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HIGHLIGHTS

KARAMOJA

- Compared to August, **there was a minor decline in the overall average retail prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans in September by 2%, 8% and 5%,** respectively, due to the replenishment of stocks from the ongoing harvest;
- Similarly, **the overall average prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans in September fell by 37%, 36% and 9%, respectively,** compared to the same period in 2017. A similar trend was noted in all markets;
- In September, **the overall prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans were below the long term (2013-2017) average by 32%, 29% and 3%**, respectively. Price decline was noted across all key markets, more so in Moroto and Amudat;
- In September, **the terms of trade for goats and the labor wage rate were higher by 4% and 7%,** respectively, compared to August, indicating better purchasing power. Similarly, the ToT for both goats and the daily labor wage rate were above 2017 levels.

REST OF THE COUNTRY

- In September, **the overall average retail price for maize grain and beans was above August levels by 15% and 6%,** respectively. However, sorghum price declined by 13%;
- Compared to 2017, **the overall prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans were below in August by 37%, 13% and 14%,** respectively. This is attributed to the recent harvest that replenished stocks on markets;
- In October through November, the prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans are likely to remain relatively stable due to the impending harvest.

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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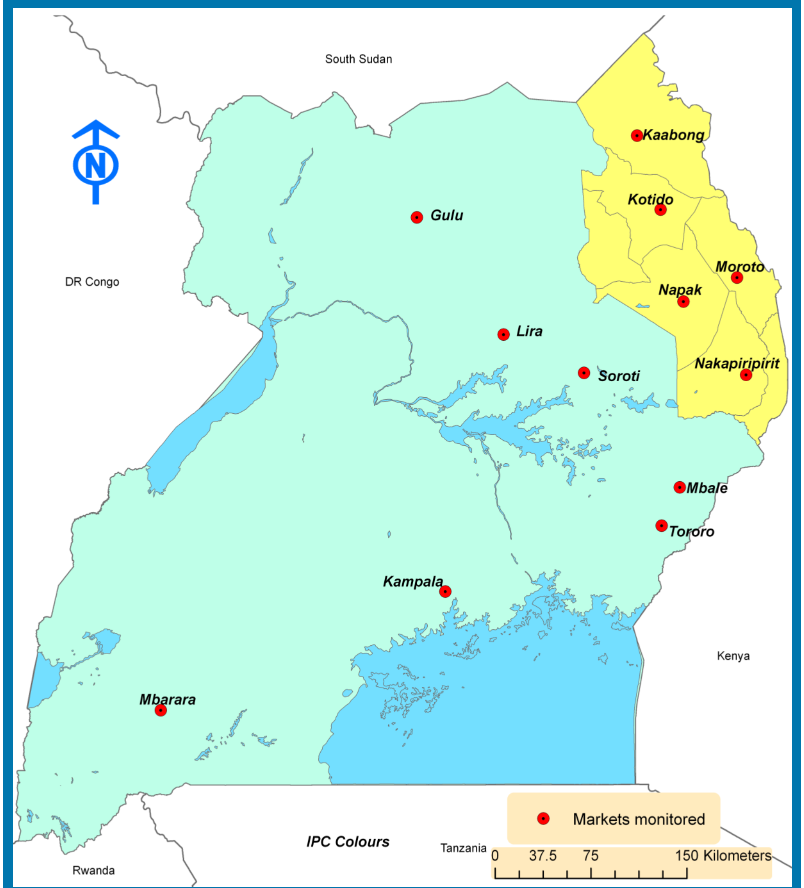

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SECTION ONE: KARAMOJA SUB-REGION

