

Market Monitoring Report



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HIGHLIGHTS

Household access to basic goods and services continues to be constrained due to limited incomes. A more stable macroeconomic environment is likely to create the conditions needed to strengthen the household's purchasing power in the near future.

Markets Overview

The report is based on markets from 45 districts/domains (21 rural and 24 urban); the previous reporting period covered 43 districts (20 rural and 23 urban).

Major food commodities

The prices of cereals increased on average by 7% in December. Meanwhile the price of sugar beans and cooking oil remained stable throughout the review period. The cereal price increases are a factor of increased demand against poor supply, while the stable prices are a direct result of stabilisation in the macroeconomic environment.

Supply of **maize grain** has remained critically low at 3% of the markets across 15 of the 45 monitored Districts; while **maize meal** availability has been relatively stable month on month being available in 44 districts and in 62% of monitored markets.

Availability and price of **sugar beans** and **cooking oil** remained stable during December with very little variations between rural and urban settings.

Maize Grain

Price: ↑ ZWL 31.03/kg
Previous price: ZWL29.11 /kg
Availability: ↔ 3%

Maize Meal (unrefined)

Price: ↑ ZWL 48.80/kg
Previous price: ZWL 45.68/kg
Availability: ↔ 61%

Sugar Beans

Price: ↔ ZWL 205.18/kg
Previous price: ZWL204.12/kg
Availability: ↔ 73%

Cooking Oil

Price: ↔ ZWL 147.75/kg
Previous price: ZWL146.72/kg
Availability: ↔ 92%

Exchange rate: Zimbabwean Dollar to US\$

Upper rate: ZWL 86.00 Midrate: ZWL 81.79 Lower Rate: ZWL 80.00

Fuel

Diesel: ↑ ZWL 99.35 Blend: ↔ ZWL 100.91
Diesel: ↑ US\$1.21 Blend: ↔ US\$1.23

COVID-19

As of the **29th of December 2020**, Zimbabwe had **13,325** confirmed cases of COVID-19 and **359** deaths, an increase of **34%** and **30%** respectively from the same time the previous month. A total of **1,899** cases were active with a high recovery rate at approximately **70%** although the average number of daily cases continued on an upward trend to **177** cases on the 29th of December compared to **50** in November 2020. This spike in cases is partially contributed by an increase in traffic from citizens from the diaspora during the festive season and coupled with a general relaxation in observance of lockdown measures and rules. Congestion at border entry points such as the Beitbridge border post due to increased holiday traffic and human movement and limited capacity to enforce prevention and control measures could likely have contributed to this surge. While at the beginning of the month government announced they would not impose strict lockdown measures, the increase in the number of cases at the end of the month resulted in tighter lockdown measures at level 4. Given the already high prevalence of food and nutrition insecurity in the country, it is recommended for government and partners to also put in place measures to save lives and safeguard livelihoods that might be impacted by the COVID-19 restrictive measures.

Inflation and Exchange Rate

The Zimbabwean dollar has remained stable against other currencies on both the official and parallel foreign currency exchange market since July 2020 after the government had introduced the forex auction system in June. The foreign exchange market auction held on the **21st of December 2020** set the exchange rate at **ZWL81.79** to the United States Dollar, which is comparable to **ZWL81.81** per dollar at the end of November. This has contributed to stabilisation of prices for good and commodities and is reflected in the decrease in inflation.

Inflation decreased in November with the year on year inflation decreasing to **402%** from **471.3%** while the monthly inflation rate dropped to **3.2%** from **4.37%** in October. This was largely driven by the general decrease in the cost of food although some commodities such as the staple (maize grain and maize meal) noted price increases. The cost of fuel also increased with diesel prices increasing by **21%** during December however, petrol prices remained comparable to the prices prevailing in November 2020. The cost of living remains very high as the country is still operating under a hyperinflationary environment coupled with poor incomes and suppressed sources of livelihood.

Overall market trends for food basket commodities



Maize Grain

Maize grain remains unavailable with indications of depleting households stocks. This increased demand has influenced price increases mostly in cereal deficit areas.



GMB depots are selling the commodity at an average price of ZWL3.50/kg (ZWL175/50kg), although most depots do not have the commodity due to the poor distribution of depots.

Maize meal

Availability generally remained relatively stable with the exception of surplus cereal producing areas where poor availability was noted.

Prices slightly increased in December rising by 7% on average across the country. Mobile money transactions incurred an average premium of 5% per transaction.

Sugar beans

Availability of sugar beans in the current month was relatively stable.

Prices remained stable. Traders in Mbire, Harare and Epworth were only accepting USD payments for the commodity. Mobile money prices were about 17% higher than cash prices.

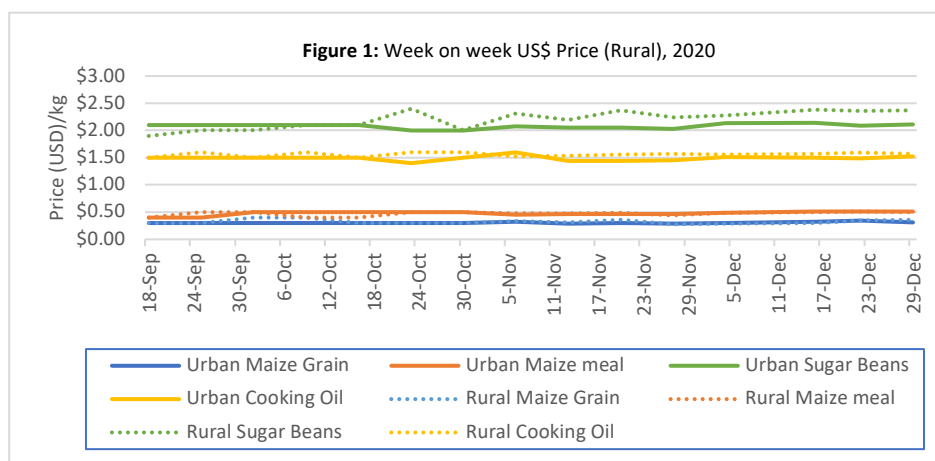
Cooking Oil

Availability remains high with the commodity available on most markets.

