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# Highlights



The country recorded a total of 726 newly confirmed COVID-19 cases in May compared to 1,353 in April, 864 in March and 2,723 in February; while 29 deaths were reported in May compared to 44 in April, 60 in March and 241 in February 2021. The number of confirmed cumulative cases for the country has increased by about 4% over the last month from 38,433 cases including 1,576 deaths by 11 May 2021 to 39,852 cases including 1,632 deaths by 14 June 2021.



Following a surge in recorded new COVID-19 cases at the start of June, with over 600 cases confirmed during the first week of the month—which is more than a four-fold increase from the same timeframe in May when only 132 new cases were recorded, the Government of Zimbabwe announced new mandatory restrictive measures to go into effect as on 14 June 2020 to prevent a potential 3<sup>rd</sup> wave.



Annual inflation for May was estimated at 162% while food inflation for the month was pegged at 179%. The Consumer Price Index increased by 2.5% in May compared to 1.58% in April 2021.



The government introduced SI 127 of 2021 to control the abuse of the foreign currency exchange system in order to stabilise the exchange rate, promote use of the banking system as well as safeguard the banking system from being abused for illicit activities. However, the introduction of the SI 127 has resulted in price increases for foreign currency. The full impact of SI 127 on the market is yet to be understood.



The WFP HungerMap LIVE remote monitoring (mVAM) system showed a continuing decrease in the estimated number of people experiencing insufficient food consumption from 5.1 million during the last week of April to 4.5 million by the last week of May 2021.



In ZWL terms, prices of most food basket commodities decreased; maize grain and maize meal prices decreased by 27% in rural and by 25% in urban markets, the price of sugar beans decreased by 4% in rural and by 2% in urban markets, while the price of vegetable oil increased by 4% in rural markets and remained the same in the urban markets.



In USD terms, price of maize grain decreased by an average of 19%, unrefined maize meal decreased by 4% while prices for sugar beans and vegetable oil remained stable compared to April.



Supply of maize grain remained critically low, reported to be available in 8% of the monitored markets while unrefined maize meal was available in 74% of monitored markets.



Availability of sugar beans increased from 60% in April to 75% in May, while that of vegetable oil remained the same at 90%.

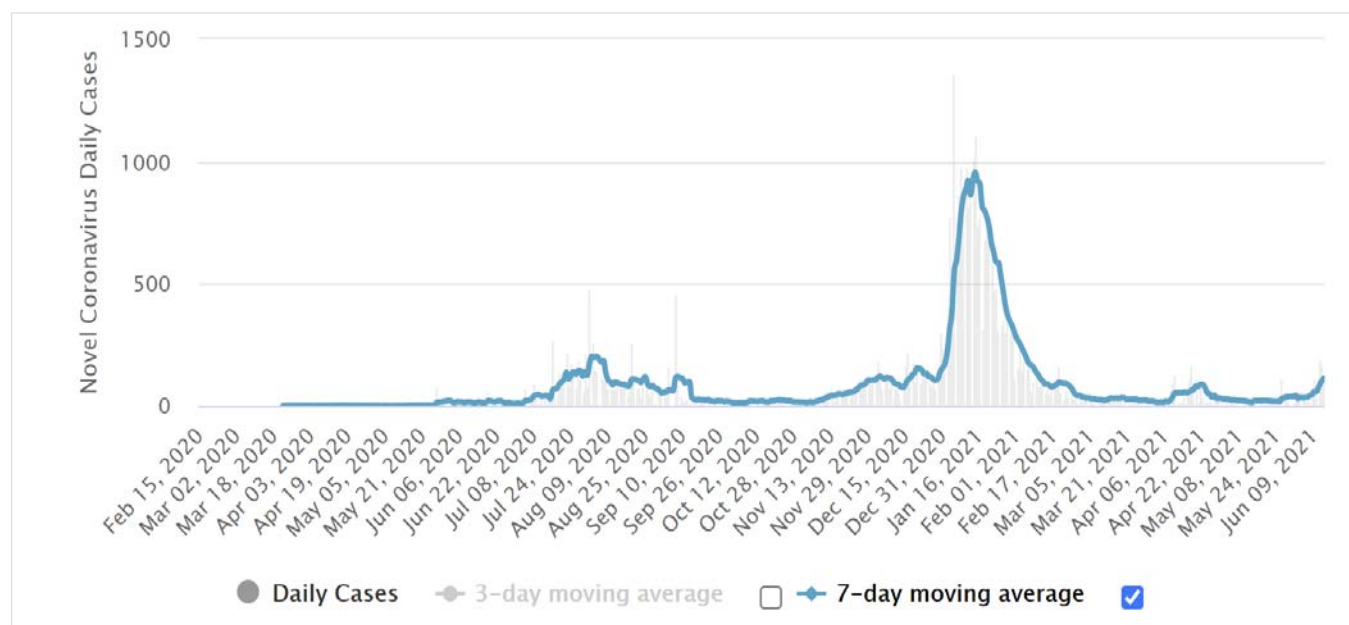
# 1. Update on the COVID-19 Situation

The country recorded a total of 726 confirmed COVID-19 new cases in May compared to 1,353 in April, 864 in March and 2,723 in February. Meanwhile 29 deaths were reported in May compared to 44 in April, 60 in March and 241 in February 2021. The number of confirmed cumulative cases for the country has increased by about 4% over the last month from 38,433 cases including 1,576 deaths by 11 May 2021 to 39,852 cases including 1,632 deaths by 14 June 2021 (<https://covid19.who.int/>). Globally, the number of daily new COVID-19 cases continue to rise from 159 million by end of April to currently 173 million, an increase of about 9%.

The country remains on high alert monitoring the possibility of a third wave given the current public general relaxation on adherence to WHO guidelines to minimize the spread of the disease. Following a surge in recorded new COVID-19 cases at the start of June, with over 600 cases confirmed during the first week of the month—which is more than a four-fold increase from the same timeframe in May when only 132 new cases were recorded, the Government of Zimbabwe announced new mandatory restrictive measures to go into effect as on 14 June 2020 to prevent a potential third wave.

