

INFORMAL CROSS BORDER TRADE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

MAY 2018

- The volume of monitored commodities increased significantly by 44 percent in the month of May owing to increased availability from on-going harvests.
- Maize grain traded increased by 31 percent, with flows from Mozambique to Malawi being highest (**Table 1**).
- Volumes of maize meal traded increased by 94 percent. Flows from Zambia to DRC have been dominant (**Table 2**).
- Rice volumes increased marginally by 6 percent, with flows from Tanzania to Zambia being largest (**Table 3**).
- Dry bean volumes traded were up significantly by 74 percent, with the large volumes being moved from Zambia to DRC; and from Mozambique to Malawi (**Table 4**).

Table 1: Maize grain volumes traded

| Source | Destination | Volumes in MT | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Oct 17 | Nov 17 | Dec 17 | Jan 18 | Feb 18 | Mar 18 | Apr 18 | May 18 |
| Mozambique | Malawi | 1,782 | 1,525 | 868 | 1,226 | 1,054 | 1,426 | 1,431 | 2,636 |
| Malawi | Tanzania | 258 | 818 | 10,740 | 4,227 | 4,112 | 2,129 | 195 | 601 |
| Zambia | Tanzania | 1,542 | 1,655 | 1,419 | 1,230 | 860 | 704 | 779 | 594 |
| Zambia | DRC | 1,125 | 2,064 | 1,481 | 1,704 | 1,070 | 941 | 359 | 409 |
| Malawi | Zambia | 0 | 0 | 780 | 1,241 | 0 | 185 | 666 | 177 |
| Zambia | Malawi | 1,293 | 892 | 99 | 47 | 212 | 112 | 55 | 161 |
| South Africa | Zimbabwe | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Malawi | Mozambique | 0 | 7 | 8 | 2,025 | 450 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | | 6,001 | 6,963 | 15,396 | 11,700 | 7,758 | 5,497 | 3,485 | 4,578 |

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Table 2: Maize meal volumes traded

| Source | Destination | Volumes in MT | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | | Oct 17 | Nov 17 | Dec 17 | Jan 18 | Feb 18 | Mar 18 | Apr 18 | May 18 |
| Zambia | DRC | 1,090 | 1,598 | 1,274 | 1,255 | 1,449 | 965 | 593 | 1,363 |
| South Africa | Zimbabwe | 137 | 143 | 128 | 104 | 105 | 111 | 108 | 116 |
| Zambia | Tanzania | 55 | 73 | 51 | 56 | 59 | 76 | 59 | 75 |
| Zambia | Malawi | 8 | 13 | 13 | 18 | 24 | 56 | 59 | 46 |
| Malawi | Mozambique | 12 | 39 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 18 |
| Total | | 1,302 | 1,866 | 1,480 | 1,450 | 1,653 | 1,223 | 833 | 1,618 |

Table 3: Rice volumes traded

| Source | Destination | Volumes in MT | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Oct 17 | Nov 17 | Dec 17 | Jan 18 | Feb 18 | Mar 18 | Apr 18 | May 18 |
| Tanzania | Zambia | 695 | 871 | 894 | 982 | 550 | 500 | 583 | 722 |
| Zambia | DRC | 1,196 | 1,644 | 1,369 | 1,382 | 1,071 | 1,140 | 216 | 664 |
| Malawi | Tanzania | 100 | 246 | 233 | 57 | 1,110 | 223 | 1,045 | 470 |
| South Africa | Zimbabwe | 37 | 61 | 121 | 53 | 104 | 112 | 109 | 116 |
| Malawi | Mozambique | 29 | 51 | 91 | 24 | 36 | 42 | 27 | 61 |
| Zambia | Zimbabwe | 12 | 18 | 35 | 27 | 22 | 22 | 23 | 44 |
| Mozambique | Malawi | 7 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 38 |
| Malawi | Zambia | 5 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 13 |
| Zambia | Tanzania | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | | 2,082 | 2,916 | 2,751 | 2,539 | 2,904 | 2,052 | 2,016 | 2,128 |

Table 4: Dry beans volumes traded

| Source | Destination | Volumes in MT | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Oct 17 | Nov 17 | Dec 17 | Jan 18 | Feb 18 | Mar 18 | Apr 18 | May 18 |
| Zambia | DRC | 2,170 | 2,141 | 1,861 | 2,497 | 1,793 | 1,719 | 588 | 1,833 |
| Mozambique | Malawi | 751 | 738 | 558 | 747 | 614 | 1,337 | 998 | 1,224 |
| Tanzania | Zambia | 912 | 1,233 | 1,133 | 1,161 | 781 | 601 | 803 | 979 |
| Malawi | Mozambique | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 516 |
| Tanzania | Malawi | 0 | 11 | 2 | 21 | 285 | 362 | 261 | 115 |
| South Africa | Zimbabwe | 11 | 5 | 13 | 5 | 104 | 110 | 103 | 113 |
| Malawi | Zambia | 54 | 52 | 26 | 179 | 15 | 9 | 18 | 31 |
| Malawi | Tanzania | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Zambia | Zimbabwe | 4 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 6 |
| Zambia | Tanzania | 66 | 19 | 13 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Total | | 3,980 | 4,203 | 3,615 | 4,620 | 3,627 | 4,151 | 2,777 | 4,834 |

Figure 1: Map of informal cross border monitored sites

