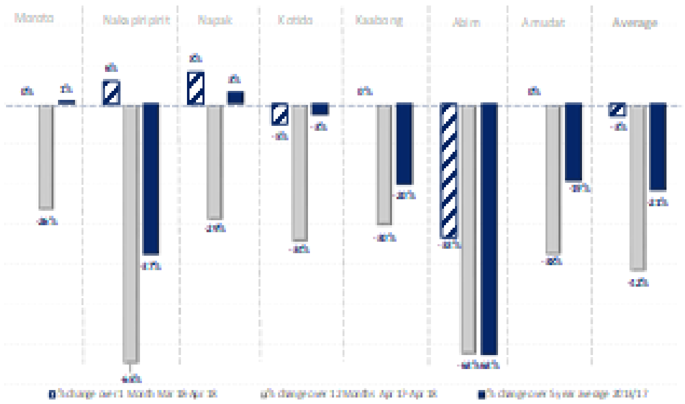
SECTION ONE: KARAMOJA SUB-REGION

CEREALS

Figure 1. Maize grain retail price changes Apr –2018



In April, the overall average retail price for sorghum remained fairly stable. However, the price was above March levels by 14% in Napak, due to low supplies on the market, while Abim saw a price decline by 13%, possibly due to improved supplies.

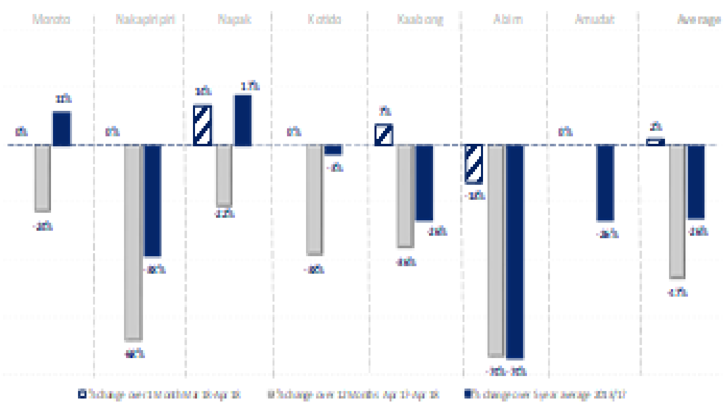
Compared to March, the overall average retail price for maize grain was relatively stable in April, with observed declines in Abim and Kotido by 33% and 5%, respectively. In Napak and Nakapiripirit, prices were slightly higher, due to increased demand as stocks from September-to-October harvest deplete.

The average prices in all markets significantly fell during the month, compared to the same period last year, and this is attributed to a better harvest towards the end of 2017.

Compared to the long term (2013-2017) average, the overall retail price declined by 21%, and markedly in Abim, Nakapiripirit and Kaabong.

Average retail prices are likely to remain fairly stable in May, through June since stocks on the markets are to expected to be replenished by the June-to-August harvest across the country.

Figure 2. Sorghum grain retail price changes Apr—2018

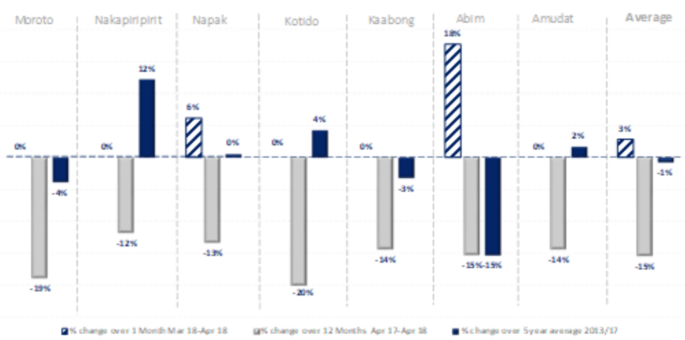


Compared to 2017, the average retail price in all markets significantly fell, following a better harvest last year. The overall price was below 2017 levels by 47%, with Abim and Nakapiripirit having marked declines.

Similarly, the overall average retail price remained below the long term (2013-2017) average by 26%. The reduction in the price was significant in Abim and Nakapiripirit. However, Napak and Moroto saw an increase by 17% and 11%, respectively, and this could be due to low supplies.

BEANS

Figure 3. Beans retail price changes Apr – 2018



In April, the overall retail price was marginally higher than March levels by 3%. The retail price in Abim and Napak increased by 18% and 6%, respectively, due to tight supplies. However, there was no observed change in the price across other districts.