CEREALS

Figure 1. Maize grain retail price changes Sep –2018

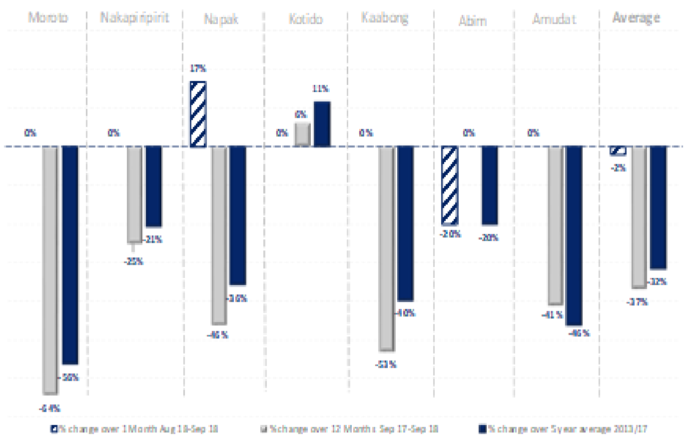
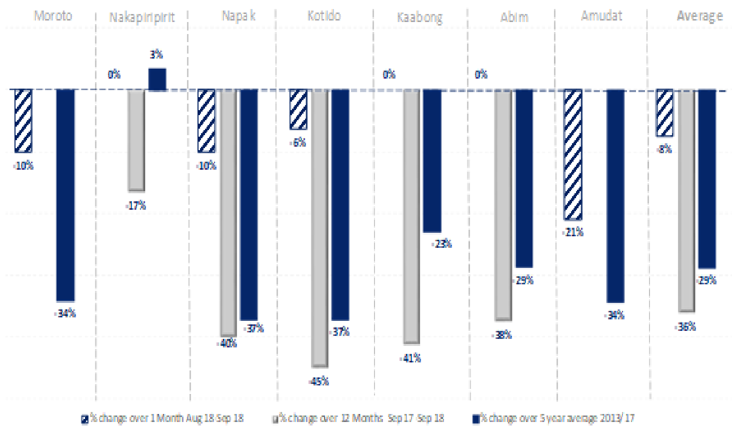


Figure 2. Sorghum grain retail price changes Sep—2018



Overall, the average retail price for maize grain was relatively stable in September, compared to August with only 2 percentage change. However, Napak observed an increase by 17%, while in Abim, it declined by 20% due to the replenishment of stocks from the ongoing harvest.

In September, the overall average retail price was below by 37%, compared to the same period in 2017 and more so in Moroto (64%), and Napak (46%). In Kotido, the price for maize grain was marginally higher than 2017 average.

Compared to the long term (2013-2017) average, the overall average retail price for maize grain remained lower by 32%, markedly in Moroto, Amudat and Kaabong. The price remained higher in Kotido by 12% due to low supplies on the market.

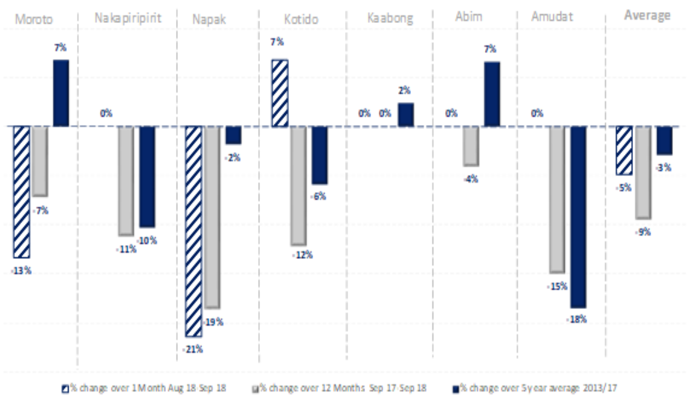
There was 8% fall in the overall average retail price for sorghum, compared to August, more so in Amudat, Moroto and Napak, and this is attributed to improved supplies from the ongoing harvest across the region. Abim continues to have the lowest price with a kilogram sold at UGX 500.

Generally, the average retail prices in September have remained below the 2017 levels, due to supplies from the ongoing harvest and availability of old stocks. Price decline was high in Kotido (45%) and Napak (40%).

Overall, the average retail price reduced by 27% during the month compared to the long term (2013-2017) average, and markedly in Napak and Kotido. In Nakapiripirit, there was a minimal increase by 3%.

BEANS

Figure 3. Beans retail price changes Sep– 2018



The overall average retail price for beans reduced slightly by 5% in September, compared to August levels, but mainly in Napak and Moroto by 21% and 13%, respectively, due to increased supplies. However, the price increased by 7% in Kotido.

Compared to the same period in 2017, the overall average retail price was lower by 9% in September. The decline was noted in nearly all districts, significantly in Napak and Amudat.

Overall, there was a minor decrease (3%) in the average retail price during the month, compared the long term average, and mainly in Amudat and Nakapiripirit.

