

INFORMAL CROSS BORDER TRADE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

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- Maize grain volume traded was stable between the month of December and January. Flows from Zambia to DRC were the largest although there are some substantial volumes from Mozambique to Malawi; and from Zambia to Tanzania (**Table 1**). Compared to January 2018, volumes of maize grain were significantly lower by 79 percent.
- Volume of maize meal traded increased by 24 percent in the review month with heaviest outflows being those from Zambia to DRC (**Table 2**). January 2019 volumes were similar to their respective 2018 levels.
- Rice volumes traded decreased by 35 percent in the month of January compared to December. Tanzania to Zambia flows were the largest (**Table 3**). In comparison to respective 2018 levels, rice volumes were significantly lower by 58 percent.
- Dry bean volumes traded declined by 39 percent in the January compared to December. Outflows from Tanzania to Zambia were highest (**Table 4**). Compared to January 2018 levels, dry bean volumes traded are 79 percent lower.

Table 1: Maize grain volumes traded

Source	Destination	Volumes in MT						% change last month
		Aug 18	Sept 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	
Zambia	DRC	1,383	946	1,407	1,226	673	708	5%
Mozambique	Malawi	1,329	1,209	1,022	808	692	599	-13%
Zambia	Tanzania	677	486	475	191	545	564	3%
Tanzania	Malawi	262	501	485	352	326	413	27%
Zambia	Malawi	1,312	424	562	315	217	129	-41%
Malawi	Mozambique	1	0	28	20	16	33	106%
Tanzania	Zambia	0	0	152	379	81	0	-100%
Malawi	Tanzania	148	3	4	4	3	0	-100%
Malawi	Zambia	3	1	0	0	0	0	-
Total		5,115	3,570	4,135	3,295	2,553	2,446	-4%

FEWS NET Southern Africa has prepared this report based on data collected by a network of cross border monitors based at selected border points in Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Zambia. The cross border monitors record data on a regular basis and transmit it to a central location for collation and analysis. Currently, the informal cross border trade monitor system includes 18 borders. Please address any comments / suggestions to the following email address: yvheva@few.net

Table 2: Maize meal volumes traded

Source	Destination	Volumes in MT						% change last month
		Aug 18	Sept 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	
Zambia	DRC	1,404	1,355	1,367	1,483	938	1,166	24%
Zambia	Malawi	56	54	44	77	91	163	79%
Zambia	Tanzania	17	14	17	20	44	47	7%
South Africa	Zimbabwe	56	56	57	61	74	44	-41%
Malawi	Mozambique	12	1	36	24	11	17	55%
Malawi	Tanzania	1	10	1	0	0	0	-
Total		1,546	1,490	1,522	1,665	1,158	1,437	24%

Table 3: Rice volumes traded

Source	Destination	Volumes in MT						% change last month
		Aug 18	Sept 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	
Tanzania	Zambia	581	627	692	490	772	576	-25%
Zambia	DRC	310	304	759	506	662	410	-38%
South Africa	Zimbabwe	31	30	30	13	38	24	-37%
Malawi	Mozambique	10	37	31	15	94	24	-74%
Zambia	Zimbabwe	17	25	27	29	56	24	-57%
Malawi	Zambia	25	31	29	25	23	17	-26%
Mozambique	Malawi	13	6	2	1	14	4	-71%
Malawi	Tanzania	27	5	1	1	1	0	-100%
Zambia	Tanzania	24	0	0	0	0	0	-
Total		1,038	1,065	1,571	1,080	1,660	1,079	35%

Table 4: Dry beans volumes traded

Source	Destination	Volumes in MT						% change last month
		Aug 18	Sept 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	
Tanzania	Zambia	890	915	1,405	879	1,106	627	-43%
Zambia	DRC	622	460	929	755	651	455	-30%
Tanzania	Malawi	147	48	82	134	139	78	-44%
Malawi	Zambia	26	14	19	24	29	17	-14%
South Africa	Zimbabwe	17	29	18	25	21	14	-33%
Zambia	Tanzania	4	0	45	3	2	2	0%
Mozambique	Malawi	186	707	202	249	20	0	-100%
Zambia	Zimbabwe	1	2	2	1	1	0	-100%
Total		1,893	2,175	2,702	2,070	1,969	1,196	-39%

Figure 1: Map of informal cross border monitored sites