Compared to the same period in 2017, the overall price fell by 15%, with similar trends seen across all markets in Karamoja. The price reduction was significant in Kotido and Moroto by 20% and 19%, respectively, following a favourable harvest towards the end of 2017.

The retail price remained above the long term (2013-2017) levels in Nakapiripirit by 12%, while Abim saw a decline by 15%.

GOATS

Table 1: Goats retail price changes for Apr - 2018

Market	Current Apr 2018)	% Change from:		
		Mar-18	Apr-17	Av 2013-17
Moroto	120,000	0%	100.0%	-8%
Nakapiripirit	77,500	1%	24.0%	-2%
Napak	66,000	-38%	65%	-39%
Kotido	76,500	-15%	-2.9%	-2%
Kaabong	117,500	9.3%	14.6%	22%
Abim	90,000	-5%	11%	11%
Amudat	150,000	0.0%	140.0%	49.4%
Average	99,643	-6.5%	43.1%	3%

There was a slight decline in the overall price for goats, but markedly in Napak and Kotido, due to increased supplies on the market as pastoral households start selling animals to meet their food requirements. The price remained high in Kaabong.

In April, the price remained significantly higher than the same period last year, more so in Amudat, Moroto and Napak. This is attributable to improved animal body condition, coupled with reduced supplies.

Compared to the long term (2013-2017) average, the price for goats remained high in Amudat, Kaabong and Abim. However, Napak saw a price decline by 39%.

The prices for goats are likely to remain relatively stable, with minimal changes across some markets.

LABOR

Table 2: Changes in Daily Wage Rates Apr -2018

Market	Current (Apr 2018)	% Change from:		
		Mar-18	Apr-17	Av 2013-17
Moroto	5,000	0%	0%	4%
Nakapiripirit	3,000	0%	-25%	-5%
Napak	5,000	0%	0%	5%
Kotido	2,000	0%	-20.0%	-11.6%
Kaabong	5,000	0%	0%	32%
Abim	2,000	0%	-33%	-33%
Amudat	2,500	7.1%		
Average	3,500	0.7%	-14%	-3.5%

The average daily labor wage rate during the month was higher than March levels by 7% in Amudat, due to increased demand for labor in the agricultural sector.

The daily labor wage rate continues to be below 2017 levels by 14%, but markedly in Abim and Nakapiripirit.

Compared to the long term (2013-2017) average, the overall daily labor wage rate was relatively stable. Abim, Kotido and Nakapiripirit observed declines, while in Kaabong, the rate was high by 32%.

TERMS OF TRADE

The major sources of income in Karamoja are from casual labour and the sale of goats. The table below shows the latest trend of purchasing power of labour and goats averaged across the seven districts in Karamoja.

Description	Apr-18	Mar-18	Apr-17
Kg of maize/goat	109	106	44
Kg of maize/day's wage	4	3	2

The terms of trade for goats and daily wage labor rate against maize grain improved by 4% (each) in April, compared to March. This is attributed to the relatively lower prices for maize grain.

Compared to 2017, the terms of trade were markedly higher during the month, due to low prices for maize grain following a better harvest during the September-to-October harvest.

Overall, the terms of trade will likely remain fairly stable in May through June. However, compared to 2017, the terms of trade will significantly continue to be high.

SUMMARY BY DISTRICT

MOROTO

There was no observed change in the retail prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans in April. However, the average retail prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans were significantly below 2017 levels by 26%, 24% and 19%, respectively, due to high supplies.

NAKAPIRIPIRIT

While the average retail price for maize grain was slightly above March levels by 6%, the retail price for sorghum and beans remained stable. Compared to 2017, the prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans fell significantly during the month, due to a better harvest last year.

NAPAK

In April, the retail prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans were high by 8%, 14% and 6%, respectively, due to increased demand following the depletion of household stocks. However, the retail prices remained below 2017 levels, and this is attributable to a favorable harvest last year.

KOTIDO

The retail price for maize grain fell by 5% in April, compare to March, whereas sorghum and beans prices continued to be stable. Furthermore, the prices for staple foods were significantly lower than 2017 and the long term (2013-2017) average.

KAABONG

Compared to March, there was no observed change in the retail price for maize grain and beans in April. The price for sorghum increased slightly by 7%, due to high demand. The prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans fell significantly compared to 2017 and the long term (2013-2017) average.

ABIM

Maize grain and sorghum prices were lower than March levels by 33% and 13%, respectively, due to high supplies. The retail price for beans increased by 18%, due to scarcity coupled with high demand. In April, prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans were markedly higher than 2017 and the long term (2013-2017) average, following a better harvest towards the end of 2017.

