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Highlights

The month of July saw the greatest increase in COVID-19 confirmed cases in the country since the start of the pandemic, however the number of confirmed new cases steadily declined during August from a daily average of 1,900 to 151 per day. The country registered a cumulative of 124,773 cases on 31 August up from the 107,490 confirmed cases by 31 July 2021, while the cumulative number of confirmed deaths increased by 27% from 3,490 on 31 July to 4,419 deaths by 31 August 2021. The government of Zimbabwe relaxed lockdown measures from level 4 to 2, which will enable households to fully resume livelihood activities.

SADC through the Southern Africa Regional Climate Outlook Forum issued the forecast for the 2021/2022 rainfall season (SACOF-25) on August 31 2021. The forecast indicates a high likelihood of normal to above normal rainfall for the country for the upcoming rainfall season for the first half of the season (October—December). For the second half of the season (January—March) it is projected that the country has higher chances of receiving above normal rainfall.

Annual inflation decreased to 50%, while food inflation for the month was estimated at 50% in August. The Consumer Price Index (month-on-month inflation) increased by 4.18% in August compared to 2.56% in July 2021.

Depletion of household food stocks in cereal deficit areas is increasing the food gap as households in these areas rely more on the market. WFP's HungerMap LIVE monitoring system estimated about 5.8 million households were facing insufficient food consumption during the last week of August 2021.

Supply of maize grain in formal markets remained low, only reported to be available in one out of the six rural districts monitored and 11% of the urban markets. Unrefined maize meal was available in 40% of the rural and 83% of the monitored urban markets.

Sugar beans were available in 66% of rural markets and in 83% urban markets, while vegetable oil was available in 99% of rural markets and 88% of urban markets.

In USD terms, prices of commodities were generally stable and comparable to those reported in July with a decrease of 11% and 23% reported for Maize Grain and Sugar Beans respectively.

In ZWL terms, the price of maize grain and unrefined maize meal in both rural and urban markets was similar to those reported in July. The price of sugar beans decreased by 17% in rural and 16% in urban markets. The price of vegetable oil marginally increased by 8% in rural markets and 5% in urban markets.

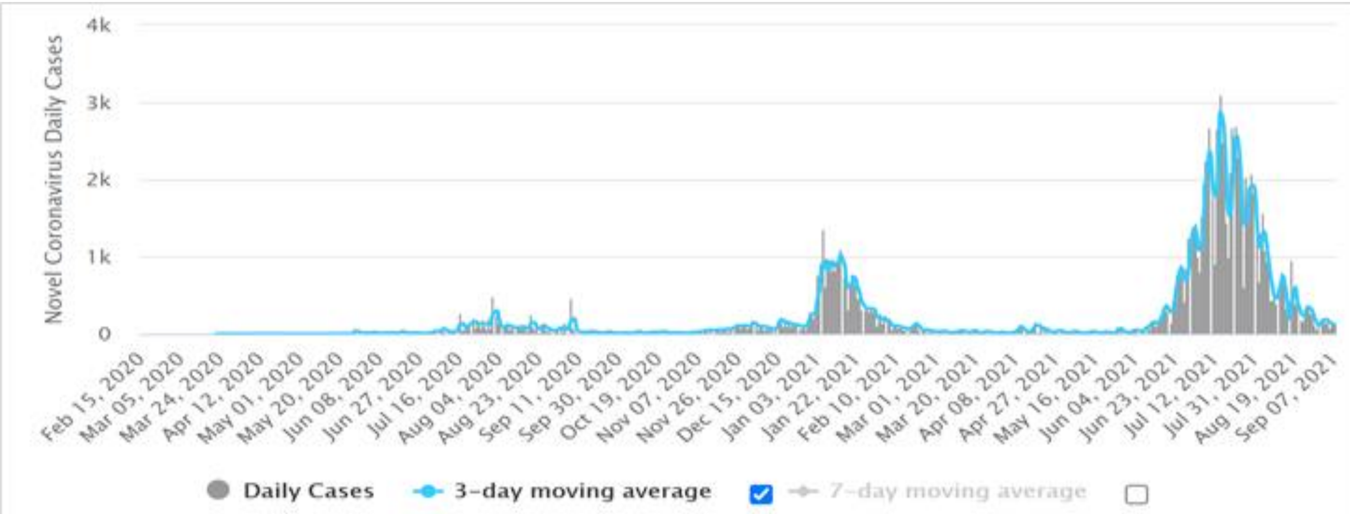
1. Update on the COVID-19 Situation

The month of July saw the greatest increase in COVID-19 confirmed cases in the country since the start of the pandemic, however the number of confirmed new cases steadily declined during August from a daily average of 1,900 to 151 per day. A total of 16,947 new cases were reported in August compared to 57,626 in July 2021. The confirmed number of deaths decreased by 20% from 1,162 in July to 926 in August. The number of confirmed cumulative cases for the country increased by 16% from 107,490 on 31 July 2021 to 124,773 on 31 August 2021 while the cumulative number of confirmed deaths increased by 27% from 3,490 on 01 July to 4,419 (https://covid19.who.int/).

The decline in the number of daily confirmed cases led to the government easing lockdown measures from level 4 to 2. The country continues to provide COVID-19 vaccines with approximately 11% of the population already been fully vaccinated while 18% had received their first dose. As of 20 September 2021, about 2.7 million people had received their first dose and of these 1.7 million received their second dose of the vaccines (Ministry of Health).

The COVID-19 restrictive measures continue to disproportionally affect households reliant on the informal sector as they continue to struggle to access adequate income to meet their daily essential needs. In the longer term, this is likely to increase inequalities for a nation with an already relatively high Gini coefficient (44.2). WFP and partners will continue to monitor and report on any potential impacts on food security and livelihoods to inform decision making and program adjustments.

