



Joint Market and Supply Chain Update

17 - 24 July 2022

Key messages

- ◆ Despite moderate to light *Karan* rains in isolated pockets, drought conditions persist, most regions experiencing water scarcity with water trucking ongoing.
- ◆ Mild price decreases of local cereals noted in some markets in production areas in response to seasonal harvests, despite significant reduction of yields.
- ◆ Traders from Galmudug are sourcing imported food items from Berbera port due to reduced taxes by Somaliland Authorities.

Banadir

- In Bakara market, prices of local cereals and imported food items are increasing compared to last week. For instance, maize, rice, sugar, and wheat flour increased by 13%, 28%, 22% and 12% per 50 Kg bag respectively. However, prices of fruits and vegetables exhibiting mixed trends. For instance, carrots, spinach and potatoes increased by 30%, 23% and 16% respectively, onions and green pepper and bananas decreased by 33%.
- In Mogadishu, fuel prices remained unchanged as from last week. In addition, charcoal prices increased by 7% however, cooking gas remained the same.
- In the capital, most roads are accessible and transport services are normal. Operations are ongoing normally at the port of Mogadishu and goods are moving smoothly to downstream markets. In addition, moderate rains were received in Mogadishu in the last week.

Hirshabelle

- The ongoing *Karan* rains have rendered several major roads in Middle Shabelle impassable resulting to increased lead-time. For instance, the supply corridor from Mogadishu to Raage-Elle district via WarSheikh is heavily affected
- In Beletweyne, prices of local cereals and imported food items remained unchanged as from last week vegetable oil that decreased slightly by 3%. In addition, fuel prices remained unchanged as from last

week. However, in Buloburto, prices of local cereals are decreasing, for instance, maize and red sorghum decreased by 13% and 6% respectively per bag in response to local cereal harvest season.

- Cross border trade between Somalia and Ethiopia is ongoing normally at Feerfeer border point and goods are moving smoothly from both sides despite restriction of exporting local cereals from the Ethiopian side.

Galmuduug

- In Galkayo South, prices for local cereals (white maize, red and white sorghum) remained unchanged for two weeks in a row.
- In Jariiban, fuel prices remained unchanged as from last week, for instance, diesel and petrol is trading at \$1.2 and \$1.3 respectively per litre.
- Water scarcity continues in most locations throughout Galmudug and water trucking is ongoing in the most affected locations in Galkacyo South, Hobyo, Dhuusamareeb, Cadaado, Guriel and Balanbale.
- Most roads throughout Galmudug are accessible and transport services are ongoing smoothly, movement of goods from upstream to downstream markets is ongoing normally.
- Cross border trade between Somalia and Ethiopia through Saaxo is normal. Both traders and consumers have safe access to the market place.

Somaliland

- Cross-border trade for goods and services between Ethiopia and Somaliland continues, despite conflict in the Ethiopian side. Prices of fruits and vegetables remained unchanged in the last six weeks except carrots that decreased slightly by 5% per Kg. Tomatoes, onions and potatoes remained at 10,000 SL SH, 8,400 SL SH and 8,000 SL SH respectively per kg. Garlic remained the same at 36,000 SL SH per Kg. A medium sized watermelon is trading at 47,000 SL SH per piece.
- Fuel prices remained unchanged for two weeks in a row but prices are high following global trends. For instance, in Hargeisa, diesel and petrol are trading at 10,000 and 11,000 SL SH per litre for the last two weeks. However, transport prices increased from \$3 to \$5 per 50 Kg bag.
- Despite light rains in some pockets in Hargeisa and Geiley districts of Woqooyi Galbeed, water scarcity continues and water trucking is ongoing in the most affected locations such as Hawd zone of Burco and eastern sides of Owdweyne district.
- Most roads are accessible and transport services are ongoing smoothly and movement of goods from upstream to downstream markets is ongoing normally.
- In most markets throughout Somaliland, exchange rate of the local currency against the USD remained stable. For instance, in Hargeisa the exchange rate of Somaliland Shilling against USD remain unchanged at 8,430 SL SH per USD in the last two months.