AMUDAT

In April, the prices for staple foods remained stable, compared to March. Compared to 2017, the average retail prices for maize grain and beans fell by 38% and 14%, respectively. Similarly, retail prices for maize grain and sorghum were below the long term average by 19% and 26%, respectively. Price reduction is due to a favorable harvest during the September-to-October harvest.

SECTION TWO: KARAMOJA PRICES TRENDS APR 2018 AGAINST 2017 & AVG 2013-17

Figure 4. Maize Grain Price Trends

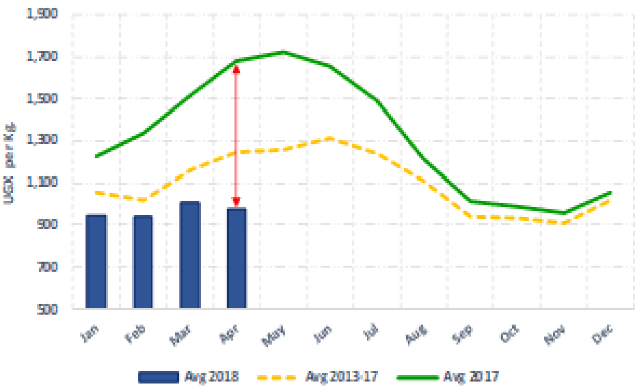


Figure 7. Maize Flour Price Trends

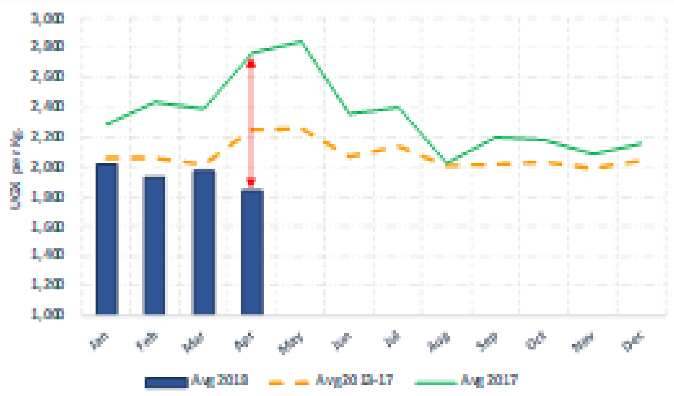


Figure 5. Sorghum Grain Price Trends

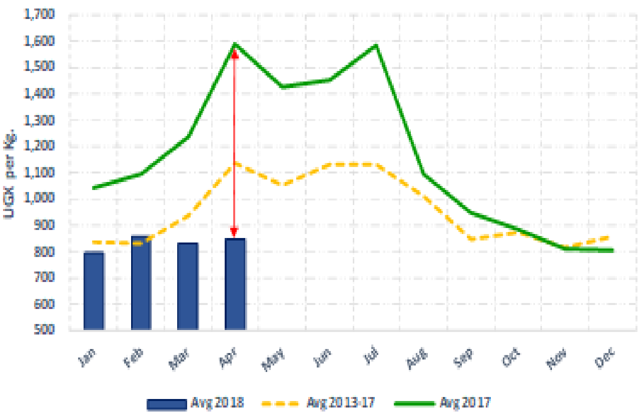


Figure 8. Terms of Trade Goats vs Maize grain

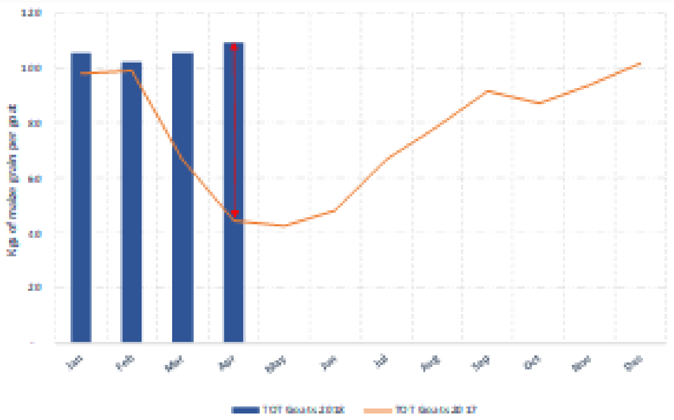


Figure 6. Beans Price Trends

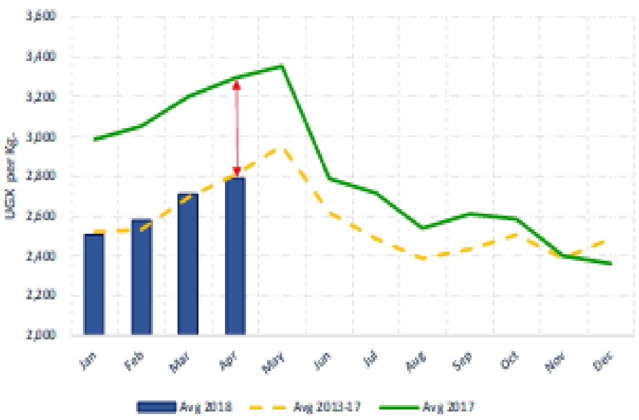
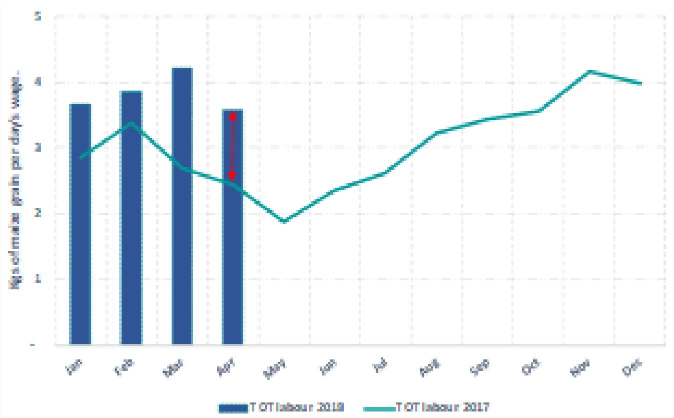


Figure 9. Terms of Trade Labour vs Maize grain



All data provided until this point has been sourced from WFP ProMIS

SECTION THREE: KAMPALA, WESTERN, NORTHERN AND EASTERN UGANDA