Prices remained stable in both urban and rural areas. Payments in mobile money incurred an average premium of 6%.

Food Commodity Prices in Foreign Currency (US\$ terms)

The average price of **maize grain** and **maize meal** remained stable at an average of **US\$0.32** and **US\$0.50** per kilogram. When compared to the same time last year (December 2019) as well as the two year average, these prices are comparable at an average price of US\$0.30/kg while maize meal was selling at an average price of US\$0.49/kg. The same is true for sugar beans whose current price of US\$2.23/kg is the same as that reported in December 2019. While **cooking oil** prices have been stable over the last six months, the current price of **US\$1.54/L** is 21% lower than the 2yr average as well as the price reported in December 2019. This price reduction is likely a factor of increased supply of the locally produced product on the market which is cheaper compare to imports which were more readily available compared to the local product during the same period last year.



Non-Food Commodities: Laundry and Bathing soap

Laundry and **bathing soap** were available in **90%** and **93%** of the monitored markets respectively with no significant difference in availability between urban and rural areas. Laundry soap was retailing at an average of **ZWL125.48/bar** in local currency and **US\$1.33** in rural districts while in it was being sold at an average price of **ZWL108.53/bar** or **USD\$1.14** in urban districts. These prices are comparable to the prices reported in November.

The average price for bathing soap in the rural districts was **ZWL64.47** per unit whilst in the urban centres it was 7% lower at **ZWL60.20** per unit. Most traders were accepting USD payments at **US\$0.74** per unit. In the urban districts the price was lowest in Marondera urban at **ZWL42.79** and most expensive in Plumtree at **ZWL189.50**. In the rural centres the average price was lowest in Chipinge at **ZWL35.31** and most expensive in Muzarabani and Chiredzi at **ZWL95.00**.

Rural markets – review of availability and prices in Zimbabwe dollars (ZWL)

Maize Grain

Maize grain remains generally unavailable across all rural markets being available in 2% of the monitored rural markets. As the peak lean season looms, which is characterised by depleted households cereal stock, household's reliance on markets and demand for the commodity has spiked, pushing prices up especially in cereal deficit areas while surplus cereal producing areas have relatively stable prices.

During the month under review, average selling prices increased by **7%** from **ZWL 30.70/kg** recorded in November to **ZWL 32.74/kg** in December. The average price for mobile money transactions were **ZWL 35.32/kg**. Mudzi (a cereal deficit area) had the highest average price at **ZWL 38.89/kg** whilst Nkayi (also a cereal deficit area but in close proximity to surplus producing areas like Gokwe South) had the lowest average price at **ZWL 27.78/kg** and surplus producing areas such as Chipinge (mainly from agroecological region 1 and 2) noted stable prices when compared to last month. It was also noted that market availability was generally higher in cereal deficit areas as compared to surplus areas where households might be consuming from own production or relying more on farmer to farmer sales thereby reducing demand on the formal market. For more details on district prices (see annex 3).

Unrefined Maize Meal

Unrefined maize meal was available in **49%** of the rural districts down from **53%** in the month of November.

The price of the maize meal rose by **10%** from **ZWL 46.18/kg** in November to **ZWL 50.94/kg** in December (Figure 3). This is typical for this time of the year when more households rely on maize grain as an alternative due to depleted cereal stocks at household level. All markets monitored in Buhera, Mount Darwin and Muzarabani did not have maize meal in stock.

Sugar Beans

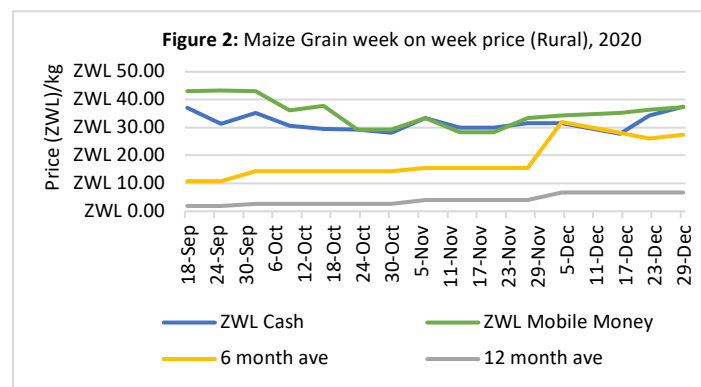
Availability of sugar beans increased by **6%** from November being available in **66%** of the rural markets. Mount Darwin is the only district that reported unavailability out of the 21 monitored districts, while Bulawayo rural, Rushinga, Binga and Mwenzi reported availability in all markets monitored within these districts.

Sugar beans were selling at an average price of **ZWL 217.18/kg** up from **ZWL 212.06/kg** in November. Mudzi reported the biggest price (increase?) of **15%** month on month while Mangwe had the biggest price change year on year at more than **400%** (annex 7). Mangwe district also recorded the highest price during the current reporting period at **ZWL 65/kg**.