Figure 1: Confirmed daily new cases and 7 day moving average for Zimbabwe (15 Feb 2020 to 06 August 2021)

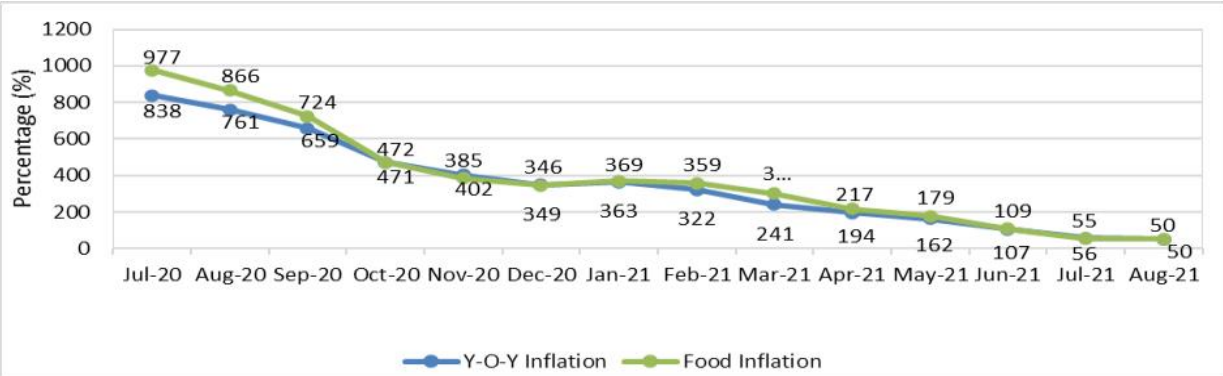


Source: WHO

2. Macro-Economic Situation Update

The year-on-year inflation measured by the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) stood at 50% in August 2021, down from 56% to July; while month-on-month inflation increased by 4.18% in August compared to 2.56% in July 2021 (**Figure 2**). Inflation continues to be driven by food prices, which came down from 55% in July to 50% in August. The continued rise of the monthly CPI indicates a steady increase in the cost of living, while the people's incomes and earnings may not be increasing at the same rate, resulting in deflated household purchasing power and increased economic burden on consumers as they increasingly find it difficult to access the goods and services they require (https://dataviz.vam.wfp.org/Hunger-Analytics-Hub). Furthermore, the disparity in exchange rates between the official rate and parallel market rate continue to influence price increases in ZWL terms, with retailers reported to be pegging prices using the parallel market rate.

Figure 2: Zimbabwe Inflation Trends (2020 – 2021)



Source: RBZ, 2021

The official exchange rate continues to be stable at ZWL85.91:1USD at the end of August compared to ZWL85.64:1USD at the start of the month (**Figure 3**). The parallel market was trading at an average of ZWL150:1USD by the end of the month compared to ZWL135:1USD rate recorded at the start of the month (zimrates.com) noting an increase of 11%. This increase of the parallel market rate is likely being driven by speculative demand increases on the market, which followed media reports on the lack of funds on the official market. In addition, the Reserve Bank issued a bond worth ZW$1.550 billion during the month of August increasing supply of the local currency in the market. This is likely to increase demand for foreign currency on speculative basis and might lead to high inflation for the local currency. WFP will continue to monitor the situation and the impacts on the vulnerable populations.

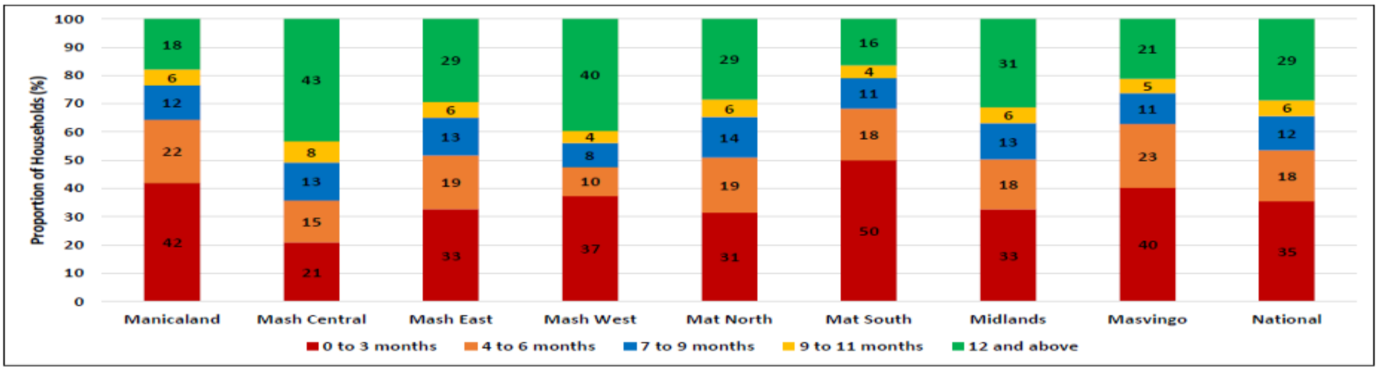
Figure 3: RBZ Exchange Rates (USD: ZWL)

Source: RBZ, 2021

3. Food and Nutrition Security Situation

According to the 2021 Rural Zimbabwe Vulnerability Assessment (ZimVAC), about 35% of households had sufficient cereal stocks to last them 3 months or less in June 2021 (**Figure 4**). By now, some of these households could have exhausted stocks from own production, which could bear negative impacts on their consumption patterns.

Figure 4: Household Cereal Supply



Source: 2021 rural ZimVAC Report

WFP monitors household food security through its HungerMap LIVE mVAM remote monitoring (mVAM) system. Data is collected from randomly selected respondents across the country through a mobile survey, and the findings are summarised at Provincial level on a real-time interactive map and weekly reports (https://hungermap.wfp.org/). According to this data source, there was an increase in the projected number of people with insufficient food consumption by 260,000 during the last week of August to an estimated 5.6 million people (**Figures 5 and 6**).

Source: HungerMap Live

Figure 5: Number of people with Insufficient Food Consumption

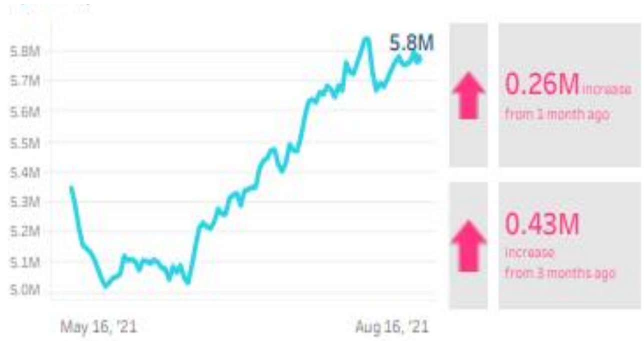


Figure 6: Prevalence of Insufficient Food Consumption

Most households in cereal producing areas still have adequate cereal stocks, although this is expected to decline as the lean season begins in October. According to the FEWSNET Food Security Outlook for August 2021, rural households are projected to be in IPC phase 1 (Minimal) in cereal-surplus areas and IPC phase 2 (Stressed) in cereal deficit areas mainly in the north-west and eastern parts of the country between July - September 2021. The situation is projected to deteriorate at the start of the lean season as households from typical deficit areas are likely to start experiencing Stress (IPC Phase 2) and Crisis (IPC Phase 3) outcomes as they increasingly rely on the market for food with limited purchasing power. Vulnerable households in urban areas will likely continue to be food insecure as per WFP's CARI analysis, ie 5% are severely and 29% are moderately food insecure.

