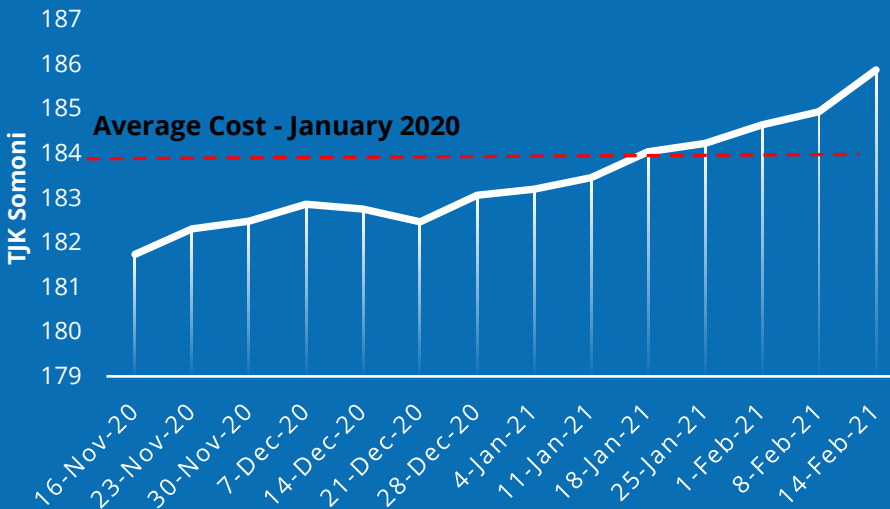


# Tajikistan Market Situation Update, # 7

15-19 February 2021

## Highlights

- Staple food commodities were available in all monitored food markets during the reporting period.
- Comparison against the previous week prices increased for **petrol and diesel (1-30 percent)** due to the high import prices from the exporting countries and **potatoes (7-11 percent)** due to the seasonality.
- Compared to January 2020, some food commodities' prices increased in all monitored markets in 2021 of the same month, such as **vegetable and cotton oils (32 -62 percent)**, **beef, mutton and chicken (2.4-17.3 percent)**, **potatoes (10-46 percent)**, **haricot beans (13 - 60 percent)**, **dried green peas (1.4-37.4 percent)**, **sugar (25 -43 percent)**, **eggs (16-36 percent)**, **bread (33-145 percent)** and **wheat flour - first grade (4-20 percent)**. The reason of price inflation for most of these commodities are due to the depreciation of Tajik somoni against USD and increased cost for imported commodities purchased from the exporting countries such as Kazakhstan and Russia.