The vaccination programme in the country is ongoing well with about 693,147 people having received their first vaccination dose while 413,911 people had received the second dose by 13 June 2021 (Ministry of Health and Child Care). However, shortages in vaccine supplies have been reported over the past few weeks, and the country is making efforts to acquire more.

**Figure 1:** Confirmed daily new cases and 7 day moving average for Zimbabwe (15 Feb 2020 to 13 June 2021)



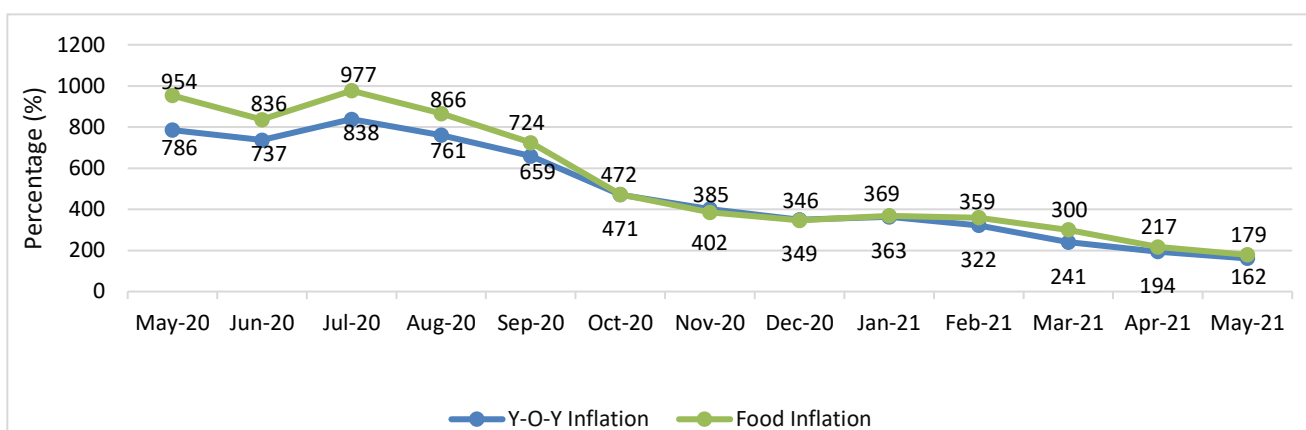
Source: WHO

## 2. Macro-Economic Situation Update

During the reporting period, the country continued to record a deceleration of inflation that initially started in August 2020. In May it was estimated at 162%, while food inflation for the month was pegged at 179% (**Figure 2**). The Consumer Price Index increased by 2.5% in May compared to 1.58% in April 2021 (<https://dataviz.vam.wfp.org/Hunger-Analytics-Hub>). The downward trend in annual inflation is attributed to a number of factors including the stabilization of the foreign currency exchange rate, among other measures put in place by the government. However, the decline in inflation rate is not translating to a decline in prices of goods and services as the inflation rate for the country remains high.

During the month of May, the government introduced SI 127 of 2021 to control the abuse of the foreign currency exchange system in order to stabilise the exchange rate, promote use of the banking system as well as safeguard the banking system from being abused for illicit activities. The instrument also introduced administrative or civil penalties on individuals and corporate entities. The introduction of the SI 127 resulted in price increases for foreign currency payments, however, its full impact on the market is yet to be understood.

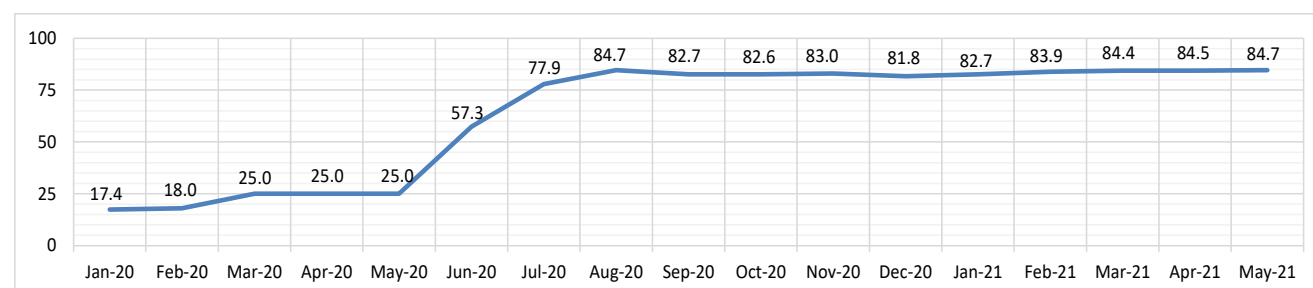
**Figure 2: Zimbabwe Inflation Trends (2020 – 2021)**



Source: RBZ, 2021

The official exchange rate remains stable throughout the reporting period with an exchange rate of ZWL84.50:1USD being recorded at the start of the month to ZWL84.73:1USD by 30 May (**Figure 3**). The parallel market rate, which is higher than the official rate, was also relatively stable at ZWL118:1USD being recorded at the start of the month to ZWL128:1USD by 30 May 2021 ([zimrates.com](http://zimrates.com)).