South West

- In Baidoa, local cereals, such as white sorghum and maize remained unchanged from last week at \$0.8 and \$1.0 respectively per Kg, however, red sorghum increased from \$0.7 to \$0.8 per Kg. Imported food items such as rice, wheat flour, pasta and vegetable oil remained the same as last week except sugar that decreased by 11% per Kg. In addition, camel and cattle milk remained unchanged as from last week.
- In Baidoa, fuel prices increased slightly compared to last week. For instance, diesel and petrol prices increased from \$1.45 to \$1.6 and \$1.5 to \$1.6 respectively per litre.
- In Wanlaweyn, prices of rice, sugar, wheat flour increased from \$15.5 to \$16, \$22 to \$23 and \$18.5 to \$19 respectively per 25 kg bag. Also, pasta increased from \$8.5 to \$9.5 per 10 kg box due to low supplies from source market. However, the price of 3L Cooking oil reduced from \$7.5\$ to \$6.5 due to increased supply.
- In Qansaxdhere, water scarcity continues, shallow wells have dried up and most pastoralists are moving in search of water and pasture. In addition, influx of people in IDP camp from rural settlements continues due to effects of drought.
- In Qansaxdhere, red and white sorghum remained unchanged as from last week, however, white maize decreased from \$1.60 to \$1.50. Imported food items such as rice, sugar, pasta remained unchanged as from last week.
- In Hudur local cereal prices remained unchanged as from last week except white maize that increased slightly by 4% per kg. Imported food items, such as rice, sugar, wheat flour, and pasta remained unchanged as from last week except vegetable oil that decreased by 10% per litre.

Puntland

- The price of the trucked water increased significantly in some locations such East Golis of Qandala and Caluula districts of Bari region, where prices increased \$8 to \$10 per 200 litres drum. This is due to increased fuel prices leading to high transport prices.
- Livestock prices slightly decreased (<5%) due to more supply in the local markets due poor livestock body conditions leading to distress sales.
- In Eyl market, prices of rice and wheat flour increased from \$17 to \$19.5 and \$19 to \$19.5 respectively per 25kg bag due to limited supplies from catchment markets. In Bossaso, pasta (10 kg box), sugar, rice and wheat increased by 10% and 20% per 25Kg bag due to reduced supplies from source markets.
- Fruits and green vegetable prices continue to increase due to seasonality coupled with low production and supply from production areas and according to interviewed traders, prices have increased by 40% compared to normal season.
- Cross-border trade between Ethiopia and Puntland is ongoing smoothly. However, there is reduced volume of fuel, fresh fruits and vegetables into Puntland state due to shortages in the source markets in Ethiopia.
- Most roads are accessible and transport services are ongoing smoothly and movement of goods from upstream to downstream markets is ongoing normally. Furthermore, port operations in Berbera are ongoing smoothly despite monsoon winds.

Jubaland

- Despite the bad condition of the roads and informal taxation throughout Jubaland, transport services are ongoing normally and goods are moving from Mogadishu to downstream markets in Jubaland.
- In Afmadow, the price of vegetable oil increased from \$ 9.0 to \$ 10.0 per 3 litres container due to reduced supply from the source market.
- In major markets in Jubaland, fuel prices remained unchanged for two weeks in a row but high. For instance, in Doolow petrol and diesel prices remained at \$1.5 and \$1.3 per litre.
- Water prices are increasing compared to last week but high due to scarcity. For instance, in Doolow and Belethawa prices increased from \$1.5 to \$2 per 200 Litres drum. In addition, water levels in Juba river and shallow wells are very low.
- Informal cross-border trade between Kenya and Somalia in Belethawo, Elwaq and Dhobley is ongoing, and goods are moving from both sides.
- In most markets throughout Jubaland state, exchange rate of the local currency against the USD is stable. For instance, in Doolow, Luuq and Belethawa the exchange rate is 26,000 SO SH per USD for the last three weeks.

For further information contact the Somalia VAM and Logistics:

Raul Cumba, raul.cumba@wfp.org

Otavio Costa, otavio.costa@wfp.org