Impacts of the previous consecutive poor rainfall seasons are still being felt as indicated by poor ground water reserves that are significantly affecting access to water for both humans and livestock in some areas in Matabeleland Provinces, Masvingo, and parts of Midlands and Manicaland Provinces. These could impact on the livestock quality and market value in these areas.

4. Agriculture Season Outlook

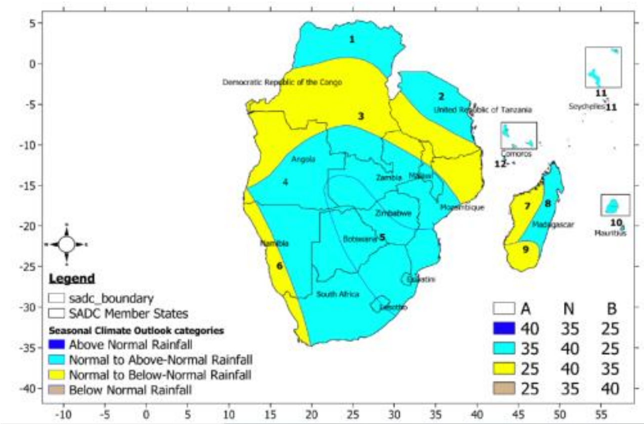
SADC through the Southern Africa Regional Climate Outlook Forum issued the forecast for the 2021/2022 rainfall season (SACOF-25) on August 31 2021. The forecast indicates a high likelihood of normal to above normal rainfall for the country for the upcoming rainfall season (**Figure 7**). During the last season (2020/21), effective rains (signalling the start of the season) for agricultural purposes were received in November and should this be the case this year again, then agricultural activities are likely to increase as from November onwards. Households relying on income from agriculture related casual labour are likely to see an improvement in income levels.

For the period November 2021 to January 2022, the country is projected to receive above normal rainfall. During this period higher rainfall amounts are expected which may lead to flash floods in low lying areas and may result in bursting of riverbanks. The possibility of cyclones cannot be ruled out, hence there is need for WFP and other stakeholders to continuously monitor the weather patterns and share regular updates and tropical storm tracking technology and platforms.

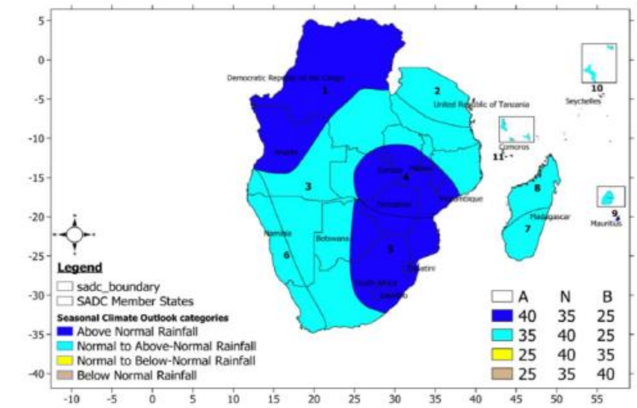
However, country specific variations are expected and some areas might receive lower rainfall compared to others.

Figure 7: Rainfall Forecast October 2021-March 2021

October-November-December



November-December-January



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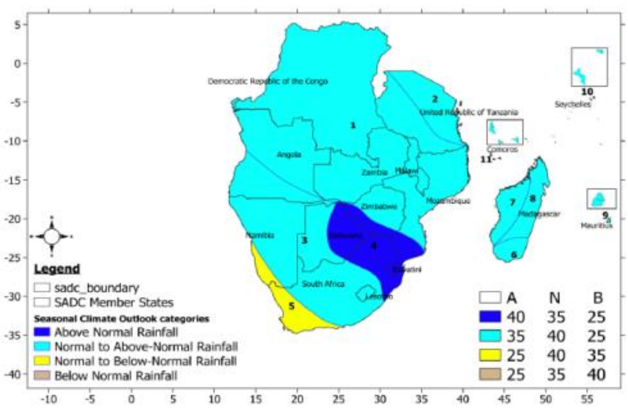
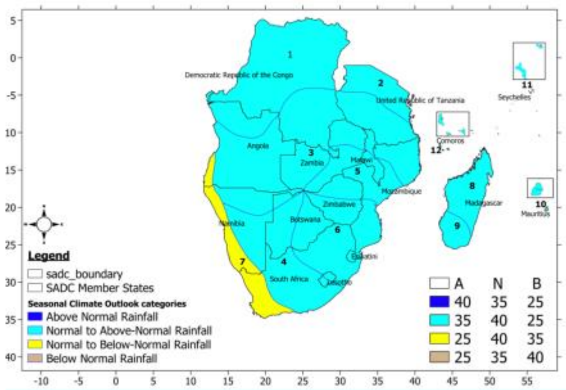


January-February-March



Source: SACCOF-25

5. 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 **27** districts/domains (**6** rural and **21** urban); 60% of the interviews were conducted remotely whilst 40% were face-to-face. **Table 1** below shows the national summary of availability and prices for the four commodities over the month of June.

Table 1: Supply and price trends for food basket commodities in rural and urban markets, August 2021

	Maize Grain	Maize meal	Sugar beans	Vegetable Oil
Supply	Maize grain was available in **one of the six** monitored rural districts and in **11%** of the urban markets monitored.	Maize meal was available in **40%** of rural markets; and in **83%** of the urban markets which is a 12% and 3% reduction respectively compared to July.	Sugar beans was available in **66% up from 59%** of rural markets and in **83%** of urban markets monitored, similar to July.	Availability of vegetable oil remained high and stable with the commodity available in **99%** of the rural markets and **88%** of urban markets.
Price	Maize grain prices in the rural district and urban domains that reported availability remained stable when compared to July 2021 at an average of **ZWL43.34/kg** for rural and **ZWL31.18/kg** for urban markets.	The price of the commodity **increased marginally by 5%** (from ZWL54.36/kg **to ZWL56.92/kg)** in rural markets and **remained stable at ZWL55.72/kg** in urban markets compared to the previous month.	Prices of sugar beans **decreased by 17% to ZWL218.55/kg** in rural markets and in urban areas by **16%** to **ZWL221.18/kg** compared to July' **ZWL263.62/kg**.	Prices of vegetable oil **increased** by **8% from** ZWL215.04/L to **ZWL232.49/L** in rural markets and by **4%** from ZWL217.27/L to **ZWL225.91/L** in urban markets.