**Figure 3: RBZ Exchange Rates (1USD: ZWL)**



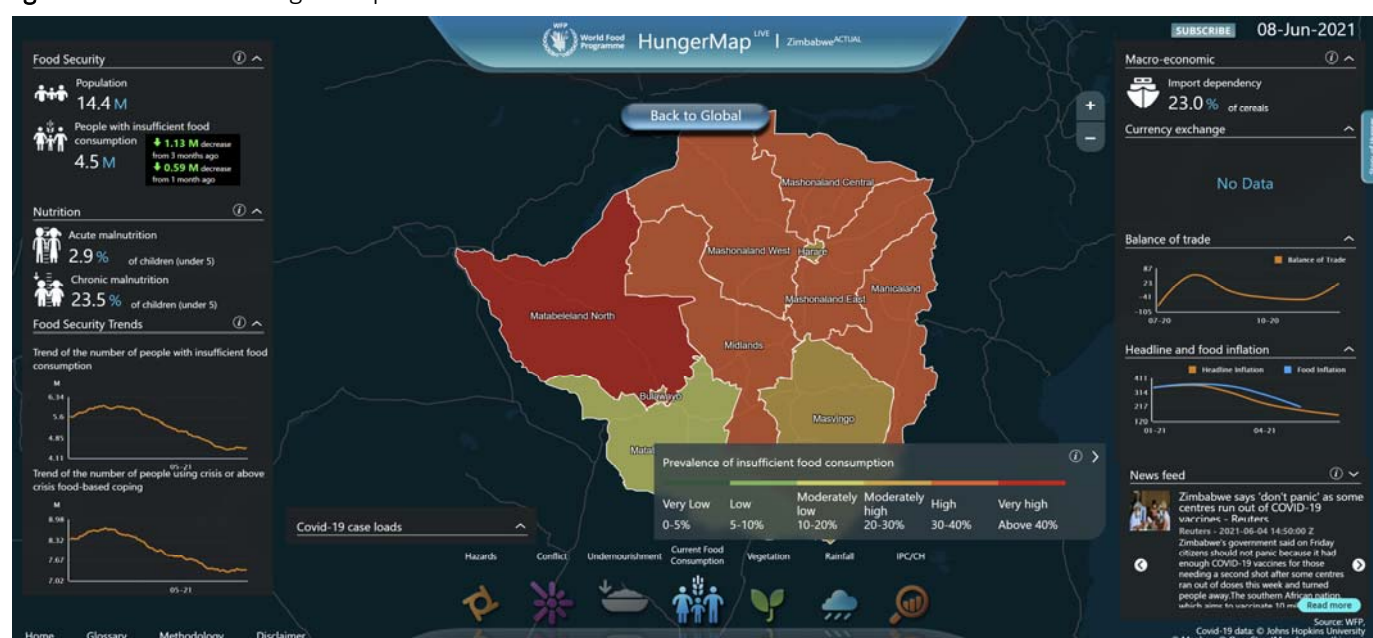
Source: RBZ, 2021



### 3. Food and Nutrition Security Situation

The food and nutrition security in the country has improved significantly in tandem with the harvest period and increased household access to food mainly cereals, pulses, vegetables and tubers from own production. However, the quality of diets remains a challenge as most households fail to acquire other nutritional needs required for a diversified diet. According to the HungerMap LIVE remote monitoring (mVAM) system (<https://hungermap.wfp.org/>), there was a decrease in the estimated number of people experiencing insufficient food consumption from 5.1 million during the last week of April to 4.5 million by the last week of May, marking a 12% decrease during the reporting period and a 25% decrease from the peak lean season when about 6 million were estimated to have poor or borderline food consumption (**figure 3**). The downward trend in the number of people experiencing insufficient food consumption is likely to continue during the post harvest period i.e. June to September and possibly begin to increase again thereafter, peaking during the lean period from October to March 2022.

**Figure 4:** Zimbabwe Hunger Map



Source: <https://hungermap.wfp.org/>

The findings of the recently conducted 2021 rural ZimVAC assessment are likely to be shared by end of June after being endorsed by the Cabinet. However, preliminary findings point to an improvement in the food security situation in the country.



Farmers with surplus production or those who produced for the market have started selling their produce including cereals, tobacco, soya beans, sweet potatoes and pulses, which is likely to improve household disposable income. Casual labour opportunities are reported to be declining as most of the farm work nears completion. The limited opportunities are mainly related to processing of the harvest for storage. Due to the anticipated bumper harvest for maize production, the Government of Zimbabwe has suspended imports of maize and maize products as of 1 June to enable farmers to sell and to improve capacity utilisation of local milling companies, thereby also generating jobs.

Prospects for the winter wheat growing season are positive, as dam water levels remain high and sufficient to support the irrigation-dependent crop. Livestock condition is reported to be ranging mainly from fair to good due to availability of quality grazing and water for drinking.

## 4. Market Performance Update

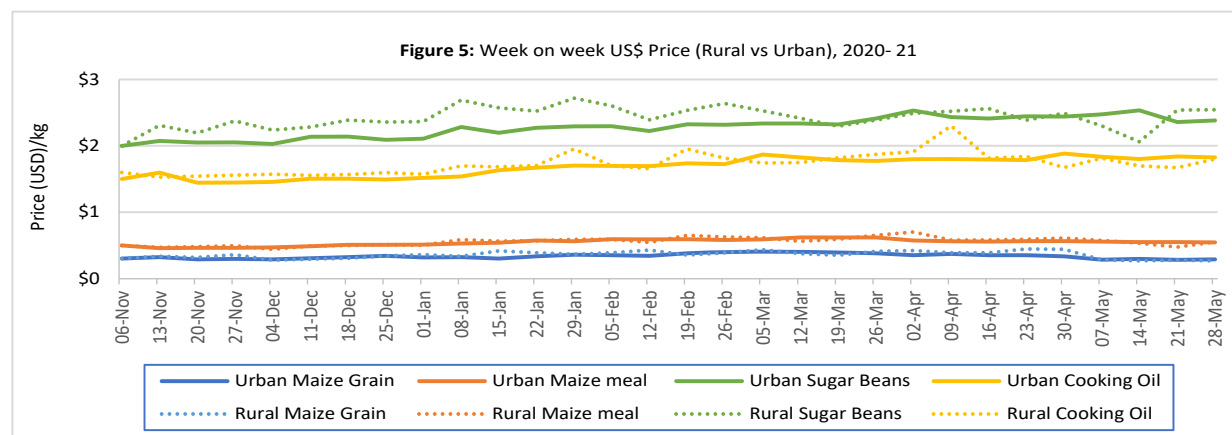
This section provides a summary of food commodity availability and prices for both rural and urban markets covering maize grain, maize meal, sugar beans and vegetable oil, as well as national price trends over time. The findings are based on monitored markets across **23** districts/domains (**4** rural and **19** urban); 76% of the interviews were conducted remotely whilst 24% were face to face. **Table 1** below shows the national summary of availability and prices for the four commodities over the month of May.