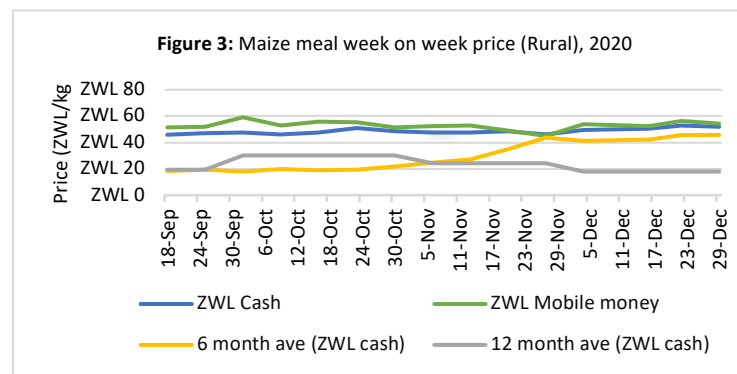
Cooking Oil

Cooking oil remains available in most of the markets (**91.8%**). However, two districts in Manicaland Province indicated poor supply of the commodity; Buhera District reported no cooking oil stocks on the market and Chipinge District reported poor availability with the commodity only available in **41%** of the markets (compared to **71%** last month). This is likely a supply chain issue and WFP will continue to monitor the situation closely.

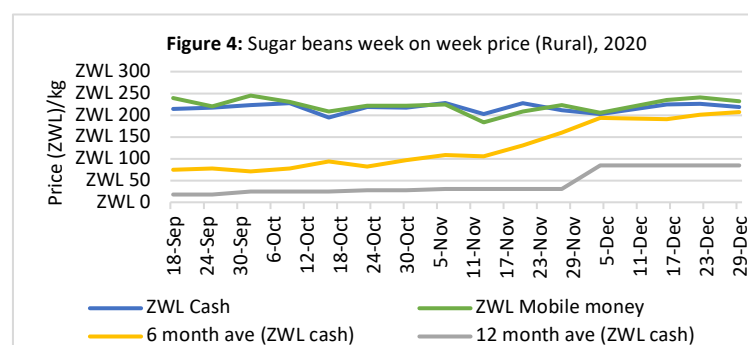
The commodity was selling at an average price of **ZWL 152.59/L**, a slight increase from **ZWL 150.93/L** in November. Traders were charging a 6% premium on average for mobile money transactions which had an average price of **ZWL 160.81/L**.



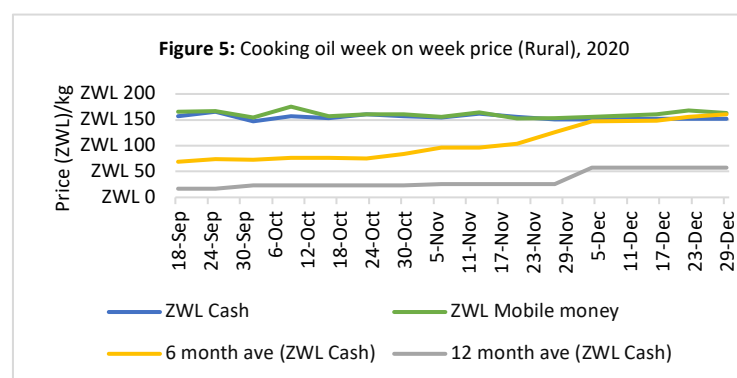
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Urban markets – review of availability and prices in Zimbabwe dollars (ZWL)

Maize Grain

Maize grain remains largely unavailable in urban markets; the commodity was reported to be available in 15% of all urban monitored markets, distributed across 9 of 24 monitored urban districts. Market availability was very poor with just 2 Districts (Norton (20.5%) and Redcliff (33.3%)) reporting more than 20% availability.

There was a marginal decrease in the average price of maize grain in bond notes from **ZWL29.29/kg** in November to **ZWL29.24/kg** in December. The highest price was recorded in Masvingo Urban markets averaging **ZWL36.11/kg** whilst Chiredzi urban markets recorded the lowest average prices at **ZWL25.00/kg**. Traders charged an average of 8% premium on mobile money. Epworth traders were only accepting USD for maize grain purchases.

Maize Meal

Maize meal was available across all monitored urban districts and in 76% of monitored markets, indicating an increase of 3% in availability from the previous month. Four districts reported availability in less than 50% of the monitored markets: Kariba urban with only 12% availability, Nembudziya (32%), Buhera (33%) and Gweru urban (46%). The average price of maize meal slightly increased from **ZWL45.13/kg** in November to **ZWL46.90/kg** in December. The highest price was in Redcliff markets at an average of **ZWL53.17/kg** and was lowest in Kadoma urban at **ZWL33.20/kg**.

Sugar Beans

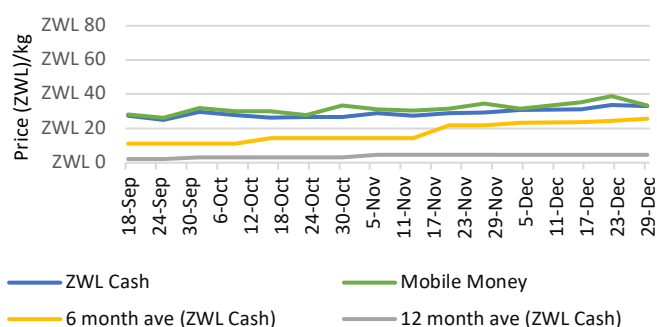
Sugar beans were available in all the urban districts - save for Mount Darwin, and in 83.2% of monitored markets, which marks a slight decrease from 86% reported in November. Availability was lowest in Kariba urban and Buhera at 29% and 33% respectively.

The average price for sugar beans was **ZWL198.65/kg** with the highest prices reported in Plumtree at **ZWL261.44/kg**, and the lowest prices reported in Kadoma urban at **ZWL137.50/kg**.

Cooking Oil

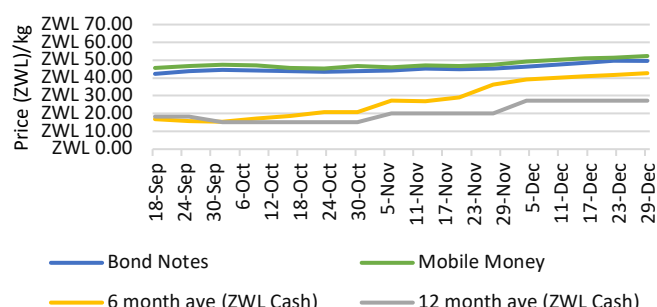
Cooking oil was available in all monitored districts and in 92% of all monitored markets. The current average price of **ZWL142.98/L** is comparable to the price reported in November (**ZWL139.56/L**). However, when compared to the 12 month average, these prices are 40% higher (Figure 9). Plumtree had the highest prices at **ZWL197.34/L** and the lowest was Kadoma at **ZWL105.33/L**.