Wheat flour (first	Rice	Potatoes	Onion	Vegetable & Cotton Oil
<p>Prices for wheat flour first grade <b>increased in Bokhtar by 1 percent</b> and remained stable in <b>all other monitored markets</b>, compared to previous week.</p> <p>Comparing the current reporting period to the monthly average of January 2021, prices for wheat flour <b>decreased in Gharm, and Kulob by 4 percent and increased in Bokhtar and Isfara market</b> by the range of <b>1-4 percent</b>. In <b>all other monitored markets</b> prices remained stable.</p>	<p>Compared to previous week, rice prices <b>increased in Khujand and Bokhtar in the range of 0.2 - 9 percent</b>. Decrease in price for this commodity was reported in <b>Istaravshan and Kulob</b> in the range of <b>4-10 percent</b>, while its prices remained <b>stable</b> in <b>all other monitored markets</b>.</p> <p>Compared to January 2021 monthly average, prices for rice <b>increased in Khujand and Bokhtar markets</b> in the range of <b>1-17 percent</b>. Price decrease was reported in <b>Murghab, Istaravshan, Kulob and Gharm</b> markets in the range of <b>2-10 percent</b>, while its prices in the remaining <b>monitored markets</b> stayed <b>stable</b>.</p>	<p>Potatoes prices <b>increased in Khorog, Isfara, Istaravshan and Kulob markets</b> in the range of <b>7-11 percent</b>, while <b>decreased in Khujand market by 1 percent</b> and remained <b>stable</b> in <b>all other monitored markets</b>, compared to previous week.</p> <p>Compared against monthly average of January 2021, <b>prices for potatoes increased in most monitored markets</b> in the range of <b>10-50 percent</b>, while prices for this commodity remained <b>stable</b> in <b>Gharm</b> market.</p>	<p>Onion prices <b>remained stable in most monitored markets</b>, compared to previous week. The price for this commodity <b>decreased in Khujand and Istaravshan markets</b> in the range of <b>14-20 percent</b>. Increase in price for this commodity was reported in <b>Dushanbe and Isfara markets by 18 percent</b>.</p> <p>Compared to the monthly average of January 2021, prices for onions <b>decreased in Khujand, Istaravshan, Kulob and Bokhtar</b> in the range of <b>6-14 percent</b>. Price increase was reported in <b>Isfara market by 19 percent</b>. Its prices in <b>all other monitored markets</b> remained stable.</p>	<p>Compared to previous week, prices for <b>vegetable and cotton oils remained stable in most monitored markets</b>. Prices for <b>vegetable oil Increased in Dushanbe and Istaravshan market</b> in the range of <b>3-4 percent</b>, while price <b>decreased for cotton oil in Khujand market by 5 percent and increased in Kulob by 3 percent</b>.</p> <p>Compared with the monthly average of January 2021, prices for <b>vegetable oil increased in Khujand, Dushanbe, Isfara and Kulob markets</b> in the range of <b>3 - 7 percent</b>, while <b>decreased in Murghab market by 9 percent</b> and in the remaining <b>monitored markets</b> prices stayed stable. Prices for <b>cotton oil increased in Bokhtar, Istaravshan and Kulob</b> in the range of <b>0.1-10 percent</b> and decreased in <b>Khujand by 3 percent</b>, while remaining <b>stable in all other monitored markets</b>.</p>
Milk & Eggs	Meat Beef & Mutton	Petrol & Diesel	STAPLE FOOD COMMODITIES PRICE CHANGE TREND	
<p>Milk prices remained <b>stable</b> in <b>all monitored markets</b>, compared to previous week. Prices for <b>eggs increased Bokhtar by 30 percent and decreased in Isfara by 8 percent</b>, while remained <b>stable</b> in <b>all other monitored markets</b>.</p> <p>Compared to the January 2021 monthly average, prices for milk remained <b>stable in most monitored markets</b>, while <b>increase by 3 percent</b> was reported in <b>Istaravshan market</b>. Prices for eggs <b>decreased in Isfara, Kulob and Istaravshan markets</b> in the range of <b>2-6 percent</b> and <b>increased in Khorog, Bokhtar, Khujand, Gharm, and Murghab by the range of 2-24 percent</b>. Its prices in the remaining <b>monitored markets</b> stayed <b>stable</b>.</p>	<p>Compared to the previous week, prices for both commodities remained <b>stable</b> in <b>most monitored markets</b>. Increase in prices for mutton was reported in <b>Dushanbe by 4 percent</b>. Prices for beef <b>increased in Bokhtar, Dushanbe and Kulob markets</b> in the range of <b>1-4 percent</b>.</p> <p>Compared against January 2021 monthly average, prices <b>increased for mutton in Khujand and Dushanbe by the range of 2-4 percent</b>, while <b>remaining stable</b> in <b>all other monitored markets</b>. Beef prices <b>decreased in Murghab market by 0.6 percent</b>, while <b>increasing in Bokhtar, Dushanbe and Kulob</b> in the range of <b>1-4 percent</b>. In the <b>remaining monitored markets</b> prices stayed <b>stable</b>.</p>	<p>Increase in petrol prices was reported in <b>most of the monitored markets by the range of 1-30 percent</b> and its prices decreased in <b>Isfara by 2 percent</b>. Prices for diesel increased in <b>most monitored markets</b> in the range of <b>1-16 percent</b> and decreased in <b>Isfara by 1.5 percent</b>, while remained <b>stable</b> in <b>Khorog and Murghab markets</b> compared to previous week.</p> <p>Compared to January 2021 monthly average, prices for <b>petrol increased in all monitored markets</b> in the range of <b>1-27 percent</b>, while prices for diesel <b>increased in most monitored markets</b> by a range of <b>0.4-21 percent</b>, while the prices for this commodity remained <b>stable</b> in <b>Gharm</b> market.</p>	 <p>This graph analyses the average aggregate change of prices for ten commodities in the nine monitored markets, comparing the reporting weeks against the previous weeks and monthly average prices of January 2021. The food commodities included here are wheat flour (first grade), potatoes, onion, milk, eggs, vegetable and cotton oil, beef, mutton and rice.</p>	