**Table 1: Overall market trends for food basket commodities in rural and urban markets**

	Maize Grain	Maize meal	Sugar beans	Vegetable Oil
	Maize grain supply remained critically low in monitored markets, reported to be available in only <b>2%</b> of the rural markets and in <b>10%</b> of the urban markets.	Availability of maize meal <b>decreased by 8%</b> in rural areas and <b>remained stable</b> in urban markets. This is mainly to do with low demand for the commodity in markets during the harvest and post-harvest period, as many people rely on supply from own	Availability of sugar beans <b>decreased by 12%</b> in rural markets but <b>remained the same</b> in urban markets.	Availability remained high and stable with the commodity available in most rural ( <b>93%</b> ) and urban ( <b>90%</b> ) markets.
	Maize grain prices <b>decreased by 25%</b> in urban markets and by <b>27%</b> in rural markets.	The price of maize meal <b>declined by 9%</b> in rural markets and marginally dropped in urban ( <b>3%</b> ) markets compared to the previous month.	Prices of sugar beans <b>decreased</b> in rural areas by <b>4%</b> and in urban areas by <b>2%</b> .	Prices <b>increased marginally</b> in rural markets ( <b>4%</b> ) and remained the same in the urban markets.

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

Cereal prices continued to decrease during the reporting period; the average price of **maize grain** was **US\$0.29/kg** in **May**, which is a **19% decrease** compared to US\$0.36/kg in April. Meanwhile, the price of **maize meal** decreased by **4%** from an average price of US\$0.57/kg in April to **US\$0.55/kg** in May (**Figure 5**). **Sugar beans** were selling at an average price of **US\$2.43/kg** which is comparable to **US\$2.45/kg** recorded in April. **Vegetable oil** price remained stable at **US\$1.82/L**.



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

### Non-Food Commodities: Laundry and Bathing soap

**Laundry** and **bathing soap** were both available in **87%** and **88%** of the monitored markets respectively, maintaining the trend of the past months. Laundry soap was selling at an average price of **ZWL121.64/bar**, which marks a slight increase compared to April (ZWL118.14/bar), but remained the same in USD term at **US\$1.18/bar**. Bathing soap price remained stable at an average of **ZWL70.15/250g** in local currency and **US\$0.67/250g**.

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

### Maize Grain

Maize grain supply remained critically low across rural markets estimated to be available in 2% of the rural markets in the districts monitored. The commodity was selling at an average price of **ZWL28.47/kg** a price which is **27%** lower than **ZWL38.89/kg** reported in April 2021 (Figure 6).

During the month under review only 4 rural districts Buhera, Chipinge, Matobo and Masvingo were monitored.

### Unrefined Maize Meal

Availability of unrefined maize meal **continued to decline** from an average of 58% in April to **50%** in May. Matobo recorded the lowest availability at an average of 49%. The decrease in availability of maize meal in markets could be due to a decrease in demand as household are starting to consume from own production. Some traders in the high cereal producing areas do not usually stock maize meal during harvest period.

The average price of maize meal **reduced to ZWL54.44/kg** from ZWL59.62/kg recorded in April 2021 representing a **9%** decrease (Figure 7).

### Sugar Beans

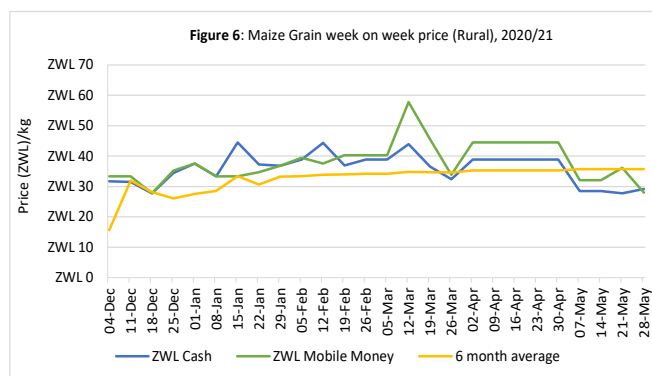
Sugar beans availability **increased** from **38%** in April to **50%** in May 2021 a situation attributable to the recent harvest finding its way to the market.

The average price of sugar beans in May was **ZWL250.15/kg** which is **4% lower** than ZWL259.40/kg in April 2021 (Figure 8). The average price was highest in Masvingo at **ZWL265.23/kg** and lowest in Chipinge at **ZWL175.00/kg** (annex 7).

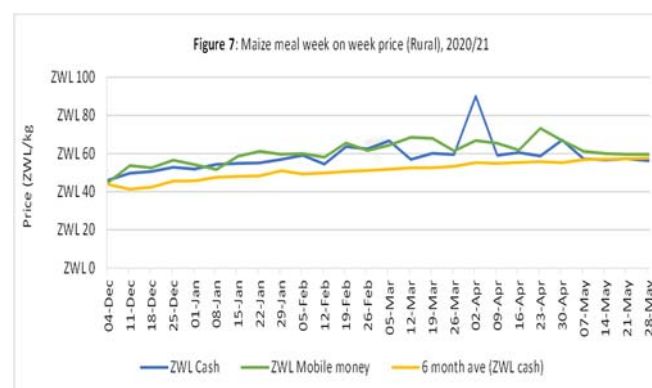
### Vegetable Oil

Vegetable oil continued to be available in most of the markets (**93%**), in line with what was reported in recent months. All monitored districts recorded above **80%** availability.