Figure 6: Maize grain week on week price (Urban), 2020



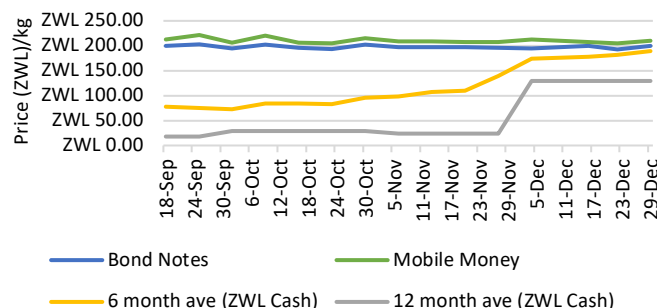
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Figure 7: Maize Meal week on week price (Urban), 2020



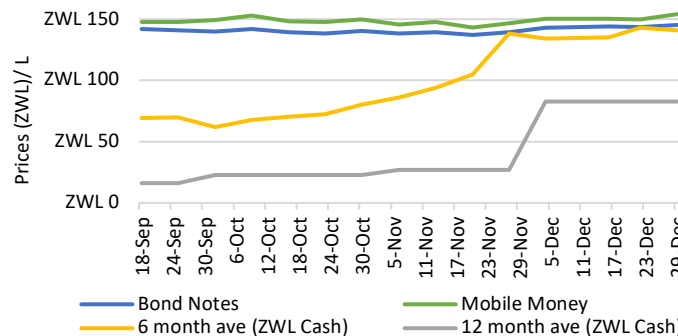
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Figure 8: Sugar beans week on week price (Urban), 2020



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

Figure 9: Cooking oil week on week price (Urban), 2020



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Annex 1: Sample and data collection

This report provides an update on WFP food basket commodities availability and prices. It covers the period from the **28th November to 29th December 2020** and is based on interviews with **1,877** traders (**1,510** in rural districts and **367** in urban districts) across 45 districts (21 rural and 24 urban). Annexes 10-12 explain the trend arrows used in the highlights.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions most of the data collection is virtual. In the current reporting period (**28 November to 29 December 2020**), the proportion of remote to face-face monitoring was comparable to the previous month at **80%**. Given the advent of the second wave of COVID-19 in the country, it is strongly recommended that data collection be collected remotely.
























































Annex 2: Urban Districts Maize Grain Prices

\$0.00	Availability		Prices					% Price Change			
	Monthly current availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous availability (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Dec 2019-Dec 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Nov 2020-Dec 2020)	12M % Change
Maize Grain Urban Districts											
Beitbridge	0%	0%							ZWL 3.89		
Bulawayo	0%	0%									
Chegutu Urban	0%	0%									
Chinhoyi Urban	0%								ZWL 20.00		
Chipinga Urban	2%	8%	ZWL 25.00	ZWL 27.78	ZWL 25.00	0%	\$0.25	R 5.00	ZWL 27.22	10%	-8%
Chiredzi Urban	16%	7%	ZWL 33.34	ZWL 33.34	ZWL 38.89	17%	\$0.33	R 6.30	ZWL 33.14	0%	1%
Epworth	5%	0%					\$0.28				
Gokwe North (Nembudziya)	0%	0%									
Gokwe South Urban	0%	0%							ZWL 1.53		
Goromonzi Urban	0%	0%									
Gweru Urban	18%	20%	ZWL 32.22	ZWL 28.13			\$0.36	R 7.35	ZWL 28.13	15%	15%
Harare	0%	0%							ZWL 26.39		
Kadoma	0%	0%									
Kariba Urban	12%	8%	ZWL 26.95	ZWL 26.67			\$0.28		ZWL 24.92	1%	8%
Kwekwe Urban	0%	7%		ZWL 31.67					ZWL 31.67		
Marondera Urban	0%	3%		ZWL 27.78					ZWL 27.78		
Masvingo Urban	8%	4%	ZWL 36.11		ZWL 39.82	10%	\$0.36	R 9.89	ZWL 19.17		88%
Mutare Urban	16%	14%	ZWL 25.56	ZWL 25.00	ZWL 27.41	7%	\$0.28		ZWL 20.17	2%	27%
Norton	21%	35%	ZWL 26.99	ZWL 27.22	ZWL 28.34	5%	\$0.27		ZWL 19.72	-1%	37%
Plumtree	0%	0%									
Redcliff	33%	10%	ZWL 27.78	ZWL 33.34	ZWL 30.56	10%	\$0.31		ZWL 33.34	17%	-17%
Rusape Urban	0%	0%							ZWL 20.00		
Tsholotsho	0%	0%									
Victoria Falls	0%	1%		ZWL 33.34					ZWL 30.16		
Total	5%	5%	ZWL 29.24	ZWL 29.43	ZWL 31.67	8%	\$0.30	R 7.14	ZWL 22.95	-1%	19%

