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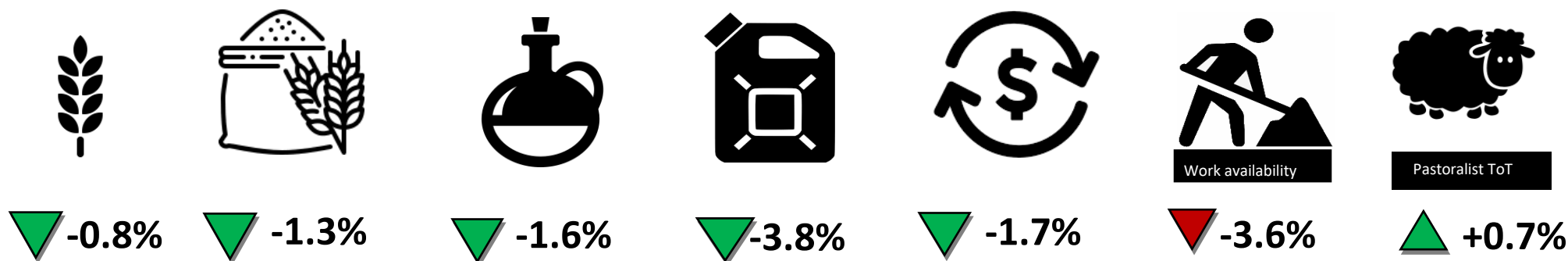
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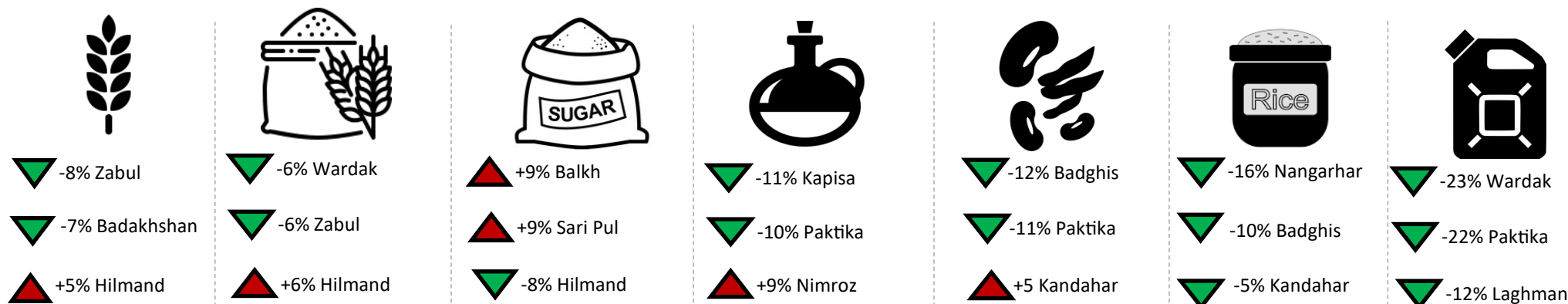
Highlights

- In the second week of September 21, the prices of the food items were significantly higher than pre-Covid time.
- The average prices negligibly changed compared to the previous week at national level.
- After the extreme decline of 20% in work opportunities in the fourth week of August 2021, work availability continued to decline by another 3.6% this week.

Main Food Commodities/Food Access indicators	second Week of September 2021	Price/rate Changes (%)			
		Compared to Pre-COVID-19 impact on price (2nd week Mar-20)	Compared to first week of September 2021		
WHEAT (Kg)	32.3	27.7	▲	-0.8	▶
WHEAT FLOUR - High price (Kg)	39.0	23.2	▲	-1.4	▶
WHEAT FLOUR - Low price (Kg)	35.1	22.6	▲	-1.3	▶
RICE HIGH QAULITY (Kg)	92.8	14.5	▲	-1.2	▶
RICE LOW QAULITY (Kg)	53.3	29.8	▲	-1.4	▶
COOKING OIL (Kg)	151.4	97.1	▲	-1.6	▶
PULSES (Kg)	94.5	29.2	▲	-2.4	▶
SALT (Kg)	13.9	18.1	▲	0.0	▶
SUGAR (Kg)	56.5	35.6	▲	-0.1	▶
DIESEL (LITER)	54.1	20.4	▲	-3.8	▶
ONE YEAR ALIVE FEMALE SHEEP (HEAD)	7850.5	5.4	▲	-0.2	▶
LABOUR UNSKILLED/DAY	295.6	2.6	▲	-0.7	▶
LABOUR SKILLED/DAY	618.6	7.6	▲	-0.6	▶
# OF DAYS WORK AVAILABLE/WEEK	1.57	-43.7	▼	-3.6	▶
EXCHANGE RATE	85.0	12.8	▲	-1.7	▶
CASUAL LABOUR/WHEAT	9.2	-20.8	▼	0.1	▶
PASTORALIST TOT	243.8	-19.4	▼	0.7	▶

Average prices





Number of days work is available:

The average number of days that work is available for casual workers slightly declined this week by 3.6% and reached to 1.6 days per week which is 43.7% lower than pre-Covid period times (second week of March 2020). No work opportunity since fourth week of August in Daykundi, Khost, Logar, Paktya and Panjsher and in Bamyan since last week. The number declined in Farah by 33% (from 3 to 2 days) and Hilmand by 25% (from 4 to 3 days).

Casual Labour/Wheat ToT

Casual labour/ wheat ToT negligibly improved by 0.1% compared to the first week of September, but still deteriorated by 21% compared to pre-Covid period times (14 March 2020).

This ToT improved in Zabul by 9%, Badakhshan 8%, Badghis 4% and in Nangarhar, Kunar, Parwan, Nimroz, Paktika and Wardak by 3% and Laghman 2%. The main reason for the improvement was decreased wheat prices.

Meanwhile deteriorated in Ghor by 14%, Takhar 6%, Hilmand 5%, Hirat 4% and Kandahar 3%, due to decreased labor wage and increased wheat prices in these provinces.

Pastoralist ToT

The national average number of pastoralist ToT improved by 1% this week. This ToT significantly improved in Badghis and Ghor by 18%, Zabul 9%, and same as casual labour TOT in Nangarhar, Kunar, Parwan, Nimroz, Paktika and Wardak by 3%, due to increases in the price of one year old female sheep as well as decreased wheat prices in the above mentioned provinces. This week the price of sheep significantly dropped in 2 provinces Nuristan and Badakhshan and deteriorated by 14% and 6% respectively. Also in Hilmand by 5%, Takhar and Hirat 4%, Kandahar 3% and Ghazni 2%, mainly due to increased wheat price and decreased sheep price.