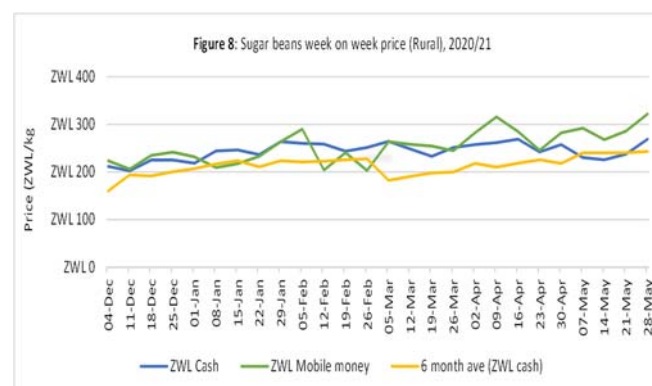
The commodity was selling at an average price of **ZWL192.10/L** which is **4% higher** than the average price for April of ZWL185.56/L (Figure 9). For more district level information, see **annex 8**.



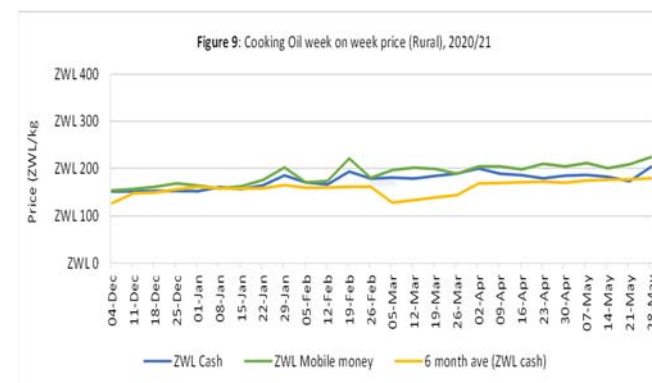
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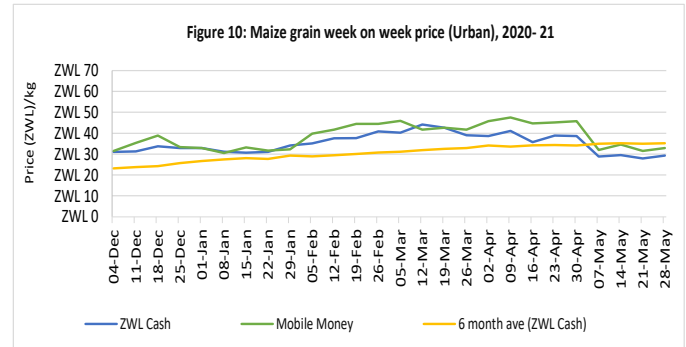


## Urban markets – review of availability and prices in Zimbabwe dollars (ZWL)

### Maize Grain

Maize grain remained largely unavailable in urban markets; at **10%**, same as the previous month.

The average price of maize grain dropped by **25%** to an average of **ZWL28.88/kg** in May 2021 from ZWL38.69/kg in April (**Figure 10**). Norton reported the highest price at **ZWL47.78/kg** whilst Kariba urban recorded the lowest price for the commodity at **ZWL33.34/kg** (**annex 2**).

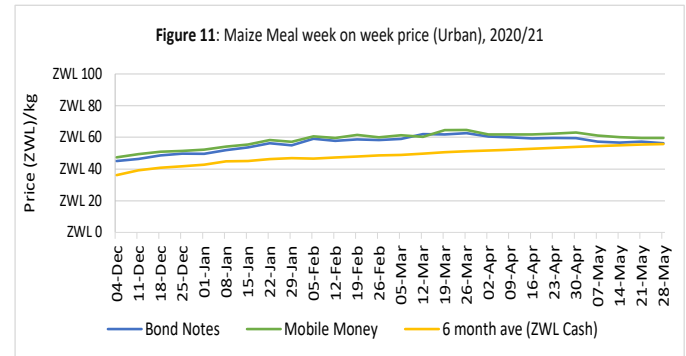


Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

### Unrefined Maize Meal

Maize meal was in supply across all monitored urban domains, reported available in **79%** of the monitored markets, which is comparable to the previous month. (**annex 4**).

The average price of maize meal in urban markets decreased by **3%** from ZWL59.71/kg in April 2021 to **ZWL56.88/kg** in May 2021 (**Figure 11**). The highest price was recorded in Nembudziya at an average of **ZWL63.95/kg**. The lowest price was recorded in Harare rural at **ZWL51.10**.

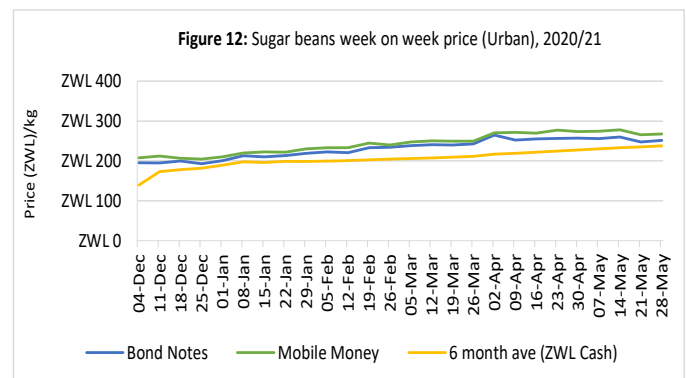


Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

### Sugar Beans

Sugar beans were available in all urban districts being monitored, and in **80%** of monitored markets which is similar to that reported for April. Availability in Kariba urban at 42% was the lowest (**annex 6**).