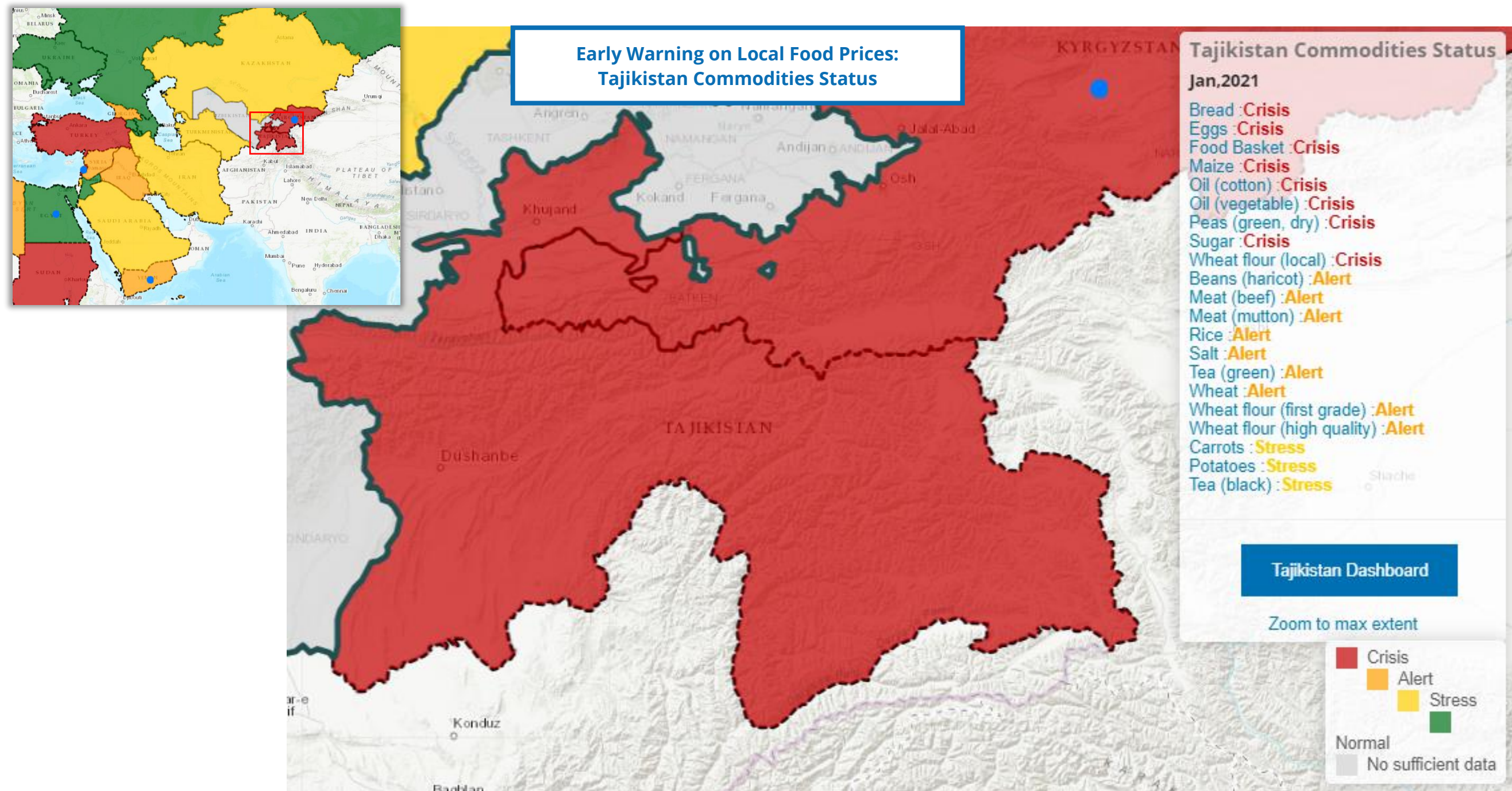
## WEEKLY FOOD MARKET PRICE UPDATE – PERCENT CHANGE BY REGIONAL MARKETS

Commodity	Khorog, GBAO				Khujand, Sughd				Bokhtar, Khatlon				Gharm, DRS				Dushanbe				Murghab, GBAO			
	Current price in TJS	Change from previous period			Current price in TJS	Change from previous period			Current price in TJS	Change from previous period			Current price in TJS	Change from previous period			Current price in TJS	Change from previous period			Current price in TJS	Change from previous period		
		1 week	1 month	1 year		1 week	1 month	1 year		1 week	1 month	1 year		1 week	1 month	1 year		1 week	1 month	1 year		1 week	1 month	1 year
Meat -mutton	46.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	63.0	0.0	2.4	17.3	55.0	0.0	0.0	13.0	49	0.0	0.0	4.0	57.0	3.6	3.6	5.8	43.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Meat-beef	45.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	50.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	53.3	0.6	1.6	8.5	49	0.0	0.0	6.5	56.0	3.7	5.2	2.4	42.0	0.0	-0.6	N/A
Chicken	28.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	23.0	0.0	8.2	-9.5	29.0	0.0	9.4	4.7	35	0.0	0.0	10.3	23.0	0.0	0.0	8.8	32.0	0.0	3.2	N/A
Vegetable oil	20.0	0.0	0.0	61.5	20.0	0.0	6.7	42.4	20.0	0.0	0.0	41.7	18.0	0.0	0.0	32.2	19.6	4.3	4.3	56.7	20.0	0.0	-9.1	N/A
Cotton Oil	17.0	0.0	0.0	32.1	17.5	-5.4	-2.8	53.2	19.0	0.0	0.1	48.9	17	0.0	0.0	36.0	17.6	0.0	0.0	53.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Potatoes	5.5	10.0	10.0	9.7	4.7	-1.1	27.9	10.9	4.5	0.0	24.1	12.5	4	0.0	0.0	46.0	4.4	0.0	26.6	-2.0	7.5	0.0	12.0	N/A
Cabbage	3.0	0.0	0.0	-15.8	2.5	0.0	-9.1	19.0	2.0	0.0	-15.8	0.0	3	0.0	0.0	36.4	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	0.0	10.0	N/A
Carrots	3.5	0.0	7.7	-2.5	1.8	0.0	7.7	-9.4	2.0	0.0	3.2	38.6	2.0	0.0	0.0	15.6	2.0	25.0	11.1	20.0	7.2	2.9	20.0	N/A
Onion	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	-14.3	-11.1	-41.5	2.0	0.0	-5.9	-24.8	2.5	0.0	0.0	-3.5	2.0	17.6	0.0	-20.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Milk	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.5	0.0	0.0	2.9	4.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Eggs	12.5	0.0	4.2	31.3	12.0	0.0	9.1	30.6	15.0	30.4	23.5	35.6	12.0	0.0	2.1	17.5	11.6	0.0	0.0	16.0	15.0	0.0	5.3	N/A
