



## Joint Market and Supply Chain Update

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### Key messages

- ◆ Improved availability of fruits and vegetables such as bananas, tomatoes, onions, carrots and potatoes continue in Northwest regions although prices are mixed.
- ◆ Heavy Karaan rainfall in Northwest regions has rendered Borama - Zeila corridor impassable as trucks are stuck in mud.
- ◆ Fuel prices have increased in some regions (Galmudug and Puntland) due to increased demand, but remain low reflecting the global trend.

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- In Beletweyne, two main bridges (Bundaweyn and Buunda Liiqliqato) of Beletweyne are temporarily closed for the past two weeks due to high river water levels. The temporary closure of the bridges has greatly affected the transportation from/to Mogadishu-Galmudug-Puntland regions.
- In Mogadishu, moderate Deyr rains was experienced with no effect in the main supply corridors.
- In Bakara market, retail and wholesale prices of imported food items (rice, wheat flour, pasta, sugar, dates and vegetable oil) remained the same as last week and normal. However, local cereals (red and white sorghum) recorded slight decreases (-5%) and white maize remained the same as last week.
- In Jowhar, local cereals (white maize and red sorghum) decreased slightly by (5% to 7%) compared with last week. Red sorghum recorded the highest decrease.
- Fuel prices have remained low and the same as last week in most markets. For instance, in Mogadishu prices remained at \$0.45 and \$0.50 for diesel and petrol respectively.

#### Galmudug

- Prices of fruits and vegetables slightly decreased compared to last week. For instance, prices of tomatoes decreased from \$1.1 to \$0.8 (-27%) per kg due to resuming of supply from Beletweyne and local farmers in Galmudug.
- Despite the closure of Somalia-Ethiopian border, supplies from Ethiopia are still reaching towns in central Somalia.
- In Adado, Hobyo, Guriel and Galkayo, the price of rice is still high due to delayed supply from Bosasso port.
- In the coastal strip of Galmudug, fishing activities reduced due to strong monsoon affecting availability in the market, however normal fishing is expected to resume in the coming weeks.
- In most urban centres in Galmudug, goat meat prices have slightly increased this week. For instance, in Galkayo, price of camel meat increased from \$2.4 to \$2.9 (21%) per Kg.
- There is an increase in fuel prices in Galmudug due to increased demand. Petrol increased from \$0.5 to \$0.6 (20%) and diesel increased from \$0.5 to \$0.55 (10%) per litre in most markets.
- Exchange rate of local currency vs USD remained relatively stable in most markets in Galmudug regions with minimal depreciation (<3%). For instance in Galkayo, the exchange rate between local currency and USD is 40,000 SO SH.

### Somaliland

- Cross border between Ethiopia and Somaliland is now normal and supply of fruits and vegetables is now normal, prices are showing mixed behaviour. For instance in Hargeisa, prices of tomatoes (1 Kg) decreased from 11,000 to 9,000 SL. SH (-18%), garlicks from 11,500 to 11,000 SL SH. (-4%), potatoes from 6,700 to 6,500 SL. SH (-3%), carrots and watermelon remained the same while, onions increased slightly from 6,800 to 7,000 SL. SH.(3%). There is scarcity of watermelons and markets are relying on Southern regions for supply.
- Karaan rains experienced in the region has rendered Borama-Zeila corridor impassable as trucks are stuck in mud. This may lead to delayed supply of commodities in the coming weeks if the corridor is not rehabilitated. The transport cost of commodities has also increased for instance transporting a bag (50kg) has increased from \$1.5 to \$2 (100%).
- White sorghum prices are very high in the some markets of Somaliland such as Berbera, Ceerigaabo and Laascanood due to limited supply, current price is 4,000 SL SH. per Kg. However, red sorghum prices decreased this week from 3,000 to 2,500 SL. SH. (-17%) per Kg. due to low demand.
- Fuel prices remain the same as last week in most markets and are low. For instance in Hargeisa, diesel is currently trading at 4,200 SL. SH and petrol 5,000 SL SH. per litre.
- In most markets in Somaliland, camel milk prices decreased slightly compared to last week but is high. For instance in Hargeisa, price of camel milk decreased from 10,000 to 9,500 SL SH (-5%) per litre.
- Hariirad local authority has increased taxation from 500 to 1000 (100%) SL.SH per 50kg for trucks loading goods entering the town. The local authority claimed that the increased tax will be used to improve the development of the town.
- Exchange rate of Birr to US dollar sharply increased this week after Ethiopian authorities announced a change in currency. This has affected Hariirad, Abdikadir and other surrounding villages, which lie along the border of Somaliland/Ethiopia trading with Ethiopian currency. For example, \$100 increased from 4,500 to 5,000 (11%) Birr in Borama.

### Jubbaland

- In Doolow district, cross-border trade was adversely affected by changes in the Ethiopian currency as traders opted to accept US dollars over Ethiopian birr. Majority of traders are not in possession of US dollars.
- In Kismayo, there is reduced supply of vegetables due to lack of farming of vegetables in the surrounding locations.
- In Kismayo, prices of both local cereals and imported food items remain the same as last week with the exception of rice which slightly decreased (<5%). In addition, prices of imported food items are expected to decrease due to high supply received in Kismayu port.
- In Elwak, the border is still restricted. However, smuggling of commodities at the Kenya-Somalia border is ongoing at porous points.
- Both local cereals and imported food items remain the same as last week however sorghum prices are very high in Gedo.
- In Gedo Livestock prices remain the same as last week and are low due to decreased demand.

### Puntland

- In Garowe, prices of vegetables such as tomatoes and potatoes remain the same as last week. However, onions increased from 40,000 to 50,000 SO SH (25%) per Kg, while pepper increased by (100%) from 30,000 to 60,000 SO SH. per Kg compared to last week. In addition, price of watermelons increased by approximately 35% in Bossaso and Garowe markets due to scarcity.
- There is a shortage of rice caused by limited supply from Bosasso due to congestion experienced at the seaport.
- In Bossaso, prices of tomatoes and potatoes increased by 66% and 42% respectively due to low supply of vegetables.
- Camel milk prices has remained the same but high in the last two months in the main markets of Garowe, Qardho and Bossaso due to constant supply from established dairy camel farms around main markets.
- Fuel prices slightly increased by 4% compared to last week in most markets but are low.
- Local livestock prices also remain the same for the last one month although availability decreased due to movement of the pastoralist seeking pasture.
- The exchange rate of Somali Shilling (SOSH) vs USD depreciated by (-5%) compared to last week due to low availability of USD notes in the market. The depreciation of the local currency may continue if the scarcity continues.
- Cross border trade activities are normal despite minimal supply of vegetables such as potatoes and onions due to restriction from Ethiopia side.
- In general food supplies from upstream market of Bossaso to other main markets is ongoing and port operations are normal.

### South West

- In Dinsoor, militants (A.S) are still controlling the borders and traders are opting to use flights to get commodities from Mogadishu. This has led to increase in food prices.
- In Baidoa, prices of both local cereals and imported food items remain the same as last week. However, camel milk prices are high at \$1 per litre.
- In Xudur, prices of local cereals either decreased or remained the same compared to last week and are high. White sorghum and white maize remained the same while red sorghum decreased by (-3%).
- In Southwest, camel meat prices have remained the same in most markets for the last two months. For instance in Baidoa it has remained at \$5.0 per Kg.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remains the same in most markets for the last nine weeks. For instance in Baidoa, Wajid and Xudur exchange rate has remained at 25,000 SO SH per USD.

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