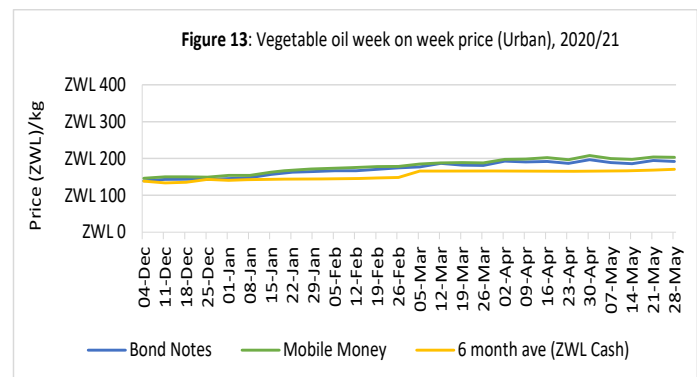
The average price for sugar beans in May was **ZWL253.46/kg**, which is 2% lower than the ZWL259.40/kg recorded in April (**Figure 12**). The highest price was reported in Harare rural at **ZWL288.57/kg** and lowest in Chipinge urban at **ZWL212.13/kg**. The decrease in prices comes as a relief to vulnerable households whose incomes remains below the food datum line.



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

### Vegetable Oil

Cooking oil was available across all urban domains monitored and reported available in **90%** of the markets. The average price in May was **ZWL190.45/L** which is comparable to ZWL190.64/L recorded in April. Gokwe South Urban had the highest prices at **ZWL209.65/L** and the lowest was Harare rural at **ZWL164.00/L** (**annex 8**).



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

## 5. Recommendations

Key recommendations emanating from the analysis above include;

- ◆ Continue to monitor the effects of SI 127 on inflation and the prices of essential food and non-food commodities, both in ZWL and USD terms.
- ◆ Continue monitoring the food and nutrition security situation in areas with gaps in cereal sufficiency.
- ◆ Continue monitoring food security conditions using the HungerMap LIVE monitoring platform, particularly in urban areas where food insecurity has deteriorated over the past year and where the effects of the newly instated COVID-19 restrictive measures are likely to have a biggest impact on vulnerable people's ability to access an adequate diet.
- ◆ The availability of maize grain continues to be poor, therefore there is need to:
  - monitor maize grain imports;
  - monitor price fluctuations in both urban and rural markets;
  - continue assessing feasibility and best modality of assistance by geographical level;
  - conduct a comprehensive study to understand the market linkages with source markets.
- ◆ Continue monitoring the state and harvest prospects for winter and irrigated crops across the country.

## 5. Annexes

### Annex 1: Markets Sample and data collection

This report provides an update on WFP food basket commodities availability and prices. It covers the period from the **1<sup>st</sup> of May to 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2021** and is based on interviews with **710** traders, including 120 in rural districts and 590 in urban districts, across **23 districts/domains (4 rural and 19 urban)**. Annexes 10-12 explain the trend arrows used in the highlights. The number of rural districts decreased significantly and only limited to those districts where WFP is implementing FFA activities.

Due to the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, the proportion of remote to face-face monitoring increased to 76% in May from 67% in April.

### Annex 2: Urban Districts Maize Grain Prices

District	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 May 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 May 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (December 2020-May 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (April 2021-May 2021)	6M % Change
Maize Grain Urban Districts											
Mutare Urban	15%	0%									
Rusape Urban	0%	0%									
Chipinge Urban	0%	0%									
Marondera Urban	0%	0%									
Goromonzi Urban	0%	17%		ZWL 40.28	ZWL 41.67		\$0.37	R 6.30	ZWL 36.85		
Chinhoyi Urban	0%	0%									
Chegutu Urban	0%	0%									
Kariba Urban	6%	0%	ZWL 33.34								
Norton	31%	0%	ZWL 27.78								
Victoria Falls	0%	7%		ZWL 45.00			\$0.42	R 8.45	ZWL 31.87		
Gweru Urban	50%	0%	ZWL 28.72								
Kwekwe Urban	10%		ZWL 30.56								
Redcliff	0%	0%									
Gokwe South Urban	0%	11%		ZWL 33.34			\$0.33		ZWL 27.36		
Nembudziya	25%	0%	ZWL 20.68		ZWL 50.00	142%	\$0.44		ZWL 31.67		-3%
Masvingo Urban	17%	0%	ZWL 30.92								
Chiredzi Urban	17%	3%	ZWL 33.34		ZWL 43.34	30%	\$0.38	R 7.04	ZWL 80.87		-63%
Epworth	10%	20%	ZWL 27.78	ZWL 36.95			\$0.39		ZWL 27.10	-25%	2%
Harare Rural	10%	12%	ZWL 30.56				\$0.40		ZWL 25.65		19%
<b>Total</b>	10%	4%	<b>ZWL 29.30</b>	<b>ZWL 38.89</b>	<b>ZWL 45.00</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>\$0.39</b>	<b>R7.26</b>	<b>ZWL 37.34</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>-18%</b>

### Annex 3: Rural Districts Maize Grain Prices

District	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 May 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 May 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (December 2020-May 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (April 2021-May 2021)	6M % Change
Maize Grain Rural Districts											
Buhera	2%		ZWL 29.30		ZWL 33.90	16%					
Chipinge	0%										
Matobo	0%										
Masvingo	4%		ZWL 27.64		ZWL 30.18	9%					
<b>Total</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>ZWL 28.47</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>ZWL 32.04</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>