This section provides a snapshot of the price fluctuations and projections of beans and maize grain for selected markets in various regions of the country. Price data is collected by WFP staff at Sub offices in their respective areas of operation. The primary criteria for selecting the markets included in the analysis is their trade influence in food commodities in their respective regions and the relative consistency of data for the selected food commodities. More markets will be included in the analysis as we improve on the consistency of our data collection.

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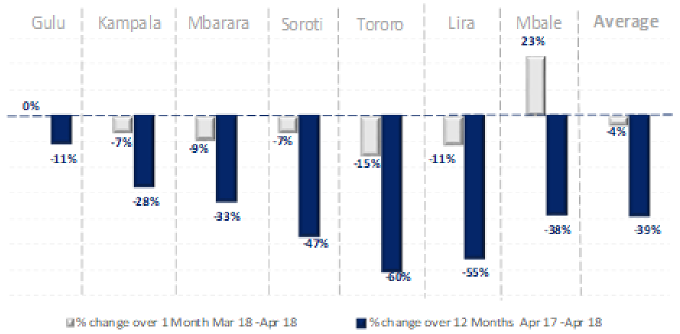
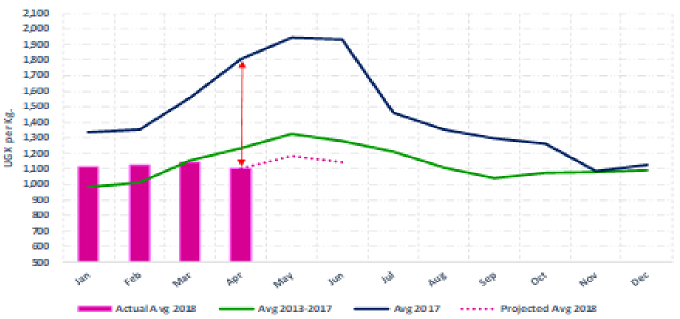
Fig. 10: Maize Grain Retail Price Changes Apr -2018



The overall average price for maize grain slightly fell by 4% in April, compared to March, more so in Tororo (15%) and Lira (11%). However, the price was up by 23% in Mbale, and this could be due to due to reduced supplies.

Compared to the same period in 2017, the overall price remained significantly lower, mostly in Tororo, Lira and Soroti due to a better harvest last year.