Food Commodity Prices in Foreign Currency (US$ terms)

The average price for maize grain was **US$0.25/kg** in August, which is **11% lower** than US$0.28/kg reported in July 2021 and 14% lower than one year ago in August 2020 (US$0.29/kg). The price of maize meal **(US$0.50/kg)** remained unchanged from July (**Figure 8**), but was 16% higher than the same period in 2020 (US0.43/kg). Sugar beans were selling at an average price of **US$1.83/kg,** which is 23% lower than US$2.37/kg reported in July 2021 and 8% lower than US$1.98/kg reported in August 2020. Vegetable oil price remained stable at an average of **US$1.95/L** when compared to July 2021, but 21% higher than August 2020 (US$1.61/L).

Non-Food Commodities: Laundry and Bathing soap

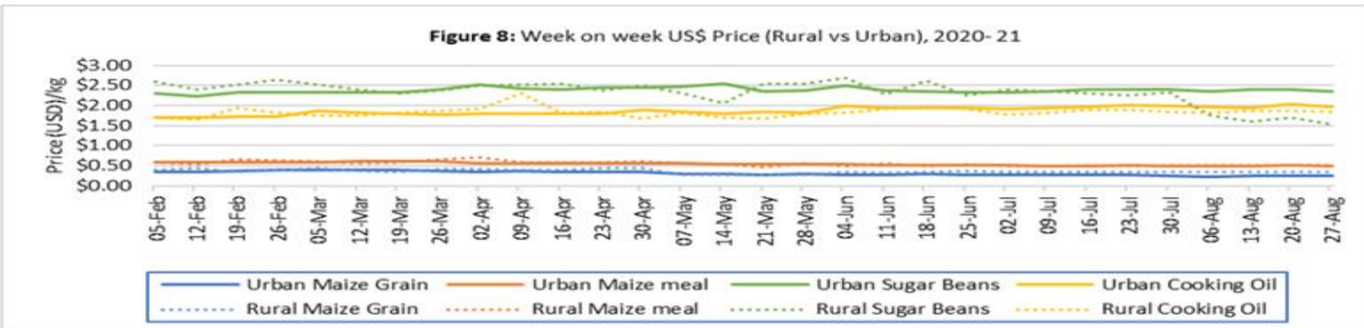


Figure 8: Week on week US$ Price (Rural vs Urban), 2020- 21

Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

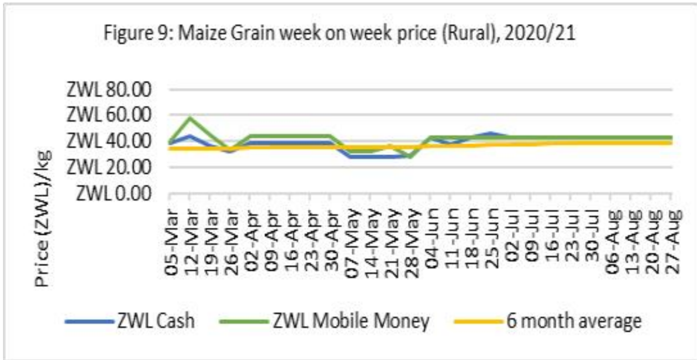
Laundry and bathing soap were both available in **90%** of the monitored markets, which is comparable to the previous month. Laundry soap was selling at an average price of **ZWL157.96/bar,** which makes a **9% increase** compared to July (ZWL144.71/bar); the USD price also **increased marginally by 5%** from **$1.30/bar** to **$1.36/bar.** Bathing soap price decreased from an average of **ZWL75.18/250g to ZWL72.21/250g (4% decrease)** in local currency and dropped to **US$0.61/250g** from US0.66/250g (8%).

Rural markets – review of availability and prices in Zimbabwe dollars

Maize Grain

Maize grain supply remained critically low across rural markets only available in one (1) of the six (6) monitored districts. The low supply on the market is likely due to low demand as households consume from own production.

The commodity was selling at an average price of **ZWL43.34/kg** in Masvingo rural a price similar to that reported in July 2021 (**Figure 9**).

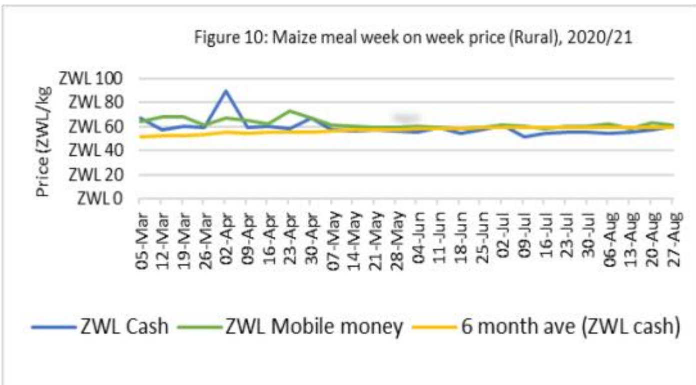


Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

Unrefined Maize Meal

Unrefined maize meal was available in **40%** of the rural markets monitored, which is **12% lower** than July 2021 (**52%**). Zvishavane (**9%**), Chipinge (**40%**) and Masvingo (**42%**) districts reported the lowest availability and could be attributed to low demand for the commodity as households are still consuming from own production. Households also prefer maize grain compared to maize meal whose price was on average 25% higher than that of maize grain.

The average price of maize meal **increased by 5%** from ZWL54.36/kg recorded in July to **ZWL56.92/kg** (**Figure 10**). The current price is 4% lower than the six–month average price of **ZWL59.35/kg**.

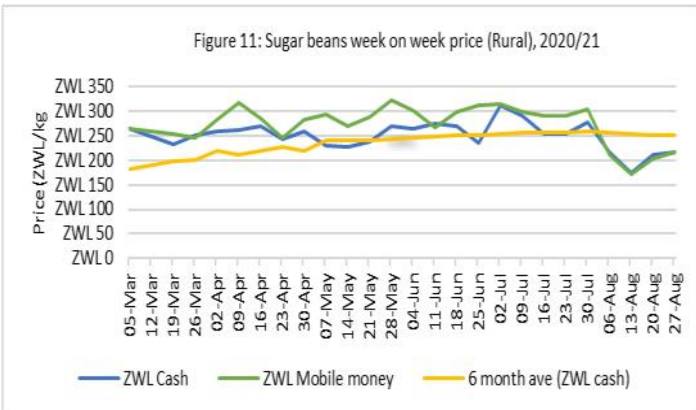


Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

Sugar Beans

Sugar beans availability **increased** from 59% in July to **66%** in August 2021 as households dispose some of the produce to access cash to cover other basic needs.