GOATS

Table 1: Goats retail price changes for Sep- 2018

Market	Current Sep 2018)	% Change from:		
		Aug-18	Sep-17	Av 2013-17
Moroto	180,000	61%	89.5%	26%
Nakapiripirit	100,000	-33%	5.3%	12%
Napak	160,000	7%	113%	24%
Kotido	112,500	2%	87.5%	54%
Kaabong	140,000	0.0%	7.7%	27%
Abim	120,000	0%	27%	32%
Amudat	150,000	0.0%	52.3%	52.3%
Average	137,500	3.3%	48.5%	31%

In September, the average price for goats was markedly higher in Moroto by 61%, compared to August and this could be due to reduced supplies on the markets coupled with improved animal body conditions. However, Nakapiripirit observed a decline by 33% during the month.

Overall, the average price was higher by 49%, in September compared to the same period in 2017. The increase was significant in Napak, Kotido and Moroto.

Compared to the long term (2013-2017) average, the overall average price for goats across all markets continued to be above in September, more so in Kotido and Amudat.

Generally, an increase in the prices for goats offeres better terms of trade for pastoral households.

LABOR

Table 2: Changes in Daily Wage Rates Sep-2018

Market	Current Sep 2018)	% Change from:		
		Aug-18	Sep-17	Av 2013-17
Moroto	5,000	0%	0%	0%
Nakapiripirit	5,000	0%	67%	67%
Napak	5,000	0%	0%	0%
Kotido	2,000	0%	0.0%	-4.8%
Kaabong	5,000	0%	0%	19%
Abim	2,000	0%	0%	0%
Amudat	7,000	40.0%	133.3%	133.3%
Average	4,429	6.9%	24%	27.6%

The average daily labor wage rate in September was above August levels in Amudat during the month while there was no observed change in other districts across the region.

Compared to 2017, the daily labor wage rate remained markedly higher in Amudat and Nakapiripirit during the month.

Overall, the average daily labor wage rate increased by 28% in September, compared to the long term (2013-2017) average. The increase was significant in Amudat and Nakapiripirit.

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	Sep-18	Aug-18	Sep-17
Kg of maize/goat	228	219.0	92
Kg of maize/day's wage	7.7	7.2	3.4

The terms of trade for goats and the daily labor wage rate against maize grain were higher in September as compared to August levels by 4% and 7%, respectively, following a gradual decline in the average retail prices for maize grain.

Generally, revenue from the sale of a goat and daily wage earnings from casual labor would purchase more maize grain by 9.2 kilograms and 500 grams, respectively compared to August.

Similarly, the terms of trade for both goats and the daily wage against maize grain were higher than the same period last year.

SUMMARY BY DISTRICT

MOROTO

Average retail prices for sorghum and beans declined by 10% and 13%, respectively in September, compared to August due to improved supplies from the ongoing harvest coupled with availability of old stocks. Similarly, the average retail prices for maize grain and sorghum continue to be lower than 2017 and the long term average.

NAKAPIRIPIRIT

Overall, the average prices for staple foods remained stable in September, compared to August this year. Compared to 2017, the average prices for maize grain, sorghum and beans declined by 25%, 17% and 11%, respectively.

NAPAK

In September, the average retail price for sorghum and beans reduced by 10% and 21%, respectively compared to August due to improved supplies. The retail price for maize grain increased by 17%, due to low supplies on markets. Generally, the prices for staples continued to be lower than 2017 and the long term average.

KOTIDO

The average retail price for sorghum was slightly lower in September as compared to August while for beans increased by 7%, due to low supplies following a relatively low harvest. The average retail prices for sorghum and beans remained below 2017 and the long term average, whereas the price for maize grain was slightly higher by 6% and 12% respectively.

KAABONG

The overall average retail prices for staples remained stable in September as compared to August. Compared to 2017 and the long term average, the average retail prices for maize grain and sorghum were lower partly be due to the ongoing harvest coupled and the available old stocks from the previous harvest.

ABIM

The overall average retail price for maize grain fell by 20% in September, compared to August, and this is attributed to the ongoing harvest. The prices for sorghum and beans remained stable during the month. Compared to the same period in 2017 and the long term (2013-2017) average, the prices for maize grain and sorghum were lower this year.