Sugar	9.5	0.0	0.0	36.0	9.0	0.0	5.9	42.8	9.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	28.6	8.5	0.0	-4.2	33.9	13.0	0.0	6.1	N/A
Tea black	31.0	-6.1	-6.1	12.1	43.0	7.5	7.5	-34.7	43.3	0.8	0.8	70.4	32.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	38.0	0.0	0.0	-5.0	40.0	0.0	3.2	N/A
Tea green	29.0	-7.9	-7.9	13.7	45.0	12.5	12.5	-12.5	45.6	-0.9	0.8	62.7	35.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	38.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	46.0	0.0	11.5	N/A
Rice	11.5	0.0	0.0	22.4	12.0	9.1	17.1	7.9	14.3	0.2	1.1	28.1	13.0	0.0	-1.9	4.1	13.0	0.0	0.0	-7.1	21.0	0.0	-7.7	N/A
Wheat flour first grade	5.2	0.0	0.0	19.6	5.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	4.9	1.3	0.7	10.8	4.8	0.0	-3.5	10.7	4.9	0.0	0.0	8.9	5.8	0.0	0.0	N/A
Salt	1.5	0.0	0.0	50.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	-41.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	-50.0	4.0	0.0	-11.1	N/A
Bread middle size (150 gr.)	5.0	0.0	0.0	42.9	2.5	-16.7	-16.7	-22.3	2.5	0.0	0.0	145.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	114.3	2.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	5.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Dried green peas (mosh)	15.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	14.0	0.0	4.7	1.4	16.0	0.0	0.0	30.1	15.0	0.0	0.0	37.4	15.0	0.0	0.0	15.4	20.0	0.0	14.3	N/A
Haricot bean(lobiyo)	17.0	0.0	0.0	31.3	17.5	-2.8	2.9	32.7	16.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	16.0	0.0	0.0	39.1	16.0	0.0	0.0	60.0	23.0	0.0	-8.0	N/A
Chick peas(nakhud)	19.0	0.0	-0.5	-11.0	16.0	-8.6	-11.1	33.4	16.3	0.2	8.9	19.8	17.0	0.0	0.0	-3.4	10.0	0.0	0.0	-16.7	14.0	0.0	-15.2	N/A
Petrol	8.1	3.8	26.6	-3.2	7.2	4.3	16.1	-11.7	7.4	30.4	13.4	-9.5	6.8	3.0	6.2	-15.8	7.2	4.3	22.0	-19.2	8.9	4.7	4.7	N/A
Diesel	8.0	0.0	5.6	-6.4	7.3	16.3	16.3	-17.8	7.0	1.4	6.5	-13.9	7.0	3.0	0.0	-16.7	7.5	13.6	21.0	-23.5	9.0	0.0	9.0	N/A
Skilled labour	110.0	0.0	0.0	-21.4	100.0	0.0	0.0	81.0	140.0	0.0	0.0	-4.2	65.0	0.0	50.0	-7.1	70.0	0.0	0.0	-20.0	no	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unskilled labour	90.0	0.0	0.0	-12.5	60.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	55.0	0.0	0.0	-28.1	30.0	11.1	6.2	41.3	60.0	0.0	0.0	-15.8	90.0	0.0	5.9	N/A