The average price for the commodity in July was **ZWL262.17/kg** and the current average price **ZWL218.55/kg** which is **17% lower** (**Figure 11**). The average price was highest in Gokwe North at **ZWL336.40/kg** and lowest in Chipinge at **ZWL160.00/kg** (annex 7). The current price is **5% lower** than the six– month average price of **ZWL229.88/kg**.

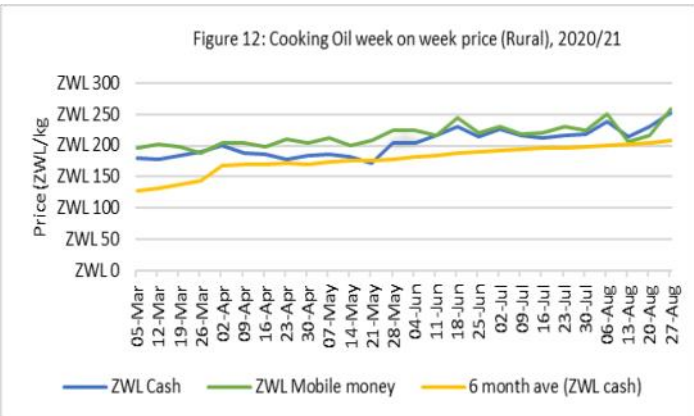


Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

Vegetable Oil

Vegetable oil was available in **99%** of the monitored markets a **9% increase** from the **90%** reported in July 2021.

The commodity was selling at an average price of **ZWL232.49/L** which is an **8% increase** from **ZWL215.04/L** in July 2021 (**Figure 12**). For more district level information, see **annex 8**. The price is **36%** higher than the six– month average of **ZWL170.72/L**.



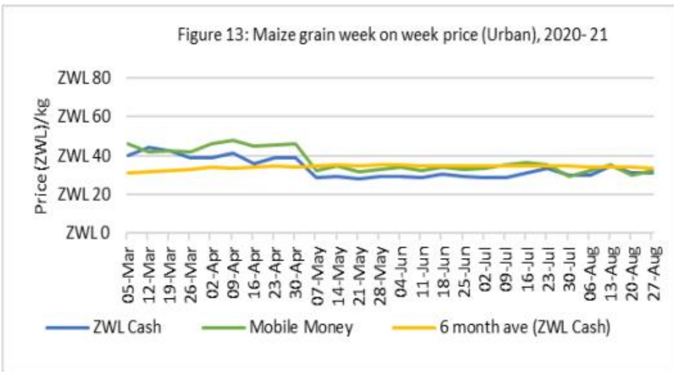
Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

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

Maize Grain

Maize grain remained largely unavailable in urban formal markets reported in only **11%** of the monitored markets, similar to last month. This could be an indication of increased reliance on the informal market by vulnerable urban households.

Maize grain was selling at an average price of **ZWL31.18/kg**—which is comparable to **ZWL30.72/kg** reported in July (**Figure 13**). Mutare urban reported the highest price at **ZWL40/kg** whilst Chiredzi urban recorded the lowest price for the commodity at **ZWL29.17/kg** (annex 2). The current average price for urban is **3%** higher than the six– month average of **ZWL30.28/kg**.

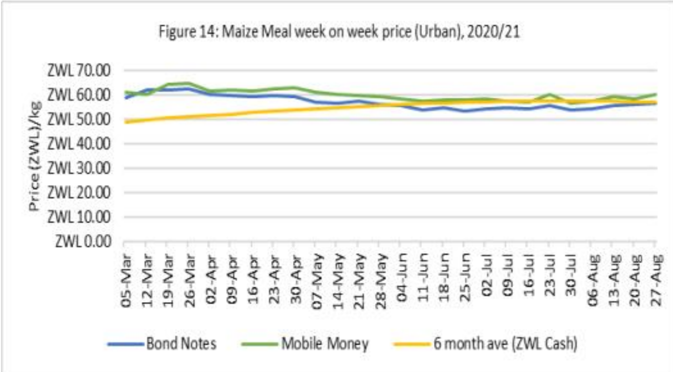


Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

Unrefined Maize Meal

Unrefined maize meal supply remained high across all monitored urban domains, reported available in **83%** of the monitored markets, which is comparable to the previous month at 86%. See annex 4 for more district level information.

The average price of maize meal in urban markets was **ZWL55.72/kg** in August 2021, comparable to the previous month of **ZWL54.61/kg** (**Figure 14**). The highest price was recorded in Rusape urban at an average of **ZWL62.14/kg.** The lowest price was recorded in Mutare urban at **ZWL49.46/kg.** The current price is 7% higher than the six– month average of ZWL51.85/kg.

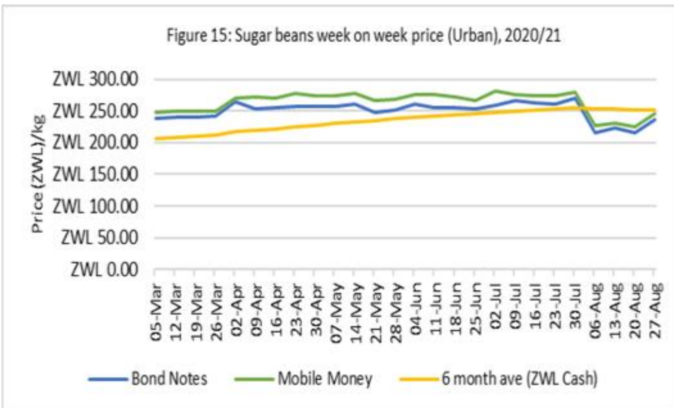


Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

Sugar Beans

Sugar beans supply remained stable during the reporting period; the commodity was available across all urban districts, in an average of **83%** of the monitored markets compared to 87% reported in July. Availability was reported to be lowest in Goromonzi Urban (**29%)** see annex 6.