AMUDAT

The average price for sorghum fell by 21% in September, compared to August due to improved supplies both at household level and on markets. While prices for maize grain and beans remained stable in September, the prices remain lower than 2017 and the long term average.

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

Figure 4. Maize Grain Price Trends

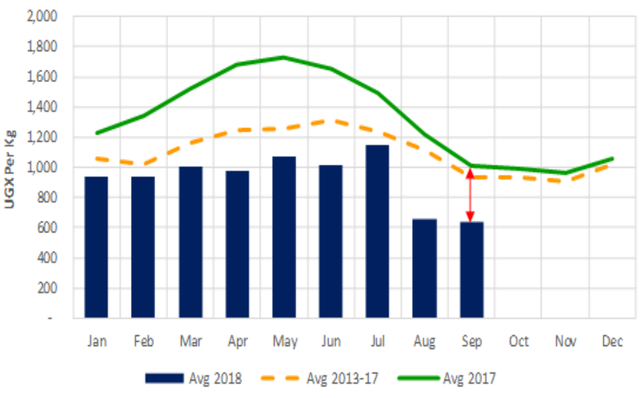


Figure 7. Maize Flour Price Trends

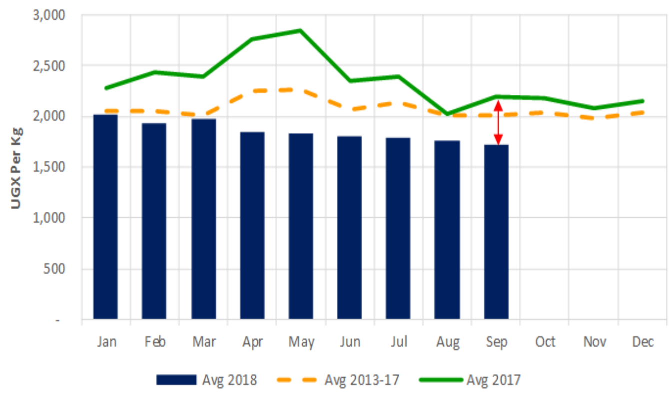


Figure 5. Sorghum Grain Price Trends

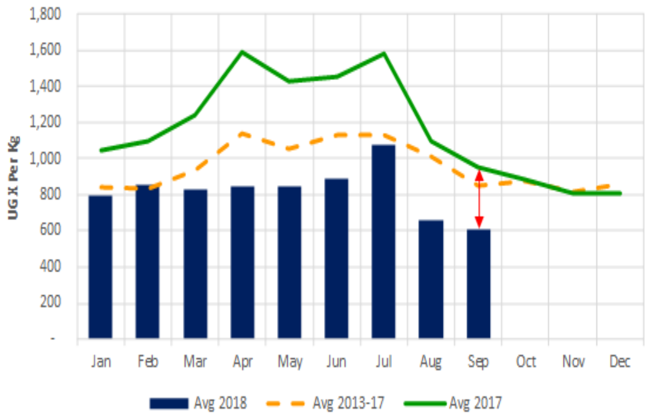


Figure 8. Terms of Trade Goats vs Maize grain

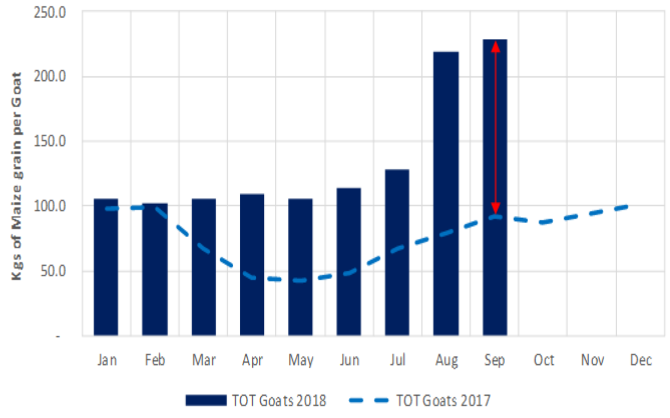


Figure 6. Beans Price Trends

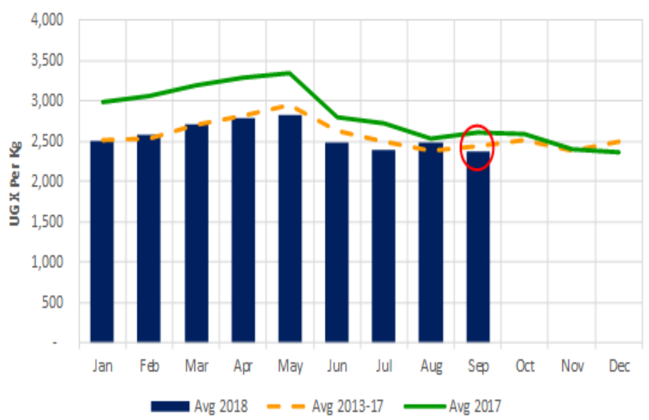
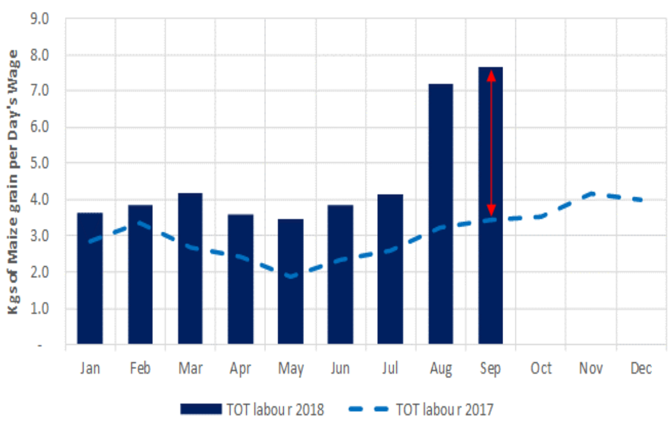


