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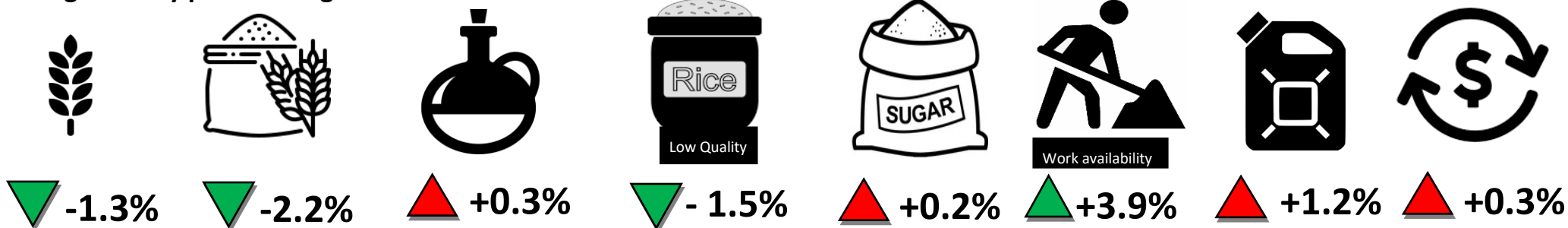


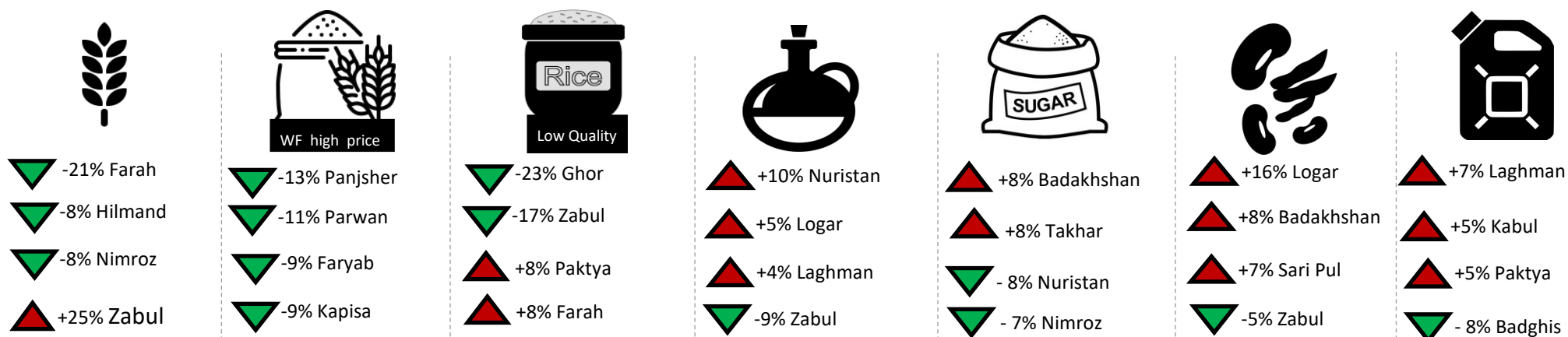
Highlights

- In the third week of October 2021, the prices of the food items were significantly higher than the last week of June (before the recent conflicts and political change).
- The price of most food items remained constant or slightly changed compared to the previous week. Mainly due to increased supply, food assistance and decreased tax by government.
- Work opportunities slightly improved by 3.9% compared to last week.
- Average weekly price of diesel increased by 1.2%, continued to rise hitting a new record high of 64.6 AFN/L, due to exchange rate fluctuations and decreased supply.
- The weekly number for Both Pastoralist ToT and Labour/wheat ToT slightly improved this week by 0.6% and 1.5% respectfully.

Main Food Commodities/Food Access indicators	3rd Week of October 2021	Price/rate Changes (%)			
		Compared to last week of June 2021		Compared to the 2nd week of October 2021	
WHEAT (Kg)	36.6	22.5	▲	-1.3	▶
WHEAT FLOUR - High price (Kg)	43.9	30.4	▲	-2.4	▶
WHEAT FLOUR - Low price (Kg)	40.0	30.7	▲	-2.1	▶
RICE HIGH QAULITY (Kg)	93.4	5.0	▶	0.4	▶
RICE LOW QAULITY (Kg)	53.3	6.5	▶	-1.5	▶
COOKING OIL (Kg)	166.2	23.8	▲	0.3	▶
PULSES (Kg)	99.7	6.9	▶	0.4	▶
SALT (Kg)	14.2	5.7	▶	0.4	▶
SUGAR (Kg)	59.7	17.8	▲	0.2	▶
DIESEL (LITER)	64.6	22.3	▲	1.2	▶
ONE YEAR ALIVE FEMALE SHEEP (HEAD)	7751.0	1.8	▶	-0.3	▶
LABOUR UNSKILLED/DAY	283.3	-8.0	▼	0.0	▶
LABOUR SKILLED/DAY	592.6	-7.7	▼	0.5	▶
# OF DAYS WORK AVAILABLE/WEEK	1.6	-34.8	▼	3.9	▶
EXCHANGE RATE	90.0	12.8	▲	0.3	▶
CASUAL LABOUR/WHEAT	7.8	-24.8	▼	1.5	▶
PASTORALIST TOT	212.1	-17.5	▼	0.6	▶

Average weekly prices changes





Number of days work is available:

The average number of days that work is available for casual workers slightly improved by 3.9% this week and reached to 1.6 days per week which is still 34.8% lower than the last week of June (before the recent conflicts and political change). No work opportunity since fourth week of August in Daykundi, Khost, Logar, Paktya and Panjsher and since 2nd week of September in Bamyan. At provincial level, the number rose in Ghor (2 to 3 days) and Zabul (3 to 4 days) by 50% and 33% respectively. The number declined only in Hilmand by 33% (from 3 to 2 days), due to less availability of work.

Casual Labour/Wheat ToT

Casual labour/wheat ToT slightly improved by 1.5%. The weekly ToT remained 24.8% below the number of last week of June 2021, before recent conflicts and political chaos.

This ToT improved in most provinces including Farah (27%), Nimroz and Hilmand (8%), Urozgan, Balkh, Faryab, Sari Pul and Panjsher (5%), Samangan and Takhar (3%) and Badghis (1%), due to decrease in the price of wheat.

This ToT only deteriorated in Zabul (20%), due to less availability in the market and increased in the price of wheat .



Pastoralist ToT

The national average number of pastoralist ToT improved this week by 0.6%. This number is 17.5% below the number of the last week of June 2021. Decreased wheat price and increased the sheep price (only in Hilmand) contributed to the main driver of ToT improvement in few provinces including Hilmand (18%), Farah (17%), Nimroz (8%), Urozgan, Balkh, Faryab, Sari Pul and Panjsher (5%), Samangan and Takhar (3%) and Badghis (1%). Meanwhile deteriorated in Zabul (20%), Nuristan (11%), Laghman (3%) and Ghazni (1%), due to increase of wheat price and decrease of sheep price.