Joint Market and Supply Chain Update

Key messages

- The reduction of GU rains has opened up supply corridors thus improving supply flow, prices of commodities and movement within the regions.
- Fuel prices are declining and remain low in most regions throughout Somalia following the global trend.
- Scarcity of fruits and vegetables such as bananas, tomatoes, onions and watermelons continue in most regions due to destruction of farms by recent floods resulting to increased prices.

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- The reduction of rains has opened up supply corridors thus improving supply flow, prices of commodities and movement within the regions.
- Both retail and wholesale prices of both local and imported food items are declining in most markets.
- In most regions, fuel prices remained low this week with some little fluctuations in some markets. For example in Mogadishu, both diesel and petrol price per litre increased from $0.4 to $0.45 (12.5%) this week.
- A spot check in Mogadishu shows market activities are returning to normal and unauthorized movement beyond curfew hours.
- Beletweyne east market, that was closed due to floods, reopened and transport services between east and west of the town are back.
- In Jowhar, retail and wholesale prices of both local and imported food items are declining by (<10%).
- In Buloburto, prices of local and imported food items remain the same as last week but high.
- In Bakaara market, prices of local cereals (white maize, red and white sorghum) decreased by (4.5 - 11%) compared to last week.

Galmudug

- Prices of fruits and vegetables remain the same as last week but high with the exception of watermelon which increased by (40 - 65%) across markets in Galmudug.
- Local livestock prices in local markets are increasing compared to last week, for instance goat increased from $60 to $80 (33.3%)
- Fuel prices continue to decline; compared to last week fuel prices have declined by 10% in most locations, following the global trend.
- In Galmudug regions price of camel milk remain the same as last week in most markets, for instance, the price of camel milk in Galakay remains at $.17 litre but prices are expected to decline in the coming weeks due to improved pasture and water availability resulting from recent GU rains.
- The labour (unskilled) wages exhibited mild increase (3-11%) compared to last two weeks across all markets in Galmudug due to increase in labour demand for land preparation and planting.
- Prices of staple food commodities both local and imported remain the same as last week with mild changes (±10%) compared with the previous weeks.
Puntland

- In Puntland GU rains greatly affected Bossaso-Garowe supply corridor, currently under rehabilitation. Albeit, parts of the road remains in a deplorable state leading to frequent truck accidents.
- During this week, prices of local and imported food items are declining, most of food prices are back to the Pre COVID-19 price levels. However, vegetables and fruits continue to increase due to scarcity. For instance price of tomatoes increase from 27,000 to 37,000 (37.0%) So.SH per Kg, compared to the previous week.
- Cross border trade between Puntland and Ethiopia, continue normally without any challenges. Imported cereals, sugar, and vegetable oil are moving to Ethiopia. Likewise, potatoes, maize, sorghum, canned drinks (soda and water) are moving from Ethiopia to Puntland. However, movements of the passengers is limited allowing only two people per lorry.
- Livestock price continue to increase due to seasonality and Eid Ul Fitr. Overall, livestock prices increased from $70 to $85 (21.4%). The exchange rate of local currency (So.SH) vs USD remain the same as last week but depreciation remains high.
- Fuel prices have remained the same as the previous week and lower compared to the first week of May.

Somaliland

- Fresh goat meat increased sharply this week from $6.5 to $10 (53.9%) due to increased demand in the just concluded Eid festive.
- Fear of decrease of the export volumes compared to previous years in preparation of Hajj festivities this year that is likely to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Livestock export volumes reach the peak during the Muslim Hajj season in Mecca.

South West

- In most regions, GU rains have subsided and transport services have now fully resumed and all roads are passable and supply of flow of commodities from Mogadishu to different regions remain unaffected.
- In Baidoa, both retail and wholesale prices of imported food items (rice, vegetable oil, wheat flour, sugar and dates) have shown variations (increased/decreased by ±10%) this week compared to last week.
- In Baidoa, local cereals (white maize, red and white sorghum) both retail and wholesale prices remained the same as the previous week.
- Fuel prices (diesel and petrol) in Baidoa remain the same as last week.

Jubbaland

- In Jubbaland, Ethiopia/Somalia border is closed but they have locally agreed for two official days (Saturday and Sunday) to allow goods to cross from either side. Kenya/Somalia border is closed with the exception of cargo trucks.
- Fuel prices are decreasing in most markets, for instance in Doolow the price petrol of a 200 Litre tank decreased from $140 to $130 (-7.1%).
- In Kismayu, scarcity of wheat flour in the market has led to price increase thus affecting other markets integrated to it too.
- Fewer activities are reported in Kismayo port for seven weeks in a row, but normal operations are ongoing.