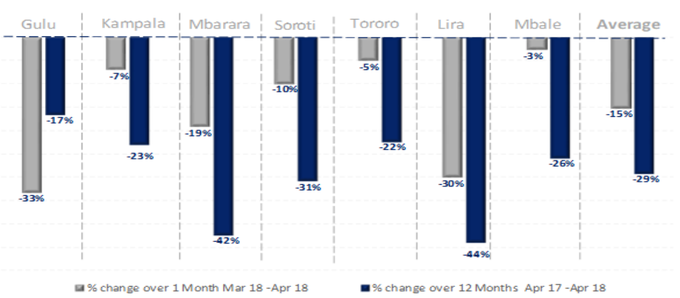
Fig. 11: Maize Grain Price Trend & projections: Jun 2018



Source: WFP AME Trends

In 2018, the average retail price for maize grain is relatively stable. The retail prices continue to be significantly lower than 2017 and the long term (2013-2017) average, following a favorable harvest last year. The retail price will slightly increase in May through June.

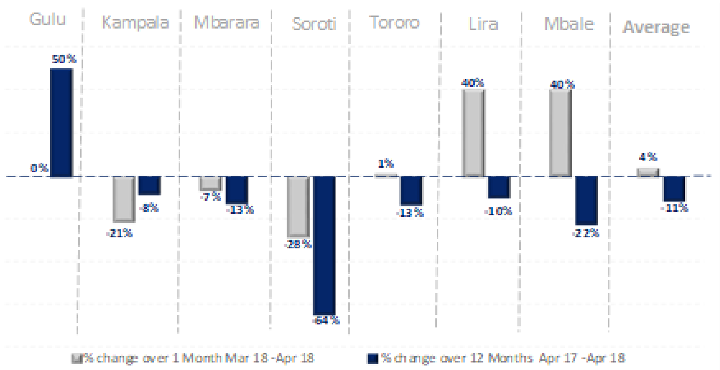
Fig. 12: Maize flour retail price changes Apr -2018



Compared to March, the overall average retail price for maize flour reduced by 15%, due to the average harvest last year. Similarly, the retail price was below 2017 levels by 29%.

Generally, price declines were seen across all major markets, but markedly in Lira and Mbarara.

Fig. 13: Sorghum Retail Price Changes Apr -2018

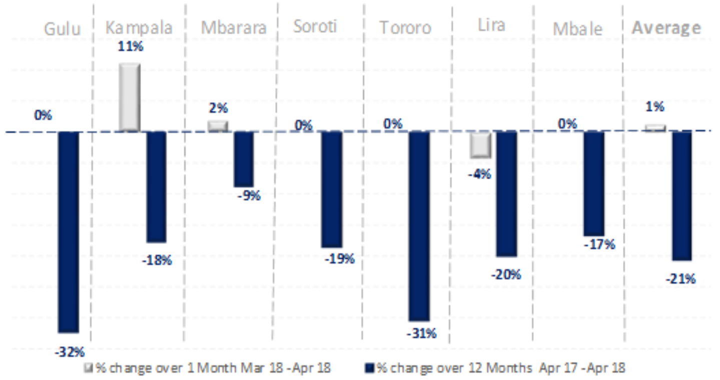


In April, the overall retail price for sorghum was relatively above March levels. The retail price was high in Lira and Mbale by 40%, due to reduced supplies on the markets coupled with increased demand from Karamoja. Soroti and Kampala observed declines by 28% and 21%, respectively.

Compared to 2017, the average retail price fell by 11%. Price declines were significant in Soroti and Mbale. However, the price in Gulu remained above by 50%.

BEANS

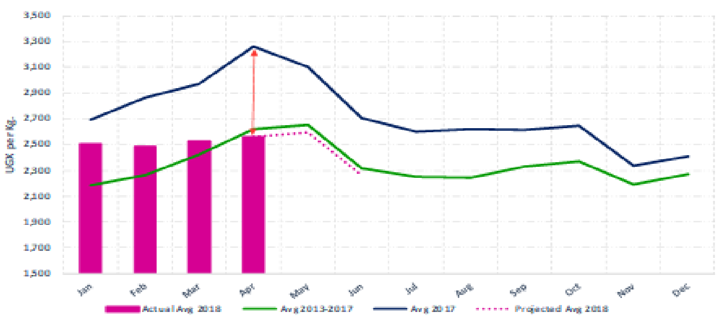
Fig. 14: Beans Retail Price Changes Apr -2018



The overall average retail price for beans was relatively stable in April, compared to March. In Kampala, the price was above by 11%, due to increased demand.

The retail price was significantly below 2017 levels in all markets across the country.

Fig. 15: Beans Price Trend & projections: Jun 2018



Source: WFP AME Trends

The overall average retail price for beans continue to be fairly stable this year. Average price in April declined significantly since the same period last year. Furthermore, the price was marginally below the long term (2013-2017) average.