The average price for sugar beans in urban markets in August was **ZWL221.18/kg**, which is **16%** lower than **ZWL263.62/kg** reported in July **(Figure 15)**. The highest price was reported in Nembudziya urban at **ZWL256.57/kg** and lowest in Kariba urban at **ZWL167.77/kg**. The current price is 3% lower than the six– month average of **ZWL227.07/kg.**

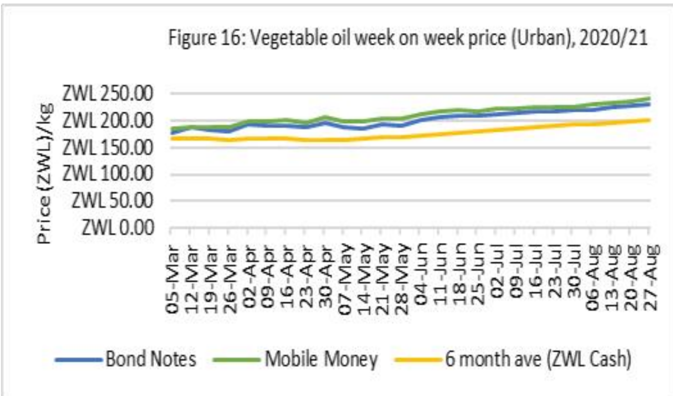


Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

Vegetable Oil

Vegetable oil supply remained good across all urban domains and the commodity was reported available in **88%** of monitored markets which is comparable to 90% reported in July 2021.

The commodity was selling at an average price of **ZWL225.91/L** which is **4%** higher than ZWL217.27/L recorded in July (**Figure 16**). Gokwe South Urban had the highest prices at **ZWL243.08/L,** and the lowest was Goromonzi urban at **ZWL194.61/L** (annex 8). The current price is 33% higher the six–month average of **ZWL170.27/L**.



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

5. Recommendations

Key recommendations emanating from the analysis above include;

- Continue monitoring the food and nutrition security situation in areas with high cereal insecurity.
- 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 COVID-19 restrictive measures are likely to have left the biggest impact on vulnerable people's ability to access an adequate diet.
- There is need to continue:
    - 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.
- Continue to monitor the progression of the rainfall season and the associated impacts of the projected normal to above normal rains.

5. Annexes

Annex 1: Markets Sample and data collection

This report provides an update on the availability and prices of WFP food basket commodities. Data for this reporting period was collected between **1-31 August 2021** and is based on interviews with **648** traders, including 118 in rural districts and 530 in urban districts, across 27 districts/domains (6 rural and 21 urban); 60% of the interviews were conducted remotely whilst 40% were face -to-face. The number of rural districts monitored has decreased significantly and only limited to those districts where WFP is implementing FFA activities.

Annex 2: Urban Districts Maize Grain Prices

District	Availability		Prices							% Price Change	
	Monthly current availability (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 August 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 August 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (March 2021-August 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (July 2021-August 2021)	6M % Change
Maize Grain Urban Districts											
Bulawayo	0%	0%									
Mutare Urban	8%	4%	ZWL 40.00	ZWL 30.56	ZWL 40.00	0%	$0.33		ZWL 27.52	31%	45%
Rusape Urban	0%	0%									
Chipinge Urban	0%	3%		ZWL 36.67					ZWL 28.15		
Marondera Urban	0%	0%							ZWL 27.22		
Goromonzi Urban	0%	0%									
Chinhoyi Urban	0%	0%							ZWL 20.00		
Chegutu Urban	0%	0%									
Kariba Urban	25%	18%	ZWL 33.34	ZWL 34.25			$0.28		ZWL 31.12	-3%	
Norton	38%	34%	ZWL 27.82	ZWL 29.47	ZWL 28.70	3%	$0.22		ZWL 30.01	-6%	-4%
Victoria Falls	0%	0%							ZWL 31.11		
Gweru Urban	47%	44%	ZWL 35.28	ZWL 27.19	ZWL 36.11	2%	$0.28		ZWL 30.89	30%	17%
Kwekwe Urban	20%	13%	ZWL 31.11	ZWL 26.95	ZWL 32.78	5%	$0.22		ZWL 30.51	15%	7%
Redcliff	0%	0%									
Zvishavane Urban	0%	0%									
Gokwe South Urban	0%	0%									
Nembudziya	0%	0%									
Masvingo Urban	15%	13%	ZWL 32.60	ZWL 27.78	ZWL 38.75	19%	$0.26	R 3.89	ZWL 42.95	17%	-10%
Chiredzi Urban	17%	17%	ZWL 29.17	ZWL 28.89	ZWL 32.64	12%	$0.28	R 3.96	ZWL 33.56	1%	-3%
Epworth	0%	0%									
Harare Rural	0%	8%		ZWL 27.78							
Total	8%	7%	**ZWL 32.76**	**ZWL 29.95**	**ZWL 34.83**	**7%**	**$0.27**	**R3.93**	**ZWL 30.28**	12%	9%

Annex 3: Rural Districts Maize Grain Prices

District	Availability		Prices							% Price Change	
	Monthly current availability (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 August 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 August 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (March 2021-August 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (July 2021-August 2021)	6M % Change
Maize Grain Rural Districts											
Buhera	0%	0%									
Chipinge	0%	0%									
Gokwe North	0%	0%									
Zvishavane	0%	0%									
Masvingo	3%	6%	ZWL 43.34	ZWL 43.34	ZWL 43.34	0%	$0.33	R5.56		0%	
Mwenezi	0%	0%									
Total	**0%**	**1%**	**ZWL 43.34**	**ZWL 43.34**	**ZWL 43.34**	**0%**	**$0.33**	**R5.56**	**#DIV/0!**	**0%**	**#DIV/0!**