Annex 3: Rural Districts Maize Grain Prices

District	Availability		Prices						% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous availability (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Dec 2019-Dec 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Nov 2020-Dec 2020)	12M % Change
Maize Grain Rural Districts											
Beitbridge	0%	3%									
Bikita	0%	3%		ZWL 33.34					ZWL 33.34		
Binga	0%	0%							ZWL 24.61		
Buhera	25%	7%		ZWL 30.56			\$0.39		ZWL 9.18		
Bulawayo Rural	0%	0%									
Chipinge	22%	13%	ZWL 30.56	ZWL 30.56			\$0.29	R5.56	ZWL 26.20	0%	17%
Chiredzi	0%	2%							ZWL 1.32		
Chivi	10%	5%	ZWL 35.00	ZWL 30.84	ZWL 35.00	0%	\$0.34	R6.67	ZWL 14.95	13%	134%
Insiza	0%	0%									
Mangwe	0%	0%									
Masvingo	0%	0%							ZWL 24.38		
Matobo	0%	0%									
Mbire	0%								ZWL 2.82		
Mt Darwin	0%	0%									
Mudzi	1%		ZWL 38.89				\$0.39				
Muzarabani	23%	0%	ZWL 33.34		ZWL 36.11	8%	\$0.33				
Mwenezi	0%	0%							ZWL 3.67		
Nkayi	11%	0%	ZWL 27.78				\$0.28	R5.56	ZWL 10.09		175%
Rushinga	0%	0%									
Tsholotsho	0%										
UMP	0%	0%							ZWL 6.81		
Total	4%	2%	ZWL 33.11	ZWL 31.33	ZWL 35.56	4%	\$0.34	R5.93	ZWL 14.31	7%	109%

Annex 4: Urban Districts Maize Meal Prices

District/Urban Domain	Availability		Prices					% Price Change			
	Monthly current availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous availability (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Dec 2019-Dec 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Nov 2020-Dec 2020)	12M % Change
Maize Meal Urban Districts											
Bulawayo	74%	80%	ZWL 48.05	ZWL 46.86	ZWL 50.59	 5%	\$0.51	R9.22	ZWL 29.09	 3%	 65%
Beitbridge	100%	86%	ZWL 43.20	ZWL 41.10	ZWL 43.20	 0%	\$0.43	R7.70	ZWL 41.10	 5%	 5%
Chegutu Urban	87%	94%	ZWL 50.26	ZWL 51.74	ZWL 50.26	 0%	\$0.50		ZWL 49.66	 -3%	 1%
Chinhoyi Urban	100%		ZWL 48.86		ZWL 48.86	 0%	\$0.51		ZWL 39.89		 22%
Chipinge Urban	83%	87%	ZWL 49.04	ZWL 45.11	ZWL 50.78	 4%	\$0.50	R9.27	ZWL 44.47	 9%	 10%
Chiredzi Urban	84%	83%	ZWL 48.62	ZWL 43.86	ZWL 49.33	 1%	\$0.50	R8.69	ZWL 28.72	 11%	 69%
Epworth	85%	63%					\$0.44		ZWL 10.81		
Gokwe North (Nembudziya)	32%	46%	ZWL 47.50	ZWL 50.00	ZWL 55.00	 16%	\$0.48			 -5%	
Gokwe South Urban	50%	40%	ZWL 44.11	ZWL 43.74	ZWL 45.40	 3%	\$0.45		ZWL 25.59	 1%	 72%
Goromonzi Urban	73%	56%	ZWL 39.60	ZWL 40.49	ZWL 49.16	 24%	\$0.46			 -2%	
Gweru Urban	46%	48%	ZWL 44.10	ZWL 41.15	ZWL 45.20	 2%	\$0.48	R8.86	ZWL 41.15	 7%	 7%
Harare	75%	50%					\$0.44		ZWL 13.42		
Kadoma	50%	0%	ZWL 33.20				\$0.39				
Kariba Urban	12%	25%	ZWL 43.50	ZWL 44.70	ZWL 44.60	 3%	\$0.46		ZWL 43.57	 -3%	 0%
Kwekwe Urban	100%	87%	ZWL 52.31	ZWL 44.18	ZWL 55.48	 6%	\$0.53		ZWL 44.84	 18%	 17%
Marondera Urban	82%	95%	ZWL 51.07	ZWL 47.69	ZWL 52.33	 2%	\$0.54		ZWL 36.53	 7%	 40%
Masvingo Urban	90%	96%	ZWL 49.80	ZWL 45.99	ZWL 50.55	 2%	\$0.53	R8.41	ZWL 41.05	 8%	 21%
Mutare Urban	84%	91%	ZWL 44.76		ZWL 48.47	 8%	\$0.47		ZWL 30.50		 47%
Norton	73%	68%	ZWL 45.30	ZWL 45.74	ZWL 51.59	 14%	\$0.49		ZWL 32.26	 -1%	 40%
Plumtree	96%	57%	ZWL 41.55	ZWL 40.00			\$0.47	R7.52	ZWL 19.47	 4%	 113%
Redcliff	100%	100%	ZWL 50.50	ZWL 45.01	ZWL 53.17	 5%	\$0.53		ZWL 47.31	 12%	 7%
Rusape Urban	60%	60%	ZWL 50.80	ZWL 52.13	ZWL 50.80	 0%	\$0.55		ZWL 16.61	 -3%	 206%
Tsholotsho	100%	71%		ZWL 42.25				R7.76			
Victoria Falls	90%	86%	ZWL 48.74	ZWL 43.80	ZWL 49.06	 1%	\$0.49	R9.47	ZWL 43.84	 11%	 11%
Total	76%	68%	ZWL 46.42	ZWL 45.03	ZWL 49.68	5%	\$0.48	R 8.54	ZWL 33.99	4%	42%