## Annex 4: Urban Districts Maize Meal Prices

District	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
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<b>Maize Meal Urban Districts</b>											
Mutare Urban	85%	100%		ZWL 53.25							
Rusape Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 57.18	ZWL 59.92	ZWL 60.29	5%	\$0.52		ZWL 34.90	5%	64%
Chipinge Urban	100%	83%	ZWL 57.27	ZWL 52.36	ZWL 59.75	4%	\$0.62	R10.32	ZWL 47.74	9%	20%
Marondera Urban	94%	81%	ZWL 56.68	ZWL 61.16	ZWL 63.34	12%	\$0.62	R10.39	ZWL 50.77	7%	12%
Goromonzi Urban	100%	83%	ZWL 54.87	ZWL 61.56	ZWL 56.74	3%	\$0.56	R9.02	ZWL 51.22	1%	7%
Chinhoyi Urban	90%	100%	ZWL 54.95				\$0.54		ZWL 34.80		58%
Chegutu Urban	81%	79%	ZWL 56.62	ZWL 67.18	ZWL 71.00	25%	\$0.68		ZWL 52.26	6%	8%
Kariba Urban	32%	45%	ZWL 57.81	ZWL 60.21	ZWL 59.82	3%	\$0.54		ZWL 48.15	4%	20%
Norton	61%	83%	ZWL 53.87	ZWL 51.38	ZWL 61.33	14%	\$0.52		ZWL 44.40	5%	21%
Victoria Falls	89%	67%	ZWL 60.91	ZWL 55.83	ZWL 58.66	-4%	\$0.55	R9.56	ZWL 46.94	9%	30%
Gweru Urban	48%	93%	ZWL 52.64				\$0.52		ZWL 36.71		43%
Kwekwe Urban	90%		ZWL 57.75		ZWL 63.83		\$0.68	R11.26	ZWL 50.56		
Redcliff	100%	100%	ZWL 54.50	ZWL 52.45	ZWL 59.25		\$0.56	R11.30	ZWL 38.29		
Gokwe South Urban	100%	37%	ZWL 52.25	ZWL 57.47	ZWL 81.20	55%	\$0.77	R11.58	ZWL 54.53	9%	-4%
Nembudziya	83%	100%	ZWL 63.95	ZWL 62.96	ZWL 63.36	-1%	\$0.62	R9.83	ZWL 53.60	2%	19%
Masvingo Urban	83%	95%	ZWL 56.75	ZWL 63.01	ZWL 62.74	11%	\$0.58		ZWL 51.16	0%	11%
Chiredzi Urban	83%	97%	ZWL 53.14	ZWL 60.50	ZWL 59.78	13%	\$0.61		ZWL 49.75	2%	7%
Epworth	90%	90%	ZWL 53.89	ZWL 60.53	ZWL 59.65	11%	\$0.57		ZWL 52.69	1%	2%
Harare Rural	100%	72%	ZWL 51.10	ZWL 54.53	ZWL 61.44	20%	\$0.57		ZWL 48.99	6%	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>ZWL 55.90</b>	<b>ZWL 58.39</b>	<b>ZWL 62.64</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>\$0.59</b>	<b>R10.41</b>	<b>ZWL 47.08</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>20%</b>

## Annex 5: Rural Districts Maize Meal Prices

District	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 May 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 May 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (December 2020-May 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (April 2021-May 2021)	6M % Change
<b>Maize Meal Rural Districts</b>											
Buhera	100%	9%			ZWL 55.82		\$0.54	R9.82	ZWL 49.39		
Chipinge	100%	19%	ZWL 43.50	ZWL 57.00			\$0.63		ZWL 50.26	-24%	-13%
Matobo	49%	100%	ZWL 62.59	ZWL 66.28	ZWL 55.20		\$0.57	R12.00	ZWL 52.09		
Masvingo	54%	76%	ZWL 53.87	ZWL 52.80			\$0.45	R7.75	ZWL 47.24	2%	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>ZWL 53.32</b>	<b>ZWL 58.69</b>	<b>ZWL 55.51</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>\$0.55</b>	<b>R9.86</b>	<b>ZWL 49.74</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>0%</b>



## Annex 6: Urban Districts Sugar Beans Prices

District	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 May 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 May 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (December 2020-May 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (April 2021-May 2021)	6M % Change
Sugar Beans Urban Districts											
Mutare Urban	70%	71%		ZWL 198.90							
Rusape Urban	87%	100%	ZWL 274.87	ZWL 239.99	ZWL 271.99	-1%	\$1.96		ZWL 199.98	15%	37%
Chipinge Urban	90%	100%	ZWL 212.13	ZWL 236.88	ZWL 251.09	18%	\$2.62	R43.24	ZWL 202.76	-10%	5%
Marondera Urban	91%	74%	ZWL 248.45	ZWL 227.89	ZWL 238.98	-4%	\$2.31	R40.68	ZWL 194.19	9%	28%
Goromonzi Urban	53%	100%	ZWL 271.95	ZWL 225.25	ZWL 243.28	11%	\$2.33	R38.79	ZWL 202.12	21%	35%
Chinhoyi Urban	86%	83%	ZWL 264.25				\$2.09		ZWL 164.22		61%
Chegutu Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 269.85	ZWL 249.29	ZWL 293.33	9%	\$2.63		ZWL 230.19	8%	17%
Kariba Urban	42%	77%	ZWL 230.48	ZWL 238.72	ZWL 264.85	15%	\$2.43		ZWL 208.54	-3%	11%
Norton	63%	53%	ZWL 231.81	ZWL 235.97	ZWL 245.69	6%	\$2.22		ZWL 215.03	-2%	8%
Victoria Falls	89%	87%	ZWL 270.07	ZWL 224.70	ZWL 261.89	-3%	\$2.29	R42.64	ZWL 195.01	20%	38%
Gweru Urban	93%	67%	ZWL 229.57				\$2.07		ZWL 158.40		45%
Kwekwe Urban	100%		ZWL 244.81		ZWL 284.98		\$3.20	R51.62	ZWL 213.93		
Redcliff	100%	100%	ZWL 219.50	ZWL 234.00	ZWL 320.00		\$3.20	R60.00	ZWL 204.22		
Gokwe South Urban	100%	52%	ZWL 284.57	ZWL 215.59	ZWL 258.04	-9%	\$2.49	R56.34	ZWL 193.20	32%	47%
Nembudziya	100%	100%	ZWL 267.16	ZWL 227.57	ZWL 256.65	-4%	\$2.40	R45.76	ZWL 208.06	17%	28%
Masvingo Urban	80%	90%	ZWL 276.18	ZWL 206.13	ZWL 220.95	20%	\$2.01		ZWL 199.93	34%	38%
Chiredzi Urban	100%	85%	ZWL 250.06	ZWL 250.67	ZWL 271.10	8%	\$2.69	R40.00	ZWL 216.66	0%	15%
Epworth	90%	60%	ZWL 233.11	ZWL 246.52	ZWL 230.52	-1%	\$2.29		ZWL 190.46	-5%	22%
Harare Rural	70%	60%	ZWL 288.57	ZWL 202.58	ZWL 244.24	15%	\$2.18		ZWL 190.42	42%	52%
Total		81%	ZWL 253.74	ZWL 228.79	ZWL 259.85	-1%	\$2.41	R46.56	ZWL 199.30	13%	30%

