



Joint Market and Supply Chain Update

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Key messages

- ♦ Moderate to heavy GU rains reported in most locations throughout Somalia disrupting transport services in Jowhar.
- ♦ Prices of goat meat and camel milk are increasing in some locations due to increased demand related to the ongoing Ramadan period.
- ♦ Political tension and unrest disrupted markets in the capital Mogadishu leading to limited business activities; however, trade activities are slowly returning to normal in some locations.

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- In Jowhar, moderate to heavy GU rains in Mandhere and Mahaday villages led to disruption of transport services.
- Some locations in Mataaban and Maxas received moderate to heavy GU rains this week, with no effect on supply corridors. The transport services are also normal.
- Political tension and unrest disrupted markets in Mogadishu leading to limited business activities; the areas affected include Hodan, Howlwadag, Talex. People affected by the tension are moving to safer areas like Kaxda, Celasha Biyaha and Madina. This has led to increased transport cost leading to increased food prices combined with increase of demand related to Ramadan. However, trade activities are slowly returning to normal in some locations.
- In Beletweyne, heavy rains disrupted business activities and affected supply corridors due to flooding. However, food prices remain the same as last week.
- In Jowhar prices of local cereals, imported food items and fuel remained the same as last week except pasta that decreased by 17%.
- In Buloburto, prices of local cereals, imported food items and fuel remained the same as last week except pasta that increased by 10% per Kg and beans that decreased by 14% per Kg.
- Cross border trade with Ethiopia in Hiraan is open and goods are moving smoothly from both sides.

Galmuduug

- In Galkayo, food prices have remained stable except wheat flour and sugar that increased slightly by <5% due to high demand related to Ramadan.
- In Galkayo, goat meat prices increased from \$11 to \$12 per Kg. However, price of camel meat remained the same as last week at \$7 per Kg. This is due to demand of goat meat related to Ramadan. In addition, export camel prices slightly decreased from \$865 to \$857 per head but local goat prices remain the same as last week at \$75 per head.
- In most markets throughout Galmudug, the price of camel milk remains the same as last week. However, powder milk prices decreased slightly by <5% in Galkayo market.
- Heavy GU rains started in parts of Galmudug region. This has affected some supply corridors leading to price increases of some commodities due to increased transport costs. In addition, there is water scarcity in some areas such as Hobyo and Xaradheere and price of water is \$6.5 per 200 litres. Regulation of private water suppliers contributed to high water prices, forcing households to fetch water from far distances and unsafe open wells.
- In most markets in Galmudug, there is slight decrease of vegetables prices compared to last week. For instance, tomatoes decreased from \$2.5 to \$2.2 per Kg and potatoes from \$0.9 to \$0.75 per Kg.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remained the same for two weeks in a row. For instance in Galkayo, the exchange rate 40,000 SO SH per USD.



Somaliland

- Cross border between Ethiopia and Somaliland is normal, supply of fruits, vegetables, khat is ongoing, and all prices remain the same for two weeks in a row. In Hargeisa, prices of onions, garlic, potatoes, tomatoes and carrots remained stable at 7,700 SL SH, 7,800 SL SH, 6,100 SL SH, 7,300 SL SH and 5,250 SL SH respectively per Kg. In addition, a medium sized watermelon is fluctuating between 25,000 SL SH and 37,000 SL SH per piece.
- Moderate to heavy GU rains reported in many locations throughout Somaliland. This has affected transport services due to muddy roads especially in coastal strip of Awdal and Hawd livelihood zone.
- In Berbera, the price of vegetable oil and green beans increased due to low supply, for instance 1 carton of vegetable oil increased from \$20 to \$27 and green beans (50kg) increased from \$41 to \$50.
- In Berbera, the renovation of the Berbera corridor is ongoing. Once it is complete it will reduce lead time between the busy Hargeisa Berbera corridor.
- Local cereals (white maize, red and white sorghum) remained the same as last week throughout Somaliland. For instance in Hargeisa, white maize, red and white sorghum was ceiling at 5,000 SL SH, 4,000 SL SH and 5,500 SL SH respectively per Kg.
- In Hargeisa, local goat prices increased from \$70 to \$83 and camel export quality increased from \$678 to \$698 per head. This is due to pastoralists holding animals in anticipation of improved prices, hence supply demand imbalances. In addition, camel milk prices increased from 14,000 to 15,000 SL SH per litre due to a combination of muddy roads affecting movement from rural areas and increased demand related to Ramadan.

South West

- In Xudur town, prices of onions, tomatoes and potatoes have increased compared to last week. This due to rise in demand resulting from high consumption during Ramadan period.
- In Xudur, milk prices increased compared to last week due to increased demand related to Ramadan. If rains continue, camel milk prices are likely to increase again due to its effect on roads.
- GU rains continued in most locations in Bakool region; most berkads are full and water prices are now decreasing significantly.
- In Rabdhure, scarcity of water continues and water prices remain high at \$6 per 100 litre. In addition, camel milk prices are very high at \$4 per litre due to its scarcity.
- In Wajid, most food items remained the same as last week, except the local cereals (white maize, red and white sorghum) that increased slightly by 2% to 4% per Kg.

Puntland

- Water availability improved as a result of moderate GU rainfalls, leading to decrease in water prices by approximately 40%. Water trucking in rural areas have also decreased significantly and some Berkads were refilled.
- In Puntland, supply of food items from upstream markets to downstream markets is ongoing, however, there is temporary limitations due to rainfall delaying livestock movement and milk from remote areas.
- In Bossaso, vegetable prices remain the same except for tomatoes that decreased by 9% compared to last week. Most farmers harvested tomatoes earlier due to fear of heavy rains blocking feeder roads. However, prices may increase due to heavy rains in the neighboring Ethiopian side.
- Prices of fruits such as mangoes and oranges increased slightly by 5% to 6% compared to last week. However, prices for watermelon and bananas remained stable as last week due to improved availability. Traders are worried about ongoing GU rains, which may affect accessibility of roads.
- In Garowe and Bossaso, camel milk prices remain the same as last week. However, market prices increased by 10% compared to last week in Qardho. Camel milk availability and prices are expected to improve in the coming weeks due to improved water and pasture.
- In Bossaso and Garowe, livestock prices remain the same as last week except for male mature camel prices that increased from \$665 to \$735 per head.

Jubaland

- Moderate GU rains were reported in most places in Gedo such as Doolow, Luuq, BeletHawa, Elwak and Garbaharey in the last three days. The roads are accessible and movement of food items from upstream markets to downstream markets is normal. However, if the rains continue they may affect accessibility of roads.
- In Bardhere, there is a slight increase in wholesale prices of imported food items by an average of \$1 due to effects of heavy GU rains on the supply corridor.
- In Doolow, prices of meat and dates remain the same for two weeks in a row and is high due to increased demand related to Ramadan. For instance, goat meat is trading at \$8 per Kg, camel meat at \$6 per Kg and dates at \$11 per 10 Kg box.
- The price of fodder decreased compared to last week due to the ongoing GU rains. For instance, in Doolow, one bundle of fodder decreased from \$1.0 to \$0.5 while in Luuq it decreased from \$0.8 to \$0.4.
- Availability of camel milk remain low in most markets and prices are high. For instance, price of camel milk is \$1.2 per litre in Doolow.

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