Anti-bacterial wipes	2.5	0.0	0.0	N/A	1.3	0.0	0.0	N/A	2.0	33.3	33.3	N/A	1.5	0.0	0.0	N/A	4.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	4.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Face masks	2.2	0.0	-12.0	N/A	3.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	3.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	3.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	2.0	33.3	0.0	N/A	5.0	0.0	25.0	N/A
Hand sanitizer	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	21.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	no	N/A	N/A	N/A	20.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	18.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	23.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Soap	4.8	0.0	0.0	N/A	4.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	3.3	0.0	0.0	N/A	5.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	3.3	0.0	0.0	N/A	7.0	0.0	14.3	N/A





## WFP Tajikistan – Market Situation Update



Source: WFP Safety Nets Alert Platform; <https://snap.vam.wfp.org/index1.php?country=Tajikistan&short=TJ>

### About the Update

WFP Tajikistan has been monitoring food prices in markets across the country, especially to assess effects of COVID-19 on the population's food security situation. Markets monitored include six major markets in Murghab, Khorog, Khujand, Bokhtar, Gharm, and Dushanbe, and three minor markets, Isfara, Istaravshan, and Kulob. The focus is on the main commodities that are consumed by the average population of the country.

During the height of the global pandemic (March to August 2020), prices were collected twice per week and reported upon weekly. As prices stabilized (September – October 2020), collection moved to once per week with a twice per month reporting. With recent (November 2020) prices spikes, WFP Tajikistan has moved back to a weekly report.



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The price indicator and categorization used in the map is based on Alert for Price Spikes (ALPS) approach which is a collaborative initiative undertaken by the Centre for Studies and Research on Economic Development (CERDI) and World Food Programme. For details on methodology and price data/analysis, see the WFP's Safety Nets Alert Platform (SNAP) website at <https://snap.vam.wfp.org/main/>.

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