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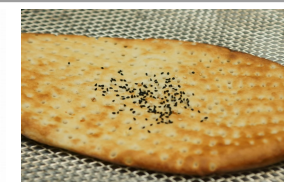
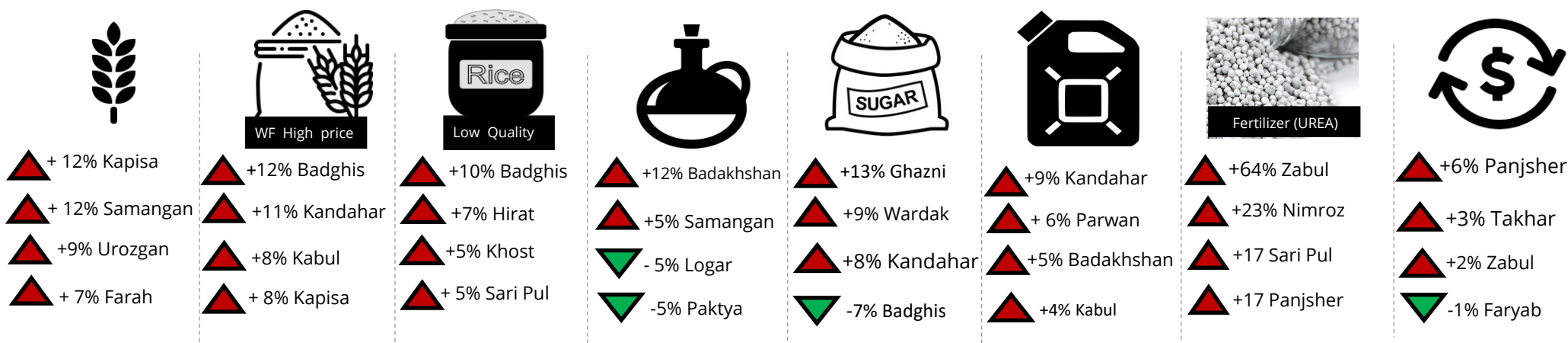
Highlights

- In the week 3 of January 2022, the prices of food items were significantly higher than the last week of June (before the recent conflicts and political change).
- The average price of wheat, wheat flour, cooking oil, rice, pulses and sugar slightly increased in the third week of January 2022 compared to last week, after it peak price in 3rd week of Dec 2021. Rise in the price of dollar and devaluation of the afghani currency directly led to increase in food prices.
- Average weekly price of diesel increased by 1.6% and reached 74.1 AFN/L, due to exchange rate fluctuations.
- Work opportunities slightly deteriorated by 2.6% compared to last week.
- Both casual labour/wheat and pastoralist ToT deteriorated by 1.9% and 1.5%, respectfully as price of wheat increased.
- Exchange rate (USD to AFN) after drastic increase in the 2nd week of December, slightly decreased in the 3rd week and again negligibly increased in the fourth of December 2021, first, second and third weeks of January 2022, reached 105.4 AFN/USD and still lack of cash (USD) in markets & Banks and high demand for it exists in the market.

Main Food Commodities/Food Access Indicators	Price/rate & Changes (%)			
	3rd Week of January 2022	Compared to last week of June 2021	Compared to the 2nd Week of January 2022	
WHEAT (Kg)	44.5	48.9% ▲	2.0%	▶
WHEAT FLOUR - High price (Kg)	50.7	50.7% ▲	2.1%	▶
WHEAT FLOUR - Low price (Kg)	46.7	52.7% ▲	1.6%	▶
RICE HIGH QAULITY (Kg)	104.6	17.6% ▲	1.5%	▶
RICE LOW QAULITY (Kg)	55.8	11.5% ▲	1.0%	▶
COOKING OIL (Kg)	186.1	38.7% ▲	0.3%	▶
PULSES (Kg)	115.0	23.3% ▲	0.7%	▶
BREAD (Kg)	59.7	12.8% ▲	1.4%	▶
SALT (Kg)	15.8	17.8% ▲	0.9%	▶
SUGAR (Kg)	69.0	36.1% ▲	1.2%	▶
DIESEL (LITER)	74.1	40.3% ▲	1.6%	▶
ONE YEAR ALIVE FEMALE SHEEP (HEAD)	7741	1.6% ▶	0.3%	▶
LABOUR UNSKILLED/DAY	276	-10.5% ▼	0.2%	▶
LABOUR SKILLED/DAY	569	-11.4% ▼	-0.5%	▶
# OF DAYS WORK AVAILABLE/WEEK	1.1	-54.3% ▼	-2.6%	▶
EXCHANGE RATE	105.4	32.0% ▲	0.4%	▶
CASUAL LABOUR/WHEAT	6.3	-39.3% ▼	-1.9%	▶
PASTORALIST TOT	175.2	-31.8% ▼	-1.5%	▶

Average weekly prices changes





Casual Labour/Wheat ToT

Casual labour/wheat ToT deteriorated by 1.9% this week. The weekly ToT remained 39.3% below the number of last week of June 2021, before recent conflicts and political changes.

This ToT deteriorated in Kapisa (11%), Samangan (10%), Urozgan (8%), Farah (7%), Sari Pul (6%), Jawzjan (5%), Badghis, Kandahar and Hilmand (4%), due to increase in the price of wheat.

The variation in remaining provinces was within a normal range (-2.1% to 0.0%).

Number of days work is available

The average number of days that work is available for casual workers declined this week by 2.6% and reached to 1.1 days per week which is 54.3% lower than the last week of June (before the recent conflicts and political change). No work opportunity available since fourth week of August in Daykundi, Logar, Paktia and Panjsher, in Bamyan since 2nd week of September and Ghazni, Paktika and Wardak since second week of January 2022.

At provincial level, the number declined only in Hilmand by 50% (from 2 to 1 day), due to reduced work opportunities.

Pastoralist ToT

The national average number of pastoralist ToT slightly deteriorated this week by 1.5%. This number is 31.8% below the number of the last week of June 2021. The deterioration occurred in Kapisa (11%), Samangan (10%), Urozgan (8%), Farah (7%), Wardak and Paktika (6%), Jawzjan (5%) and Kandahar (4%), due to increased in the price of wheat and decreased sheep price. While improved in Sari Pul (7%) and Hilmand (6%) due to increase of sheep price.

The variation in remaining provinces was within a normal range (-2.4% to 2.6%).