Annex 4: Urban Districts Maize Meal Prices

District	Availability		Prices							% Price Change	
	Monthly current availability (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 August 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 August 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (March 2021-August 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (July 2021-August 2021)	6M % Change
Maize Meal Urban Districts											
Bulawayo	100%	90%	ZWL 52.21	ZWL 51.78			$0.49	R6.30	ZWL 49.78	1%	5%
Mutare Urban	75%	96%	ZWL 49.46	ZWL 52.03	ZWL 52.63	1%	$0.45		ZWL 51.99	-5%	-5%
Rusape Urban	87%	74%	ZWL 62.14	ZWL 54.61	ZWL 63.83	17%	$0.59	R5.01	ZWL 57.43	14%	8%
Chipinge Urban	100%	95%	ZWL 54.73	ZWL 55.06	ZWL 57.34	4%	$0.50	R8.25	ZWL 56.20	-1%	-3%
Marondera Urban	100%	93%	ZWL 53.96	ZWL 51.28	ZWL 55.80	9%	$0.50		ZWL 52.98	5%	2%
Goromonzi Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 54.41	ZWL 53.97	ZWL 60.59	12%	$0.50		ZWL 51.23	1%	6%
Chinhoyi Urban	96%	100%	ZWL 53.26	ZWL 52.13	ZWL 53.07	2%	$0.52		ZWL 53.38	2%	0%
Chegutu Urban	83%	79%	ZWL 52.69	ZWL 52.64	ZWL 52.69	0%	$0.45		ZWL 34.90	0%	51%
Kariba Urban	60%	67%	ZWL 57.77	ZWL 60.40	ZWL 61.85	2%	$0.53	R8.70	ZWL 58.66	-4%	-2%
Norton	55%	68%	ZWL 53.50	ZWL 54.83	ZWL 59.13	8%	$0.48		ZWL 50.25	-2%	6%
Victoria Falls	96%	94%	ZWL 61.48	ZWL 59.17	ZWL 63.92	8%	$0.50		ZWL 55.35	4%	11%
Gweru Urban	53%	54%	ZWL 50.93	ZWL 48.44	ZWL 54.36	12%	$0.43	R8.59	ZWL 50.00	5%	2%
Kwekwe Urban	80%	87%	ZWL 61.00	ZWL 58.05	ZWL 64.87	12%	$0.56	R8.58	ZWL 56.11	5%	9%
Redcliff	100%	100%	ZWL 52.53	ZWL 52.31	ZWL 56.05	7%	$0.44		ZWL 56.79	0%	-8%
Zvishavane Urban	88%	80%	ZWL 48.29	ZWL 50.44			$0.49		ZWL 48.84	-4%	-1%
Gokwe South Urban	93%	100%	ZWL 53.53	ZWL 51.19	ZWL 53.72	5%	$0.48		ZWL 50.50	5%	6%
Nembudziya	57%	71%	ZWL 61.75	ZWL 58.50	ZWL 68.96	18%	$0.54		ZWL 57.59	6%	7%
Masvingo Urban	85%	87%	ZWL 52.66	ZWL 54.45	ZWL 52.65	-3%	$0.48		ZWL 51.36	-3%	3%
Chiredzi Urban	83%	83%	ZWL 51.75	ZWL 49.97	ZWL 51.76	4%	$0.48	R7.00	ZWL 51.08	4%	1%
Epworth	100%	93%	ZWL 60.57	ZWL 52.30	ZWL 65.83	26%	$0.50		ZWL 48.76	16%	24%
Harare Rural	86%	100%	ZWL 51.50	ZWL 46.54	ZWL 58.87	26%	$0.41		ZWL 45.73	11%	13%
Total	86%	#REF!	**ZWL 53.34**	**#REF!**	**ZWL 58.31**	**9%**	**$0.52**	**R8.94**	**ZWL 51.85**	3%	6%

Annex 5: Rural Districts Maize Meal Prices

District	Availability		Prices							% Price Change	
	Monthly current availability (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 August 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 August 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (March 2021-August 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (July 2021-August 2021)	6M % Change
Maize Meal Rural Districts											
Buhera	100%	100%					$0.53		ZWL 61.67		
Chipinge	40%	100%	ZWL 45.00	ZWL 40.50	ZWL 59.50	47%	$0.36	R10.02	ZWL 50.35		20%
Gokwe North	100%	21%	ZWL 67.00	ZWL 58.14	ZWL 72.50	25%	$0.50		ZWL 51.68		13%
Zvishavane	9%	17%	ZWL 66.00	ZWL 55.30	ZWL 47.20	-15%	$0.55				
Masvingo	42%	48%	ZWL 57.06	ZWL 56.07	ZWL 61.01	9%	$0.51	R8.49			
Mwenezi	0%	100%		ZWL 55.76							
Total	**48%**	**64%**	**ZWL 58.77**	**ZWL 53.15**	**ZWL 60.05**	**16%**	**$0.49**	**R9.26**	**ZWL 54.57**	#DIV/0!	**-4%**

Annex 6: Urban Districts Sugar Beans Prices

District	Availability		Prices							% Price Change	
	Monthly current availability (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 August 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 August 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (March 2021-August 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (July 2021-August 2021)	6M % Change
Sugar Beans Urban Districts											
Bulawayo	95%	98%	ZWL 207.46	ZWL 273.99			$1.85	R28.33	ZWL 214.92	-24%	-3%
Mutare Urban	58%	92%	ZWL 191.66	ZWL 248.87	ZWL 203.09	-18%	$1.76		ZWL 212.36	-23%	0%
Rusape Urban	80%	84%	ZWL 175.92	ZWL 266.27	ZWL 179.66	-33%	$1.61		ZWL 244.30	-34%	28%
Chipinge Urban	96%	95%	ZWL 209.29	ZWL 259.06	ZWL 218.02	-16%	$1.81	R31.01	ZWL 226.61	-19%	-8%
Marondera Urban	82%	97%	ZWL 220.80	ZWL 225.42	ZWL 217.49	-4%	$1.86		ZWL 212.71	-2%	4%
Goromonzi Urban	48%	49%	ZWL 210.76	ZWL 268.69	ZWL 232.30	-14%	$2.00		ZWL 236.03	-22%	1%
Chinhoyi Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 191.40	ZWL 254.98	ZWL 195.38	-23%	$1.71		ZWL 235.04	-25%	9%
Chegutu Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 255.99	ZWL 265.03	ZWL 255.99	-3%	$2.07		ZWL 251.84	-3%	2%
Kariba Urban	65%	53%	ZWL 176.77	ZWL 245.72	ZWL 188.77	-23%	$1.57	R27.68	ZWL 219.55	-28%	9%
Norton	51%	66%	ZWL 210.66	ZWL 248.20	ZWL 237.66	-4%	$1.83		ZWL 209.42	-15%	1%
Victoria Falls	99%	99%	ZWL 246.50	ZWL 259.00	ZWL 252.92	-2%	$1.91		ZWL 238.23	-5%	3%
Gweru Urban	93%	98%	ZWL 254.83	ZWL 237.28	ZWL 264.97	12%	$2.06	R41.11	ZWL 217.32	7%	17%
Kwekwe Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 233.42	ZWL 240.02	ZWL 242.75		$1.90	R35.73	ZWL 222.46	-3%	5%
Redcliff	100%	100%	ZWL 183.75	ZWL 240.77	ZWL 224.25		$1.66		ZWL 223.82	-24%	8%
Zvishavane Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 202.13	ZWL 226.58			$1.78		ZWL 230.32	-11%	2%
Gokwe South Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 216.52	ZWL 268.26	ZWL 215.30	-20%	$1.94		ZWL 230.29	-19%	-6%
Nembudziya	100%	100%	ZWL 256.57	ZWL 270.86	ZWL 274.05	1%	$2.00		ZWL 247.59	-5%	4%
Masvingo Urban	83%	87%	ZWL 198.52	ZWL 288.57	ZWL 204.88	-29%	$1.78		ZWL 237.16	-31%	6%
Chiredzi Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 218.52	ZWL 246.41	ZWL 225.96	-8%	$1.89	R28.28	ZWL 219.92	-11%	-1%
Epworth	29%	86%	ZWL 250.00	ZWL 213.50			$2.00		ZWL 218.26	17%	15%
Harare Rural	43%	46%	ZWL 240.00	ZWL 166.67	ZWL 260.00	56%	$2.00		ZWL 220.41	44%	9%
Total	81%	81%	**ZWL 248.29**	**#REF!**	**ZWL 227.41**	**-8%**	**$1.86**	**R32.02**	**ZWL 227.07**	-11%	-4%