Figure 9. Terms of Trade Labour vs Maize grain



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, maize grain, maize flour and sorghum 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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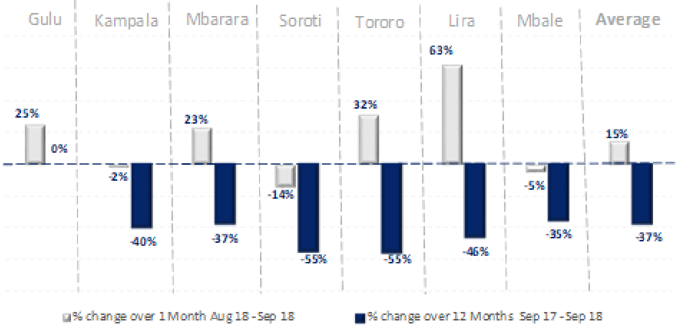
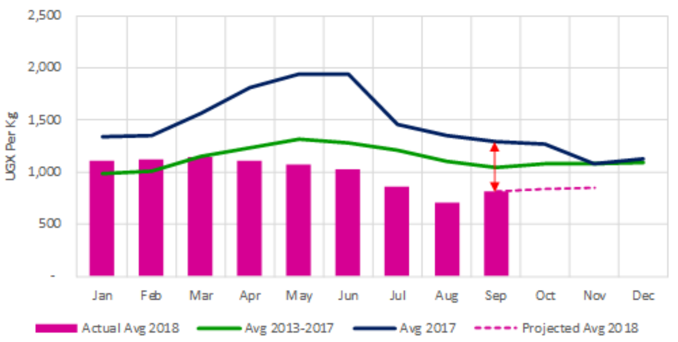
Fig. 10: Maize Grain Retail Price Changes Sep-2018



The overall average retail price for maize grain was higher in September by 15%, compared to August, more so in Lira and Tororo, due to low supply. In Soroti, the price reduced by 14%.

Compared to 2017, the overall average retail price for maize grain reduced by 37%. A similar trend was observed across all key markets, more so in Tororo and Soroti.