## Annex 7: Rural Districts Sugar Beans Prices

District	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 May 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 May 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (December 2020-May 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (April 2021-May 2021)	6M % Change
Sugar Beans Rural Districts											
Buhera	100%	0%			ZWL 216.80		\$2.00	R34.67	ZWL 195.19		
Chipinge	40%	100%	ZWL 175.00	ZWL 223.75			\$2.08		ZWL 226.24	22%	-23%
Matobo	26%	100%	ZWL 242.44	ZWL 243.98	ZWL 238.00		\$2.33	R50.00	ZWL 187.00		
Masvingo	75%	67%	ZWL 265.23	ZWL 219.09			\$1.43		ZWL 169.54	21%	56%
Total	60%	67%	ZWL 227.56	ZWL 228.94	ZWL 227.40	#DIV/0!	\$1.96	R42.33	ZWL 194.49	0%	17%



## Annex 8: Urban Districts Vegetable Oil Prices

District	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 May 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 May 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (December 2020-May 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (April 2021-May 2021)	6M % Change
Cooking Oil Urban Districts											
Mutare Urban	85%	100%					\$1.88				
Rusape Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 193.41	ZWL 162.79	ZWL 197.58	2%	\$1.93		ZWL 126.00	19%	54%
Chipinge Urban	97%	100%	ZWL 194.65	ZWL 176.34	ZWL 200.53	3%	\$1.91	R31.48	ZWL 167.24	10%	16%
Marondera Urban	100%	86%	ZWL 191.93	ZWL 178.14	ZWL 199.75	4%	\$1.78		ZWL 259.21	8%	-26%
Goromonzi Urban	100%	83%	ZWL 189.91	ZWL 172.98	ZWL 197.56	4%	\$1.74		ZWL 141.92	10%	34%
Chinhoyi Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 188.30		ZWL 193.81	3%	\$1.77	R32.59	ZWL 120.83		56%
Chegutu Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 191.99	ZWL 170.36	ZWL 192.15	0%	\$1.70		ZWL 146.70	13%	31%
Kariba Urban	92%	100%	ZWL 167.29	ZWL 165.25	ZWL 192.24	15%	\$1.75	R30.61	ZWL 144.76	1%	16%
Norton	69%	100%	ZWL 183.09	ZWL 156.17	ZWL 200.39	9%	\$1.80	R38.00	ZWL 141.49	17%	29%
Victoria Falls	98%	77%	ZWL 203.06	ZWL 165.21	ZWL 211.22	4%	\$1.90	R35.75	ZWL 140.64	28%	44%
Gweru Urban	50%	93%	ZWL 185.45		ZWL 206.50	11%	\$1.71	R32.19	ZWL 129.00		44%
Kwekwe Urban	90%		ZWL 189.90		ZWL 207.34		\$1.94	R32.86	ZWL 166.72		
Redcliff	100%	100%	ZWL 175.00	ZWL 150.75	ZWL 189.50		\$1.75		ZWL 156.40		
Gokwe South Urban	100%	89%	ZWL 209.65	ZWL 159.26	ZWL 209.44	0%	\$1.86		ZWL 148.24	32%	41%
Nembudziya	100%	100%	ZWL 201.04	ZWL 167.55	ZWL 216.88	8%	\$1.75		ZWL 140.68	20%	43%
Masvingo Urban	83%	95%	ZWL 184.25	ZWL 178.65	ZWL 186.59	1%	\$1.86		ZWL 143.31	3%	29%
Chiredzi Urban	83%	97%	ZWL 198.71	ZWL 180.83	ZWL 198.71	0%	\$1.94	R29.31	ZWL 153.16	10%	30%
Epworth	100%	100%	ZWL 173.75	ZWL 173.55	ZWL 208.35	20%	\$1.64		ZWL 139.15	0%	25%
Harare Rural	100%	79%	ZWL 164.00	ZWL 155.93	ZWL 199.00	21%	\$1.66		ZWL 137.39	5%	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>ZWL 188.08</b>	<b>ZWL 167.58</b>	<b>ZWL 200.42</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>\$1.80</b>	<b>R32.85</b>	<b>ZWL 150.16</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>30%</b>

## Annex 9: Rural Districts Vegetable Oil Prices

District	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-30 April 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 May 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 May 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 May 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (December 2020-May 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (April 2021-May 2021)	6M % Change
Cooking Oil Rural Districts											
Buhera	100%	100%	ZWL 175.63	ZWL 147.50	ZWL 184.38	5%	\$1.76	R34.00	ZWL 149.75	19%	17%
Chipinge	100%	100%	ZWL 202.14	ZWL 159.38			\$1.98		ZWL 179.19	27%	13%
Matobo	100%	100%	ZWL 183.83	ZWL 164.99	ZWL 182.25		\$1.85	R38.00	ZWL 133.31		
Masvingo	83%	94%	ZWL 195.48	ZWL 171.94			\$1.99	R72.00	ZWL 164.40	14%	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>ZWL 189.27</b>	<b>ZWL 160.95</b>	<b>ZWL 183.31</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$1.90</b>	<b>R48.00</b>	<b>ZWL 156.66</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>16%</b>

## Annex 11: 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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