SECTION FOUR: PRICE CHANGES FOR KEY SELECTED COMMODITIES

Current Retail Price: Apr 2018			Current	Price change (%)			
Region	District/Market	Major Commodities	Price(Ushs.)	1 M	1 Y	1 M	1 Y
Karamoja	Moroto	Maize grain (per Kg)	1,400	0%	-26%	↔	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	1,300	0%	-24%	↔	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,600	0%	-19%	↔	↓
		Medium size goat	120,000	0%	100%	↔	↑
		Daily labour wage	5,000	0%	0%	↔	↔
	Nakapiripirit	Maize grain (per Kg)	775	6%	-65%	↑	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	700	0%	-68%	↔	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	3,000	0%	-12%	↔	↔
		Medium size goat	77,500	1%	24%	↔	↑
		Daily labour wage	3,000	0%	-25%	↔	↓
	Napak	Maize grain (per Kg)	1,350	8%	-29%	↑	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	1,250	14%	-22%	↑	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,600	6%	-13%	↑	↔
		Medium size goat	66,000	-38%	65%	↓	↑
		Daily labour wage	5,000	0%	0%	↔	↔
	Kotido	Maize grain (per Kg)	950	-5%	-34%	↔	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	800	0%	-38%	↑	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,800	0%	-20%	↔	↓
		Medium size goat	76,500	-15%	-3%	↓	↔
		Daily labour wage	2,000	0%	-20%	↓	↓
	Kaabong	Maize grain (per Kg)	776	0%	-30%	↔	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	540	7%	-36%	↑	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	3,000	0%	-14%	↔	↔
		Medium size goat	117,500	9%	15%	↑	↑
		Daily labour wage	5,000	0%	0%	↔	↔
	Abim	Maize grain (per Kg)	600	-33%	-63%	↑	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	500	-13%	-74%	↓	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,500	18%	-15%	↑	↓
		Medium size goat	90,000	-5%	11%	↔	↔
		Daily labour wage	2,000	0%	-33%	↔	↓
	Amudat	Maize grain (per Kg)	1,000	0%	-38%		↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	850	0%		↔	
		Beans (per Kg)	3,000	0%	-14%	↔	↔
		Medium size goat	150,000	0%	140%	↔	↑
		Daily labour wage	2,500	7%		↑	
Central	Kampala/Owino	Maize grain (per Kg)	1,400	-7%	-28%	↓	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	2,750	-21%	-8%	↓	↔
		Maize flour (per Kg)	2,000	-7%	-23%	↓	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	3,000	11%	-18%	↑	↓
Western	Mbarara	Maize grain (per Kg)	1,000	-9%	-33%	↓	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	2,800	-7%	-13%	↓	↔
		Maize flour (per Kg)	1,800	-19%	-42%	↓	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,550	2%	-9%	↔	↔
Eastern	Tororo	Maize grain (per Kg)	763	-15%	-60%	↓	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	1,500	1%	-13%	↔	↔
		Maize flour (per Kg)	1,900	-5%	-22%	↔	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,500	0%	-31%	↔	↓
	Mbale	Maize grain (per Kg)	1,233	23%	-38%	↑	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	1,400	40%	-22%	↑	↓
		Maize flour (per Kg)	1,800	-3%	-26%	↔	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,500	0%	-17%	↔	↓
Northern	Gulu	Maize grain (per Kg)	1,600	0%	-11%	↔	↔
		Sorghum (per Kg)	1,800	0%	50%	↔	↑
		Maize flour (per Kg)	2,000	-33%	-17%	↓	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,500	0%	-32%	↔	↓
	Soroti	Maize grain (per Kg)	933	-7%	-47%	↓	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	600	-28%	-64%	↓	↓
		Maize flour (per Kg)	1,800	-10%	-31%	↓	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,500	0%	-19%	↔	↓
	Lira	Maize grain (per Kg)	800	-11%	-55%	↓	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	1,400	40%	-10%	↑	↔
		Maize flour (per Kg)	1,400	-30%	-44%	↓	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,400	-4%	-20%	↔	↓
Remark:	↑	Price increase above normal price fluctuation					
	↔	Normal Price fluctuation					
	↓	Price increase below normal price fluctuation					
Price fluctuation is considered normal if the price change is within 5% for 1 month and within 15% for 1 year.							
1 M = Mar 2018 compared to Apr 2018			1 Y = Apr 2017 compared to Apr 2018				