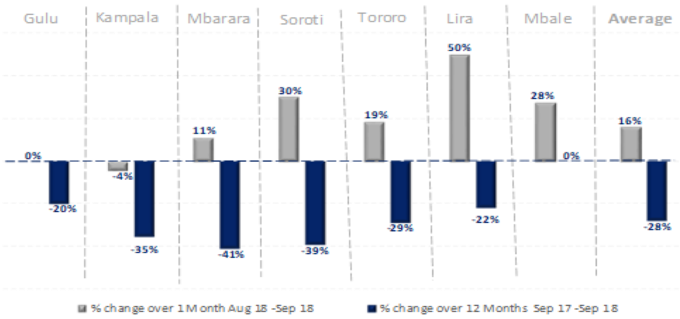
Fig. 11: Maize Grain Price Trend & projections: Nov 2018



Source: WFP AME Trends

In spite of an increase in the overall average retail price for maize grain by 15% in September, compared to August this year, the price remained lower than the same period in 2017 and the long term (2013-2017) average. In October through November, prices are likely to remain fairly stable.

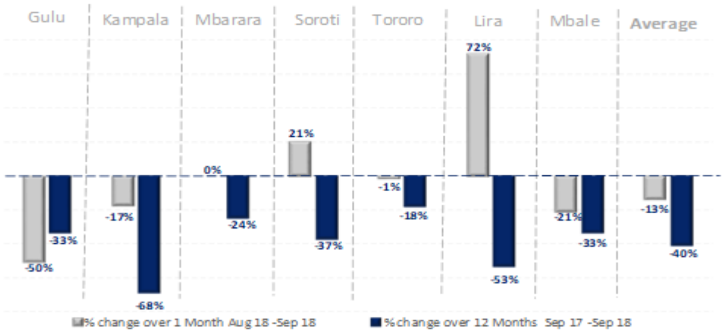
Fig. 12: Maize flour retail price changes Sep-2018



There was an increase in the overall average retail price for maize flour by 16% during the month, compared to August, and markedly in Lira and Soroti.

The average retail price remained below 2017 levels across all major markets in the country more significantly in Mbarara (41%) and Soroti (39%).

Fig. 13: Sorghum Retail Price Changes Sep-2018

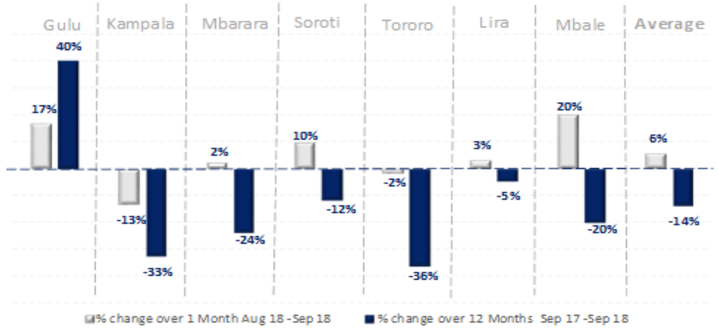


The overall average retail price for sorghum declined by 13% in September, compared to August, mainly in Gulu, Mbale and Lira. However, the price remained high in Lira and Soroti, and this could be due to limited supplies on the market.

In September, the overall retail price was lower by 40%, compared to the same period last year. The decrease was significant in Kampala and Lira.

BEANS

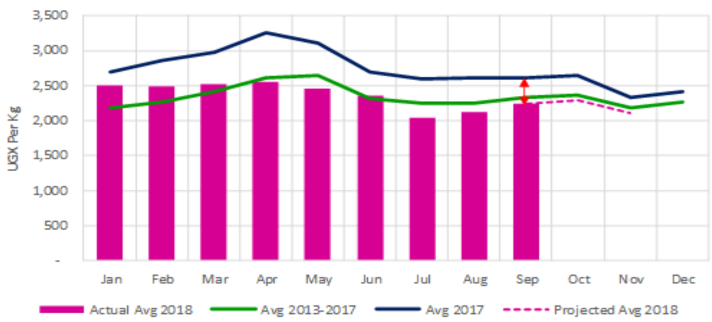
Fig. 14: Beans Retail Price Changes Sep-2018



The overall average retail price for beans was marginally higher in September by 6% compared to August. The increase in the price was mainly in Mbale and Gulu, due to reduced supplies.

Compared to 2017, the overall average retail price was below by 14%, with a similar trend noted across all markets except Gulu where the price remained higher by 40%.

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



Source: WFP AME Trends

Since July, a gradual increase in the overall average retail price for beans has been an observed mainly due to reducing stocks/ supplies. However, the price remained below the 2017 and the long term (2013-2017) average.