Annex 5: Rural Districts Maize Meal Prices

District	Availability		Prices					% Price Change			
	Monthly current availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous availability (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Dec 2019-Dec 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Nov 2020-Dec 2020)	12M % Change
Maize Meal Rural Districts											
Beitbridge	53%	47%						R7.13			
Bikita	10%	15%	ZWL 50.00	ZWL 39.17			\$0.50	R10.00	ZWL 24.87	28%	101%
Binga	75%	69%	ZWL 45.20	ZWL 42.80	ZWL 48.71	8%	\$0.49	R10.00	ZWL 30.77	6%	47%
Buhera	0%	50%		ZWL 48.00					ZWL 12.39		
Bulawayo Rural	50%	50%	ZWL 45.00	ZWL 45.00	ZWL 45.00	0%	\$0.45	R9.00	ZWL 25.88	0%	74%
Chipinga	22%	41%	ZWL 36.67	ZWL 38.27			\$0.38	R8.00	ZWL 33.57	-4%	9%
Chiredzi	65%	72%	ZWL 49.67	ZWL 54.36	ZWL 53.63	8%	\$0.56	R13.59	ZWL 13.46	-9%	269%
Chivi	72%	73%	ZWL 52.65	ZWL 50.22	ZWL 53.01	1%	\$0.52	R9.60	ZWL 28.27	5%	86%
Insiza	77%	79%					\$0.44	R9.72	ZWL 2.08		
Mangwe	81%	97%	ZWL 65.00				\$0.55	R7.69	ZWL 12.30		428%
Masvingo	70%	44%	ZWL 56.08	ZWL 47.38	ZWL 61.91	10%	\$0.50	R9.97	ZWL 35.72	18%	57%
Matobo	63%	63%	ZWL 50.19	ZWL 48.18	ZWL 51.97	4%	\$0.52	R8.07	ZWL 31.86	4%	58%
Mbire	5%						\$0.60		ZWL 13.45		
Mt Darwin	0%	0%							ZWL 12.44		
Mudzi	41%		ZWL 49.43		ZWL 56.62	15%	\$0.49		ZWL 20.04		147%
Muzarabani	0%	0%							ZWL 9.88		
Mwenezi	89%	85%	ZWL 41.60	ZWL 42.28	ZWL 43.00	3%	\$0.43	R8.50	ZWL 20.34	-2%	105%
Nkayi	50%	83%	ZWL 50.64	ZWL 52.06	ZWL 52.00	3%	\$0.50	R9.54	ZWL 18.84	-3%	169%
Rushinga	22%	34%	ZWL 45.60	ZWL 45.65	ZWL 45.33	-1%	\$0.44		ZWL 21.27	0%	114%
Tsholotsho	41%	35%						R7.92	ZWL 13.14		
UMP	80%	62%		ZWL 45.34			\$0.35		ZWL 26.21		
Total	46%	53%	ZWL 49.06	ZWL 46.05	ZWL 51.12	5%	\$0.48	R9.20	ZWL 20.34	4%	128%

Annex 6: Urban Districts Sugar Beans Prices

District/Urban Domain	Availability		Prices						% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous availability (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Dec 2019-Dec 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Nov 2020-Dec 2020)	12M % Change
Sugar Beans Urban Districts											
Bulawayo	92%	97%	ZWL 200.44	ZWL 196.16	ZWL 210.09	5%	\$2.21	R40.17	ZWL 123.67	2%	62%
Beitbridge	86%	86%	ZWL 214.00	ZWL 195.06	ZWL 214.00	0%	\$2.14	R14.11	ZWL 195.06	10%	10%
Chegutu Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 22.26	ZWL 217.66	ZWL 22.26	0%	\$1.70		ZWL 218.58	-90%	-90%
Chinhoyi Urban	100%		ZWL 218.19		ZWL 218.19	0%	\$2.29		ZWL 169.14		29%
Chipinge Urban	79%	92%	ZWL 192.10	ZWL 120.00	ZWL 205.18	7%	\$2.03	R35.52	ZWL 185.86	60%	3%
Chiredzi Urban	95%	95%	ZWL 166.61	ZWL 187.10	ZWL 189.10	13%	\$1.93	R33.58	ZWL 136.38	11%	22%
Epworth	75%	81%					\$1.76		ZWL 45.64		
Gokwe North (Nemb	100%	85%	ZWL 208.95	ZWL 214.55	ZWL 227.41	9%	\$2.08			-3%	
Gokwe South Urban	55%	65%	ZWL 196.24	ZWL 205.36	ZWL 222.08	13%	\$2.05		ZWL 123.24	-4%	59%
Goromonzi Urban	48%	50%	ZWL 226.93	ZWL 189.00	ZWL 235.73	4%	\$2.27			20%	
Gweru Urban	95%	100%	ZWL 184.36	ZWL 177.53	ZWL 211.11	15%	\$2.01	R38.34	ZWL 177.53	4%	4%
Harare	60%	50%					\$1.43		ZWL 43.47		
Kadoma	100%	0%	ZWL 137.50		ZWL 200.00	45%	\$1.50		ZWL 200.00		-31%
Kariba Urban	29%	53%	ZWL 196.40	ZWL 201.05	ZWL 210.00	7%	\$2.12		ZWL 193.62	-2%	1%
Kwekwe Urban	100%	97%	ZWL 206.54	ZWL 207.75	ZWL 215.96	5%	\$2.06		ZWL 207.75	-1%	-1%
Marondera Urban	93%	97%	ZWL 181.57	ZWL 184.62	ZWL 217.28	20%	\$2.12		ZWL 143.61	-2%	26%
Masvingo Urban	93%	94%	ZWL 223.29	ZWL 223.26	ZWL 227.33	2%	\$2.36	R27.70	ZWL 165.19	0%	35%
Mutare Urban	74%	71%	ZWL 146.25	ZWL 192.57	ZWL 198.39	36%	\$1.99		ZWL 152.74	-24%	-4%
Norton	68%	70%	ZWL 177.05	ZWL 195.07	ZWL 207.58	17%	\$2.10		ZWL 133.06	-9%	33%
Plumtree	86%	100%	ZWL 261.44	ZWL 196.00			\$2.46	R7.25	ZWL 72.73	33%	259%
Redcliff	100%	100%	ZWL 200.00	ZWL 202.80	ZWL 213.33	7%	\$2.13		ZWL 202.80	-1%	-1%
Rusape Urban	60%	60%	ZWL 216.23	ZWL 205.82	ZWL 216.23	0%	\$2.47		ZWL 98.48	5%	120%
Tsholotsho	71%	86%		ZWL 115.00				R40.50			
Victoria Falls	95%	95%	ZWL 208.95	ZWL 204.86	ZWL 211.00	1%	\$2.11	R40.82	ZWL 205.23	2%	2%
Total	81%	79%	ZWL 189.78	ZWL 191.56	ZWL 203.61	10%	\$2.06	R 30.89	ZWL 152.08	-1%	28%

