



Joint Market and Supply Chain Update

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Key messages

- ◆ There is a sharp increase of fruits and vegetables such as bananas, tomatoes, onions, watermelons throughout Puntland and Somaliland due to cross border restrictions and civil unrest in Ethiopia.
- ◆ Rehabilitation of Garowe/Galkacyo corridor has temporarily affected trade along the road forcing temporary closure of businesses.
- ◆ Fuel prices have remained low throughout Somalia reflecting the global trend.

Banadir and Hirshabelle

- Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) lifted local airlines travel ban with restriction of one flight per state per day starting this week.
- In Bakara market, retail and wholesale prices of local (white maize, red and white sorghum) remained the same. However, imported food items (rice, wheat flour, pasta, sugar and vegetable oil) prices decreased by (-8% to -13%) with rice recording the highest decrease.
- In Beletweyne, retail and wholesale prices of both local (white maize, red and white sorghum) and imported food items (rice, wheat flour, vegetable oil, sugar, dates) remain the same as last week.
- In Jowhar, retail and wholesale prices of both local cereals (white maize, red and white sorghum) and imported food items (sugar, rice, pasta, vegetable oil and wheat flour) remain the same as last week.
- In Buloburto, militants closed all supply routes restricting movement to outskirt villages surrounding the town.
- In Buloburto, prices of most items remained the same as last week with the exception of red sorghum prices (1Kg) which decreased from \$0.6 to \$0.5 (-17%). In addition, imported food items prices reduced by (-6% to -11%) with rice and pasta recording the highest decreases.
- Fuel prices in Mogadishu decreased this week from \$0.5 to \$0.45 (10%) per litre for both diesel and petrol.

Galmuduug

- Fuel prices are declining in most markets. For instance, In Galkayo main market price of petrol 200 litre tank dropped from \$16 to \$12 (-25%) and diesel 200 litre tank dropped from \$14 to \$11 (-21%).
- Prices of fruits and vegetables have decreased due to availability of supply from Janale (Lower Shabelle region). However, onion prices remain the same as last week.
- In Adado and Abudwaq, camel milk prices (1 Litre) increased from \$1.0 to \$1.6 (60%) compared to the previous week. However, in Galkayo market, camel milk prices decreased from \$1.8 to \$1.4 (-22%) but is high.
- In Mudug and Galgaduud, wholesale prices of imported food items (rice, sugar, wheat flour and vegetable oil) increased slightly by (3% to 8%) this week compared to last week.
- In Guriel and Adado markets, retail prices of flour and pasta remain the same as last week but very high.
- In Hobyo, wheat flour (1kg) price increased from \$0.40 to \$0.65 (63%) while in Dhusamareeb pasta increased from \$0.70 to \$0.90 (29%).
- Export quality goat prices have remained the same in most markets compared to last week.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remains the same for the past five weeks.

Puntland

- Due to new cross border movement restrictions introduced by the Ethiopian government, there is a sharp increase of fruits and vegetables prices throughout Puntland. For instance in Bossaso, tomatoes (1kg) increased from 45,000 to 110,000 So.SH (144%), both onions and potatoes increased by 100% from 45,000 to 90,000 So.SH per kg.
- Also in Garowe market, fruits and vegetables have sharply increased due to movement restrictions in the Ethiopian/Somalia border. For instance onions (1kg) increased by 33%.
- Rehabilitation of Garowe / Galkayo corridor has temporarily affected trade along the road forcing temporary closure of businesses.
- Livestock prices have remained the same as the previous week but high.
- Both local and imported cereal prices are currently stable due to huge stock prepositioning by commercial food companies.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remains the same as last week.
- Fuel prices remain the same as last week in most markets throughout Puntland but low.
- Import and export movement from and to the port of Bossaso is ongoing and port operations are normal.

Somaliland

- Prices of fruits and vegetables have escalated this week due to civil unrest in the neighbouring Ethiopia, which is the main supplier hence disrupting transport services. For instance, tomatoes (1kg) increased from 13,000 to 17,000 SL SH (31%), onions from 10,000 to 18,000 SL SH. (80%), garlic from 6,000 to 14,000 SL SH. (130%), green pepper from 4,000 to 7,000 SL SH. (75%), carrots from 7,000 to 14,000 (100%). Potatoes remained the same as last week at 7,500 SL SH.
- In addition to the above, khat prices also increased (bunch) from 30,000 to 50,000 SL SH (67%).
- In Hargeisa, Local cereal (white maize and white sorghum) prices remained the same as last week with the exception of red sorghum which decreased from 2,400 to 2,200 SL SH. (-8%), due to arrival of new harvest from Borama and Gebiley districts.
- In most urban centres in Somaliland, goat meat prices have remain high. For instance in Hargeisa price of 1kg goat remain at \$9.5 for the second week in a row.
- Border trade between Somaliland and Puntland resumed and now livestock for export is moving from Puntland and central regions to Berbera port for export.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remains the same for the past one month throughout Somaliland. For instance in Hargeisa the exchange rate between local currency is 8,500 SL SH. per USD.
- Fights between two rival clans in Buuhoodle districts has slowed down trade and transport services in the neighbouring settlements from Buuhoodle town.

South West

- Key supply routes in are accessible with prices and availability of commodities remaining stable apart from the low supplies of vegetables.
- In Baidoa, retail and wholesale prices of both local food items (white maize, dry beans, red and white sorghum) and imported food items (rice, pasta, wheat flour, sugar and vegetable oil) remain the same as last week.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remains the same for the past three weeks in Baidoa, \$1 is equivalent to 25,000 SO SH.
- In Baidoa market, there is scarcity of potatoes and prices remain high at 25,000 SO SH. per Kg. for two weeks in a row.
- In most regions, fuel prices remain the same as last week and are low.

Jubbaland

- Last week Friday, Doolow border was temporarily opened for cross border trade but later closed the next day. Doolow Somalia retailers managed to import vegetables and beans from Ethiopia. However, Elbarde and Belet Hawa borders with Ethiopia remain closed.
- There was a shortfall of vegetable oil in Kismayu due to shipping delay from source countries.
- Livestock prices are likely to decrease in the coming weeks due to reduced livestock exports to Saudi Arabia due to the suspension of the Hajj pilgrimage.
- There are fewer activities in port of Kismayo for thirteen weeks in a row. In addition, due to monsoon winds, which causes high tide that makes difficult for small vessels to dock in the port. This has caused reduction of labour opportunity thus affecting poor households.
- There are fears that food prices may increase in Doolow and Luuq due to the WFP food voucher redeeming which is currently on going hence stocks of the vendors may not sufficiently cover both WFP beneficiaries and regular customers.

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