SECTION FOUR: PRICE CHANGES FOR KEY SELECTED COMMODITIES

Current Retail Price: September 2018			Current Price	Price change (%)			
Region	District/Market	Major Commodities	(UGX)	1 M	1 Y	1 M	1 Y
Karamoja	Moroto	Maize grain (per Kg)	500	0%	-64%	↔	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	600	-10%		↓	
		Beans (per Kg)	2,600	-13%	-7%	↓	↔
		Medium size goat	180,000	61%	89%	↑	↑
		Daily labour wage	5,000	0%	0%	↔	↔
	Nakapiripirit	Maize grain (per Kg)	600	0%	-25%	↔	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	667	0%	-17%	↔	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,000	0%	-11%	↔	↔
		Medium size goat	100,000	-33%	5%	↓	↔
		Daily labour wage	5,000	0%	67%	↔	↑
	Napak	Maize grain (per Kg)	700	17%	-46%	↑	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	600	-10%	-40%	↓	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,200	-21%	-19%	↓	↓
		Medium size goat	160,000	7%	113%	↑	↑
		Daily labour wage	5,000	0%	0%	↔	↔
	Kotido	Maize grain (per Kg)	850	0%	6%	↔	↔
		Sorghum (per Kg)	550	-6%	-45%	↓	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,350	7%	-12%	↑	↔
		Medium size goat	112,500	2%	88%	↔	↑
		Daily labour wage	2,000	0%	0%	↔	↔
	Kaabong	Maize grain (per Kg)	540	0%	-53%	↔	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	675	0%	-41%	↔	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	3,000	0%	0%	↔	↔
		Medium size goat	140,000	0%	8%	↔	↔
		Daily labour wage	5,000	0%	0%	↔	↔
	Abim	Maize grain (per Kg)	800	-20%	0%	↓	↔
		Sorghum (per Kg)	500	0%	-38%	↔	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,400	0%	-4%	↔	↔
		Medium size goat	120,000	0%	27%	↔	↑
		Daily labour wage	2,000	0%	0%	↔	↔
	Amudat	Maize grain (per Kg)	500	0%	-41%	↔	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	659	-21%		↓	
		Beans (per Kg)	2,000	0%	-15%	↔	↔
		Medium size goat	150,000	0%	52%	↔	↑
		Daily labour wage	7,000	40%	133%	↑	↑
Central	Kampala/Owino	Maize grain (per Kg)	984	-2%	-40%	↔	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	1,034	-17%	-68%	↓	↓
		Maize flour (per Kg)	1,600	-4%	-35%	↔	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	1,817	-13%	-33%	↓	↓
Western	Mbarara	Maize grain (per Kg)	800	23%	-37%	↑	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	2,500	0%	-24%	↔	↓
		Maize flour (per Kg)	2,000	11%	-41%	↑	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,250	2%	-24%	↔	↓
Eastern	Tororo	Maize grain (per Kg)	625	32%	-55%	↑	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	988	-1%	-18%	↔	↓
		Maize flour (per Kg)	1,425	19%	-29%	↑	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	1,913	-2%	-36%	↔	↓
	Mbale	Maize grain (per Kg)	700	-5%	-35%	↔	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	1,000	-21%	-33%	↓	↓
		Maize flour (per Kg)	2,000	28%	0%	↑	↔
		Beans (per Kg)	2,000	20%	-20%	↑	↓
Northern	Gulu	Maize grain (per Kg)	1,500	25%	0%	↑	↔
		Sorghum (per Kg)	1,000	-50%	-33%	↓	↓
		Maize flour (per Kg)	2,000	0%	-20%	↔	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	3,500	17%	40%	↑	↑
	Soroti	Maize grain (per Kg)	453	-14%	-55%	↓	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	633	21%	-37%	↑	↓
		Maize flour (per Kg)	1,467	30%	-39%	↑	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,200	10%	-12%	↑	↔
	Lira	Maize grain (per Kg)	650	63%	-46%	↑	↓
		Sorghum (per Kg)	517	72%	-53%	↑	↓
		Maize flour (per Kg)	1,800	50%	-22%	↑	↓
		Beans (per Kg)	2,067	3%	-5%	↔	↔
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 = August 2018 compared to September 2018			1 Y = September 2017 compared to September 2018				