Annex 7: Rural Districts Sugar Beans Prices

District	Availability		Prices						% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous availability (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Dec 2019-Dec 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Nov 2020-Dec 2020)	12M % Change
Sugar Beans Rural Districts											
Beitbridge	45%	40%						R30.33			
Bikita	10%	28%	ZWL 100.00	ZWL 191.67	ZWL 120.00	20%	\$1.00	R20.00	ZWL 73.16	-48%	37%
Binga	100%	100%	ZWL 196.67	ZWL 160.00	ZWL 224.44	14%	\$2.27	R40.00	ZWL 162.16	-23%	21%
Buhera	25%	21%	ZWL 200.00	ZWL 180.00			\$2.00		ZWL 51.98	-11%	285%
Bulawayo Rural	100%	100%	ZWL 178.00	ZWL 176.00	ZWL 203.00	14%	\$2.20	R42.00	ZWL 101.17	1%	76%
Chipinge	13%	20%	ZWL 100.00	ZWL 161.30	ZWL 150.00	50%	\$1.00	R20.00	ZWL 139.84	-38%	-28%
Chiredzi	48%	62%	ZWL 157.41	ZWL 245.00	ZWL 237.50	51%	\$2.09	R46.92	ZWL 64.81	-36%	143%
Chivi	78%	83%	ZWL 204.98	ZWL 202.07	ZWL 221.31	8%	\$2.08	R40.02	ZWL 125.09	1%	64%
Insiza	65%	60%					\$2.24	R31.11	ZWL 101.80		
Mangwe	86%	93%	ZWL 36.44	ZWL 36.40	ZWL 45.46	25%	\$2.00	R40.87		0%	
Masvingo	77%	50%	ZWL 200.03	ZWL 210.67	ZWL 292.90	46%	\$2.51	R44.84	ZWL 146.47	-5%	37%
Matobo	81%	90%	ZWL 209.54	ZWL 205.40	ZWL 258.98	24%	\$2.94	R47.67	ZWL 168.09	2%	25%
Mbire	5%						\$2.00		ZWL 45.04		
Mt Darwin	0%	0%							ZWL 44.97		
Mudzi	39%		ZWL 213.00		ZWL 240.40	13%	\$2.14		ZWL 89.94		137%
Muzarabani	69%	20%	ZWL 150.83	ZWL 200.00	ZWL 198.23	31%	\$1.83		ZWL 143.67	-25%	5%
Mwenezi	100%	70%	ZWL 188.89	ZWL 130.00	ZWL 260.44	38%	\$2.35	R23.26	ZWL 97.09	-45%	95%
Nkayi	89%	83%	ZWL 200.00	ZWL 214.00	ZWL 208.08	4%	\$2.07	R40.64	ZWL 67.61	-7%	196%
Rushinga	100%	99%	ZWL 198.23	ZWL 148.33	ZWL 200.00	1%	\$1.97		ZWL 142.51	-34%	39%
Tsholotsho	72%	79%		ZWL 33.82				R40.21	ZWL 62.61		
UMP	80%	0%					\$1.70		ZWL 130.00		
Total	61%	58%	ZWL 168.93	ZWL 166.31	ZWL 204.34	24%	\$2.02	R36.28	ZWL 103.05	-3%	81%





Annex 8: Urban Districts Cooking Oil Prices

District/Urban Domain	Availability		Prices						% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous availability (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Dec 2019-Dec 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Nov 2020-Dec 2020)	12M % Change
Cooking Urban Districts											
Bulawayo	98%	100%	ZWL 147.54	ZWL 145.72	ZWL 155.68	6%	\$1.63	R30.49	ZWL 100.94	1%	46%
Beitbridge	100%	100%	ZWL 315.34	ZWL 279.69	ZWL 315.34	0%	\$1.14	R34.89	ZWL 279.69	3%	13%
Chegutu Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 140.75	ZWL 128.41	ZWL 140.75	0%	\$1.36		ZWL 128.60	0%	9%
Chinhoyi Urban	100%		ZWL 150.96		ZWL 150.96	0%	\$1.59		ZWL 154.25		-2%
Chipinge Urban	98%	100%	ZWL 148.97	ZWL 138.98	ZWL 153.60	3%	\$1.51	R27.55	ZWL 141.12	7%	6%
Chiredzi Urban	84%	93%	ZWL 141.27	ZWL 132.25	ZWL 141.30	0%	\$1.48	R25.58	ZWL 78.87	7%	79%
Epworth	100%	100%					\$1.34		ZWL 36.06		
Gokwe North (Nemankanda)	100%	100%	ZWL 145.53	ZWL 146.15	ZWL 159.29	9%	\$1.40			0%	
Gokwe South Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 142.16	ZWL 143.06	ZWL 147.99	4%	\$1.45		ZWL 83.60	1%	70%
Goromonzi Urban	98%	100%	ZWL 135.86	ZWL 133.52	ZWL 151.58	12%	\$1.35			2%	
Gweru Urban	68%	60%	ZWL 130.06	ZWL 126.52	ZWL 139.03	7%	\$1.40	R26.72	ZWL 126.52	3%	3%
Harare	100%	100%					\$1.40		ZWL 41.31		
Kadoma	100%	100%	ZWL 105.33	ZWL 135.00	ZWL 150.00	42%	\$1.28		ZWL 137.50	-22%	-23%
Kariba Urban	88%	89%	ZWL 146.13	ZWL 139.07	ZWL 160.61	10%	\$1.60		ZWL 139.95	5%	4%
Kwekwe Urban	100%	93%	ZWL 145.63	ZWL 129.26	ZWL 154.07	6%	\$1.45		ZWL 129.26	3%	13%
Marondera Urban	93%	100%	ZWL 137.13	ZWL 127.81	ZWL 139.83	2%	\$1.47		ZWL 94.79	7%	45%
Masvingo Urban	92%	96%	ZWL 148.18	ZWL 141.91	ZWL 148.54	0%	\$1.59	R24.60	ZWL 126.10	4%	18%
Mutare Urban	84%	91%	ZWL 129.06	ZWL 122.08	ZWL 142.00	10%	\$1.39		ZWL 85.36	6%	51%
Norton	83%	73%	ZWL 131.17	ZWL 128.51	ZWL 150.33	15%	\$1.43		ZWL 75.77	2%	73%
Plumtree	100%	100%	ZWL 197.34				\$1.56	R28.58	ZWL 54.36		263%
Redcliff	100%	100%	ZWL 132.50	ZWL 134.40	ZWL 138.00	4%	\$1.38		ZWL 134.40	1%	-1%
Rusape Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 135.50	ZWL 122.57	ZWL 138.40	2%	\$1.45		ZWL 94.08	1%	44%
Tsholotsho	100%	67%		ZWL 150.00				R34.29			
Victoria Falls	92%	94%	ZWL 144.10	ZWL 140.43	ZWL 146.01	1%	\$1.47	R27.75	ZWL 144.72	3%	0%
Total	95%	94%	ZWL 150.02	ZWL 142.27	ZWL 156.17	7%	\$1.44	R 28.94	ZWL 113.68	4%	37%

