

# Joint Market and Supply Chain Update

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## Key messages

- Consumer Price Index (CPI) May 2021 report published by FGS, department of statistics indicates a monthly increase of 1% and annual inflation of 4%.
- In the Capital Mogadishu, cooking gas prices are decreasing for two weeks in a row but is still high.
- Vegetable oil prices are increasing in most markets throughout Somalia due to low supply.

#### Banadir and Hirshabelle

- Consumer Price Index (CPI) May 2021 report published by FGS, department of statistics indicates a monthly increase of CPI by (1.26%), with clothing and footwear showing the highest increase of 5% in the month of May 2021.
- In the capital Mogadishu, price of cooking gas decreased compared to last week but remain high. For instance, an 18kg cylinder decreased from \$24 to \$22 however, charcoal prices remain the same for two weeks in a row.
- The construction of main road linking Mogadihsu and Balcad is ongoing and tarmacking of the initial 13 kilometres started this week, once complete it would improve movement between Mogadishu and Balcad.
- Since end of April to date, main road linking Balcad and Jowhar is still cut off at Congo village near Jowhar town due to Shabelle river breaking its banks at Barey village, however, traders are using alternative transport means such as boats, donkey carts, four wheel drive automobiles to transport food and essential items from Congo village to Jowhar town.
- In Banadir, prices of vegetables such as tomatoes, onions and potatoes increased by 14%, 25% and 39% respectively per Kg compared to last week. In addition prices of banana increased by 50% per finger. This is due to during recent rains many farmers did not plant, and stagnant water in some farms affected vegetables.
- In Rage-ceelle town, there is an increased demand for maize due to limited supply. The communities residing in Rage-ceelle town highly consume locally produced foods such as maize contributing to scarcity.

### Galmuduug

- In most markets throughout Galmudug, the price of camel milk remains the same as last week. However, in Galkayo (South Mudug), powder milk prices decreased slightly by (<5%) compared to last week.</li>
- In Baxdo and Godinlabe towns, wholesale prices of imported food items increased averagely by \$1 due to the strong winds in Bosasso port (source market) limiting movement of boats leading to delays.
- In Galkayo (South Mudug), price of camel meat remained the same as last week at \$7 per Kg. In addition, export quality camel prices slightly decreased from \$750 to \$720 per head but local goat prices remain the same as last week at \$65 per head.
- Fuel prices, both diesel and petrol increased by 6% per litre compared to last week in major markets throughout Galmudug.
- Retail prices of local cereals such as white maize, red and white sorghum are stable in most markets compared to last week except in Dhusamareb, Abudwaq and Adado markets where prices increased slightly by less than <5%.</li>
- In Galmudug, all roads are accessible and transport services are normal. In addition, cross-border trade with Ethiopia is open and goods are moving smoothly from both sides.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remained stable for five weeks in a row. 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 normal, and supply of Khat is normal and prices remain the same as last week except watermelon which is fluctuating. For instance, in Hargeisa, prices of tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, garlic and onions remained the same at 9,500 SL SH, 6,100 SL SH, 6,000 SL SH, 9,000 SL SH and 6,500 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.
- Fuel prices remain the same for eight weeks in a row at 5,200 SL SH and 5,600 SL SH for diesel and petrol respectively per litre.
- Local cereals (white maize, red and white sorghum) remained the same for six weeks in a row throughout Somaliland. For instance in Hargeisa, white maize, red and white sorghum remained the same at 4,800 SL SH, 4,000 SL SH and 5,300 SL SH respectively per Kg.
- Livestock prices remain the same for two weeks in a row in most markets. For instance, in Hargeisa, local goat prices are fluctuating between \$75 and \$85 and camel export quality fluctuating between \$690 and \$700 per head. In addition, camel milk prices remained the same for four weeks in a row at 14,000 SL SH per litre.
- In Somaliland, the price of sugar and rice remain the same as last week and high due to effects of COVID-19 in India the key catchment market.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD slightly depreciated in most markets compared to last week. For instance, in Hargeisa, the exchange rate between local currency and USD increased from 8,420 to 8,470 SL SH. per USD

#### **South West**

- In Xudur town road blockades by insurgent (A.S) is restricting movement between rural and town leading to scarcity of fruits and vegetables such as bananas, tomatoes, onion, potatoes, pawpaw resulting in increased prices (3% to 14%). In addition, prices of imported food items also increased (by 2% to 12%) compared to last week due to restriction of movement.
- Water prices are increasing in Xudur town due to influx of IDPs. For instance, price of 200 litre tank is increased from \$3 and \$4. In addition, fuel prices both diesel and petrol increased by 25%.
- In Diinsoor, there is scarcity of fruits and vegetables such as tomatoes, cabbages, spinach, carrots, watermelons, mangoes, and oranges and prices are high due to restricted movement between the town and surrounding villages as a result of insecurity.
- In Rabdhure, prices of imported food items and local cereals remain the same as last week. However, prices of fuel (diesel and petrol) increased slightly <5% per litre compared to last week.
- In Waajid, despite low availability of locally produced food items such as maize, sorghum, beans, imported food items and fuel (petrol and diesel) prices remain the same as last week.
- In Qansaxdhere, livestock prices are decreasing due to improved availability of water and pasture. However, prices of vegetables sourced from Gedo region are high due to scarcity.

#### **Puntland**

- In Bossaso and Garowe, local livestock prices decreased by 9% and 11% respectively compared to last week. In addition, export quality livestock prices decreased by 10% in Bossaso.
- Vegetables prices such as lettuce, cabbage and spinach remain the same as last week in most markets, except tomatoes that increased averagely by 15% compared to last week in Bossaso and Garowe markets. However, pepper decreased by 50% per Kg in Garowe due to harvest from local farms.
- Despite fire destroying businesses and properties in Bossaso main market Monday night, commodity prices remain the same as last week.
- In Eyl, price of vegetable oil increased by 20% compared to last week due to scarcity.
- Prices of fruits remain the same as last week in most markets despite low supply from southern production regions.
- Fuel prices are increasing in most markets compared to last week due to limited supply. For instance in Bossaso, petrol and diesel increased from \$0.8 to \$1 and \$0.6 to \$0.8 respectively per litre.
- In Bossaso, the exchange rate of local currency vs USD is fluctuating between 42,000 and 44,000 SoSH per USD due to traders preferring USD noted to local currency.
- Water prices remain the same as last week in most markets throughout Puntland, however, water prices are likely to increase in the coming weeks as water levels are decreasing in reservoirs.
- Supply of food items from upstream markets to downstream markets is ongoing smoothly throughout Puntland. All roads are accessible and transport services are normal. Furthermore, cross border—trade with Ethiopia is open and goods are moving smoothly from both sides.

#### Jubaland

- Operations in the port of Kismayo are normal, however, activities are likely to decrease in the coming weeks due to expected monsoon winds.
- Water prices are normal in most markets, however prices are likely to increase in the coming weeks due to decreasing water levels in reservoirs.
- In Belethawa, prices of food items are increasing compared to last week. For instance, vegetable oil increased from \$1.5 to \$2.0 per litre, pasta from \$10 to \$12 per 10 Kg carton, sugar from \$18 to \$23 per 25Kg bag and camel meat from \$5 to \$6 per Kg.
- Cross border, trade between Kenya and Somalia in BeletHawo, Elwaq and Dhobley is normal and movement of goods from both sides is smooth.

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