Annex 7: Rural Districts Sugar Beans Prices

District	Availability		Prices							% Price Change	
	Monthly current availability (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 August 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 August 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (March 2021-August 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (July 2021-August 2021)	6M % Change
Sugar Beans Rural Districts											
Buhera	90%	98%					$1.96		ZWL 219.33		
Chipinge	20%		ZWL 160.00				$1.20				
Gokwe North	100%		ZWL 336.00		ZWL 372.00	11%	$2.40				
Zvishavane	87%	60%	ZWL 208.80	ZWL 216.15	ZWL 180.99	13%	$1.75			-3%	
Masvingo	61%	100%	ZWL 196.00	ZWL 282.06	ZWL 200.15	2%	$1.55	R26.57	ZWL 240.43	-31%	-18%
Mwenezi											
Total	**72%**	**86%**	**ZWL 225.20**	**ZWL 249.11**	**ZWL 251.05**	**0%**	**$1.77**	**R26.57**	**ZWL 229.88**	**-17%**	**-18%**

Annex 8: Urban Districts Vegetable Oil Prices

District	Availability		Prices							% Price Change	
	Monthly current availability (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 August 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 August 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (March 2021-August 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (July 2021-August 2021)	6M % Change
Cooking Oil Urban Districts											
Bulawayo	100%	98%	ZWL 225.35	ZWL 216.89			$2.15	R29.56	ZWL 167.58	4%	34%
Mutare Urban	92%	96%	ZWL 221.25	ZWL 216.54	ZWL 230.68	7%	$1.98		ZWL 168.01	2%	32%
Rusape Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 225.07	ZWL 202.85	ZWL 233.14	15%	$2.18	R25.00	ZWL 179.91	11%	25%
Chipinge Urban	96%	100%	ZWL 227.32	ZWL 215.68	ZWL 237.43	10%	$2.00	R31.91	ZWL 180.84	5%	26%
Marondera Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 225.06	ZWL 215.51	ZWL 223.49	4%	$1.98		ZWL 161.50	4%	39%
Goromonzi Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 194.61	ZWL 194.28	ZWL 202.74	4%	$1.75		ZWL 166.05	0%	17%
Chinhoyi Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 235.58	ZWL 219.08	ZWL 239.56	9%	$2.22		ZWL 187.36	8%	26%
Chegutu Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 225.00	ZWL 217.68	ZWL 225.00	3%	$1.65		ZWL 185.70	3%	21%
Kariba Urban	75%	82%	ZWL 219.30	ZWL 196.34	ZWL 233.83	19%	$1.97	R31.60	ZWL 164.55	12%	33%
Norton	59%	69%	ZWL 211.34	ZWL 194.47	ZWL 238.89	23%	$1.85		ZWL 156.70	9%	35%
Victoria Falls	98%	100%	ZWL 238.55	ZWL 218.65	ZWL 244.57	12%	$1.97		ZWL 182.98	9%	30%
Gweru Urban	53%	56%	ZWL 207.16	ZWL 186.44	ZWL 226.94	22%	$1.78	R35.86	ZWL 165.19	11%	25%
Kwekwe Urban	80%	87%	ZWL 242.97	ZWL 217.31	ZWL 239.47		$2.19	R36.56	ZWL 166.73	12%	46%
Redcliff	100%	100%	ZWL 218.88	ZWL 191.15	ZWL 243.50		$1.80		ZWL 166.82	15%	31%
Zvishavane Urban	88%	100%	ZWL 216.07	ZWL 209.60			$1.93		ZWL 180.03	3%	20%
Gokwe South Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 243.08	ZWL 216.76	ZWL 245.15	13%	$2.21		ZWL 164.91	12%	47%
Nembudziya	100%	100%	ZWL 237.57	ZWL 218.49	ZWL 257.50	18%	$1.87		ZWL 172.82	9%	37%
Masvingo Urban	85%	87%	ZWL 222.55	ZWL 208.25	ZWL 225.90	8%	$2.05		ZWL 169.76	7%	31%
Chiredzi Urban	83%	83%	ZWL 236.72	ZWL 210.26	ZWL 236.72	13%	$2.13	R31.88	ZWL 163.44	13%	45%
Epworth	100%	100%	ZWL 208.57	ZWL 178.54	ZWL 224.64	26%	$1.71		ZWL 165.30	17%	26%
Harare Rural	100%	100%	ZWL 201.43	ZWL 161.78	ZWL 230.71	43%	$1.66		ZWL 159.46	25%	26%
Total	93%	#REF!	**ZWL 205.07**	**#REF!**	**ZWL 233.68**	**15%**	**$1.95**	**R31.77**	**ZWL 170.27**	9%	31%

Annex 9: Rural Districts Vegetable Oil Prices

District	Availability		Prices							% Price Change	
	Monthly current availability (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous availability (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (1-31 July 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-31 August 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-31 August 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-31 August 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (March 2021-August 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (July 2021-August 2021)	6M % Change
Cooking Oil Rural Districts											
Buhera	100%	100%					$1.83		ZWL 161.42		
Chipinge	100%	100%	ZWL 219.00	ZWL 203.00	ZWL 275.00	26%	$1.75	R40.42	ZWL 163.93	35%	34%
Gokwe North	100%		ZWL 252.00		ZWL 275.00	9%	$1.80				
Zvishavane	96%	90%	ZWL 230.30	ZWL 200.00	ZWL 182.50	-21%	$1.99		ZWL 180.26	-9%	28%
Masvingo	100%	99%	ZWL 233.64	ZWL 221.82	ZWL 240.01	3%	$1.82	R27.62	ZWL 183.53	8%	27%
Mwenezi	100%	100%		ZWL 210.30			$2.14	R30.00	ZWL 164.46		
Total	**99%**	**98%**	**ZWL 233.73**	**ZWL 208.78**	**ZWL 243.13**	**4%**	**$1.89**	**R32.68**	**ZWL 170.72**	**12%**	**30%**

Annex 10: Markets Monitoring 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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