



## Joint Market and Supply Chain Update

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### Key messages

- ◆ Livestock prices (goat and sheep) are increasing in most markets due to the approach of Eid al Adha festival.
- ◆ Strong monsoon winds along the coastal areas continue to blow away tiny loam soil partially blocking supply corridors in areas such as Zeylac, Lughaya, Tokoshi and Asho ado in Northwest regions.
- ◆ Scarcity of fruits and vegetables such as bananas, tomatoes, onions, mangoes and watermelons continues in most regions; however, availability has improved in Northwest regions although prices remain high.

#### Banadir and Hirshabelle

- There is limited accessibility to the main supply road linking Mogadishu to Jowhar due to flash flooding that is delaying transport services. If this continues it may trigger price increases.
- In Beletweyne, livestock prices have increased significantly due to the upcoming EID al Adha festival in the end of July.
- 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) have remained the same for three weeks in a row and are normal.
- In Buloburto, retail and wholesale prices of both local (white maize, red and white sorghum) and imported food items (rice, wheat flour, vegetable oil, sugar, dates) remained the same as last week and high.
- In Mataaban, prices of food commodities e.g. onions, petrol, diesel and milk powder increased due to limited supply.
- In Bakara market, imported food prices exhibited mixed trends; wheat flour and pasta (1Kg) remained the same as last week, rice (1Kg) and vegetable oil (1Litre) both decreased by (-11%) and sugar (1Kg) increased by 8%.
- Cross border trade between Ethiopia and Central Somalia border towns, such as Beletweyne is ongoing and is normal.

#### Galmuduug

- Effects of the temporary sea closure in Bossaso port has led to reduced supply of key food commodities in the regions.
- Prices of local cereals (red and white sorghum) remained generally stable although white maize increased by (6% to 10%) due to limited stock of white maize.
- In Galmudug, livestock prices remained relatively stable ( $\pm$  5%) this week. Local camel prices exhibited minimal decreases (<5%) throughout Galmudug regions. However, prices of mature goat (local quality) increased from \$60 to \$63 (5%).
- Price of fruits such as mango, orange and watermelon prices increased approximately by 20% compared to previous weeks in all main markets of Galmudug due to limited availability and poor production.
- Prices of tomatoes and onion decreased in most markets due to sufficient supplies received from farmers in Hiraan region.
- In most urban centres, camel and goat meat prices have shown increases this week. For instance, in Galkayo prices of camel meat (kg) increased from \$4 to \$5 (25%).
- The price of camel milk (1litre) is (\$1.50) in Hobyo, Abudwaq while in Galkayo market prices slightly increased from \$1.90 to \$2.00 (5%) compared to the previous week and is very high.

### Puntland

- The ongoing renovation of Garowe road has affected business operations and movement of people. This road passes through the centre of the town linking Bosasso, Qardho, Garowe and Galkayo markets.
- Vegetable prices of commodities such as tomatoes, potatoes remain the same as last week in most markets but prices are high and most markets are experiencing shortage. In addition, some markets have received supplies from southern regions, Yemen and lesser portions from across Ethiopia.
- Due to supply from Yemen, onion prices are decreasing. For instance, in Bossaso onions (1Kg) decreased from 60,000 to 40,000 SoSH (-33%) compared with the previous week.
- There is scarcity of fruits such as mango, banana, oranges and watermelon and prices increased averagely by 30% compared to last week. This may continue in the coming weeks due to flash floods reported in the southern regions.
- Livestock prices in Garowe and Bossaso markets remain the same as last week but prices are expected to increase due to the upcoming Eid Festival.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD depreciated this week in most markets in Puntland. For instance, In Garowe, Bossaso and Qardho the exchange rate between local currency increased from 38,000 to 39,000 SO SH. (-3%) per USD.
- Essential food commodities such as rice, pasta, sugar, wheat flour increased in prices due to temporary sea closure (monsoon).
- Cross border movement between Puntland and Ethiopia is normal but vegetable supply is low from the Ethiopia side.

### Somaliland

- Strong monsoon winds along the coastal areas continue to blow away tiny loam soil partially blocking supply corridors in areas like Zeylac, Lughaya, Tokoshi and Asho ado.
- Prices of fruits and vegetables have exhibited a declining trend this week after normalcy returned in Ethiopia which is the main supplier but remain high. For instance, prices of tomatoes (1 Kg) decreased from 17,000 to 14,000 SL. SH (-18%), onions from 8,000 to 7,000 SL SH. (-13%), garlic from 9,000 to 7,500 SL SH. (-17%), carrots from 12,000 to 11,000 (-8%). Prices of potatoes remained the same for the last two weeks at 7,500 SL SH.
- In most urban centres in Somaliland, goat meat prices have shown slight decreases this week but remain high. For instance in Hargeisa, the price of one kg goat decreased from \$9.0 to \$8.5 (-6%).
- Cross border trade between Somaliland and Ethiopia remains unpredictable causing retailers to import large quantities of fruits and vegetables for fear of border closure anytime. The price of vegetables remains high.
- In Hargeisa, local cereal (white maize, red and white sorghum) prices remained the same compared to last week. red sorghum is selling at 2,500 SL SH., white maize 4,500 SL SH and white sorghum 3,500 SL SH. per Kg.
- Fuel prices have remained low and the same as the previous week in most markets, with the exception of Hargeisa where diesel prices slightly decreased from 3,900 to 3,800 SL SH. (-3%) per litre.

### South West

- Heavy downpour has affected the road transportation system of Afgooye villages thus affecting movement of goods and services, but the bridge that links Afgooye to Baidoa remains intact.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remains the same for the past five weeks in Baidoa, \$1 is equivalent to 25,000 SO SH.
- In Baidoa market, there is scarcity of potatoes and prices remain \$1 per Kg and is high.
- In Baidoa, there is high availability of local food items (white maize, dry beans, red and white sorghum) hence prices remain the same as last week.
- In Baidoa, retail prices of most imported food items (wheat flour, rice, sugar and dates) increased by (14 to 30%) compared to last week with the exception of sugar which recorded a decrease of (-10%).
- Fuel prices have remained low and the same as last week in most markets.

### Jubbaland

- Doolow Ado and Doolow Somalia district remains closed but periodically, local authorities between the two sides allow cross border trade.
- Retail and wholesale prices of imported food items remain the same for three weeks in a row in most markets.
- There is an increase of livestock prices particularly goats and sheep due to the upcoming EID al Adha festival in the end of July. For instance, In Doolow, goat/sheep prices increased from \$70 to \$85 (21%)
- Shortage of vegetables especially potatoes continues in Gedo region due to recent unrest in Ethiopia, which affected the supply of vegetables.
- In Kismayu, prices of sugar, rice and vegetable oil reduced due to sufficient supply flows from the source markets.

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