Annex 9: Rural Districts Cooking Oil Prices

District	Availability		Prices						% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous availability (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (02-27 Nov 2020)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	12M ZWL Cash Average (Dec 2019-Dec 2020)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Nov 2020-Dec 2020)	12M % Change
Cooking Oil Rural Districts											
Beitbridge	97%	97%						R32.37			
Bikita	100%	85%	ZWL 127.50	ZWL 153.91	ZWL 143.00	12%	\$1.45	R29.10	ZWL 60.22	-17%	112%
Binga	95%	100%	ZWL 201.47	ZWL 145.00	ZWL 205.00	2%	\$1.94	R40.00	ZWL 142.88	39%	41%
Buhera	0%	86%	ZWL 166.56	ZWL 140.45	ZWL 173.33	4%	\$1.65	R32.04	ZWL 36.18	19%	360%
Bulawayo Rural	100%	100%	ZWL 136.25	ZWL 128.50	ZWL 136.25	0%	\$1.50	R30.00	ZWL 73.55	6%	85%
Chipinge	41%	71%	ZWL 158.33	ZWL 192.64	ZWL 175.00	11%	\$1.85	R47.44	ZWL 116.52	-18%	36%
Chiredzi	100%	100%	ZWL 132.00	ZWL 129.50	ZWL 137.86	4%	\$1.38	R26.57	ZWL 37.98	2%	248%
Chivi	100%	100%	ZWL 154.11	ZWL 152.54	ZWL 158.10	3%	\$1.49	R29.59	ZWL 74.58	1%	107%
Insiza	100%	100%					\$1.62	R32.14	ZWL 87.36		
Mangwe	94%	95%	ZWL 233.00				\$1.36	R25.13	ZWL 38.34		508%
Masvingo	100%	92%	ZWL 159.34	ZWL 166.47	ZWL 168.51	6%	\$1.53	R29.03	ZWL 87.94	-4%	81%
Matobo	84%	91%	ZWL 143.04	ZWL 144.00	ZWL 149.44	4%	\$1.74	R27.86	ZWL 114.74	-1%	25%
Mbire	100%				ZWL 1.55				ZWL 49.53		
Mt Darwin	89%	94%	ZWL 139.40	ZWL 140.00			\$1.40		ZWL 64.53	0%	116%
Mudzi	100%		ZWL 143.54		ZWL 168.59	17%	\$1.42		ZWL 69.49		107%
Muzarabani	77%	100%	ZWL 167.75	ZWL 147.00	ZWL 169.14	1%	\$1.69		ZWL 86.53	14%	94%
Mwenezi	100%	89%	ZWL 145.00	ZWL 139.58	ZWL 150.00	3%	\$1.46	R26.67	ZWL 72.76	4%	99%
Nkayi	96%	100%		ZWL 158.33					ZWL 58.49		
Rushinga	100%	100%	ZWL 149.85	ZWL 159.57	ZWL 161.04	7%	\$1.59		ZWL 87.19	-6%	72%
Tsholotsho	86%	84%					\$40.45		ZWL 59.81		
UMP	100%	99%		ZWL 132.27	ZWL 1.51				ZWL 55.19		
Total	89%	94%	ZWL 157.14	ZWL 148.65	ZWL 139.89	6%	\$3.85	R31.38	ZWL 73.69	3%	139%

Annex 10: Key to food commodity price trends

 (< 0% Decreasing)
  (>= 0% and < 5% Stable)
  (>= 5% and < 10% Slight Increasing)
  (>= 10% Decreasing)

Annex 11: Key to food commodity availability

 (Decreasing)
  (Increasing)

Annex 12: Key to Fuel price and Exchange rates

 (Decreasing)
  (Stable)
  (Increasing)

Annex 13: Background and methodology

Checking Availability at market level: If any of the interviewed traders in a market reports having sold a commodity within the last week, the commodity is considered available in this market. Availability at country-level (district-level) is calculated as the share of markets with commodity availability across the country (across districts). Missing data indicate that none of the interviewed traders generally trades the commodity.

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