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WFP Palestine Monthly Market Dashboard

October 2022

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Number of people assisted by WFP

373,423



Food Consumer Price Index

(Oct 2022/Oct 2021)

6.8%



Number of food-insecure people

1.78 million people



Price of tomato

(Oct/Sep 2022)

44.7%

Highlights

- The Food Consumer Price Index (Food CPI) increased in October 2022 by 6.8 percent compared to October 2021. (*Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, PCBS*)
- In October 2022, the average value of WFP food ration prices in local currency has increased 16.5 percent since the beginning of the Ukraine crisis (February 2022), and by 22.59 percent compared to the previous year.
- In October, more than 329,000 people in Palestine received WFP's monthly e-voucher, which has injected \$3.2 million into the local economy. Rice topped the redeemed items, followed by canned food, vegetable oil and wheat flour.
- The unemployment rate in Palestine during the third quarter of 2022 reached 24.7 percent (12.6 percent in West Bank, and 46.6 in Gaza Strip) an increase of 0.5 percent from the previous quarter when it reached 24.2 percent (13.8 percent in West Bank and 44.1 percent in Gaza Strip). (*PCBS*)
- *The Producer Price Index (PPI) in Palestine during September recorded a sharp increase of 5.9 percent compared with last year. The increase is driven by the increase in the prices of commodities in the agriculture, electricity, and mining and quarrying sectors.*

Situation Monitoring:

- The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has received a fund of USD 27 million from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in support of the Agency's programmes and operations in the region. (*UNRWA*)
- UAE and WHO have signed a USD 25 million cooperation agreement to support of Al Makassed Hospital in East Jerusalem, which will benefit 130,000 people seeking health services. (*WHO*)
- Until the third quarter of 2022, the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) is only 57 percent funded while rising prices and market disruptions threaten the food security of vulnerable families across oPt, particularly in the Gaza Strip. (*OCHA*)
- WFP is currently facing a funding shortfall of US\$ 28.3 million for the next six months to continue providing monthly life-saving food assistance to vulnerable Palestinians beyond March 2023.

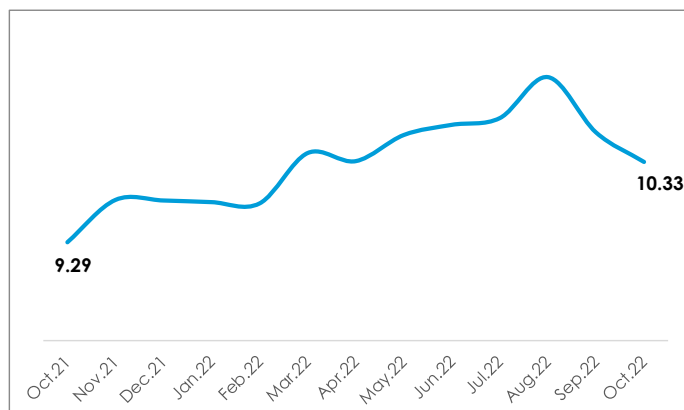
WFP Activities

Value of WFP Food Rations

Monthly average value of WFP food rations per capita (\$)

%CHANGE (\$): OCT 2022/2021 = 11.3%

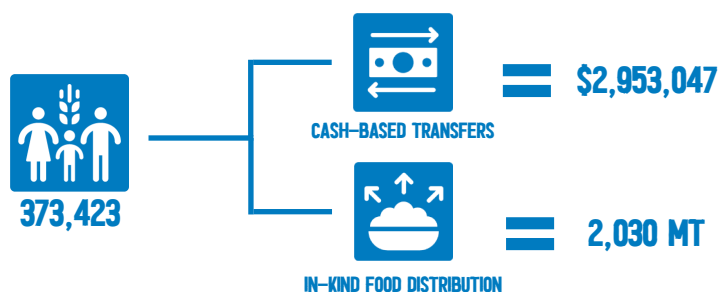
%CHANGE (\$): OCT/SEP 2022 = -3.6%



In October 2022, the monthly average value of WFP food rations per capita in local currency (NIS) has increased by 16.5 percent since the beginning of the Ukraine crisis (February 2022), and by 22.6 percent compared to the corresponding month in 2021. The ration value has decreased slightly by 0.6 percent compared to September this decrease is mainly driven by the slight decrease in wheat flour price in West Bank. The prices of lentils and chickpeas has also increased.

Food Accessibility & Availability

- In October 2022, only 3.8 percent of WFP beneficiaries reported witnessing an increase in prices of some commodities such as poultry, eggs and vegetables. This figure reflects the slight increase in CPI and Food CPI during October compared to the previous month by 0.4 and 1.4 percent respectively.
- Around 40 percent of interviewed WFP beneficiaries reported not being able to buy the same amount of food as they did during the previous month and relied on some coping strategies such as consuming less quality food or less preferred food, reducing quantities of food consumed, and purchasing food on credit.
- According to WFP Palestine’s monitoring of WFP contracted shops, 50 percent of shops have enough product stock to last for only one month or less, a decrease by 7 percent compared to the previous month. The remaining 50 percent reported having sufficient stock to meet demands for two months up to 6 months.
- 55 percent of WFP’s contracted shops reported that the increase in prices had negative impact on their sales volume in the previous months.

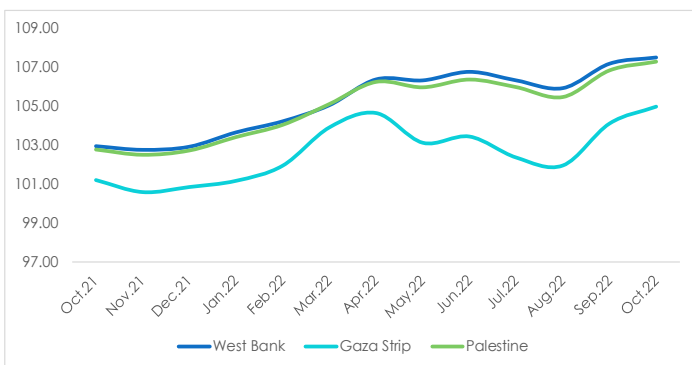


TOP ITEMS REDEEMED



Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Overall Consumer Price Index



%CHANGE: OCT/SEP 2022 (INFLATION RATE)

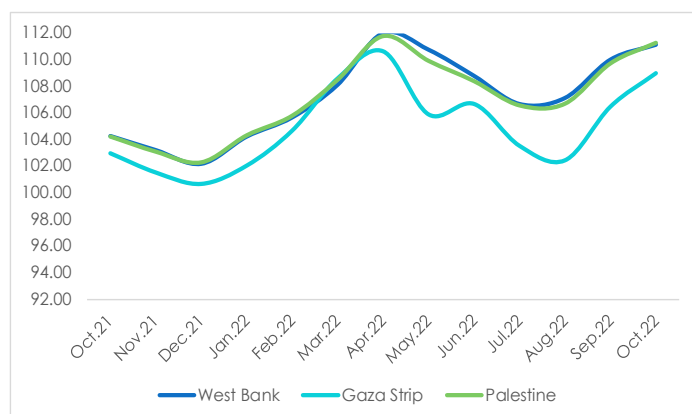
- PALESTINE = 0.4%
- WEST BANK = 0.3%
- GAZA STRIP = 0.8%

%CHANGE: OCT 2022/2021 (INFLATION RATE)

- PALESTINE = 4.4%
- WEST BANK = 4.4%
- GAZA STRIP = 3.7%

In October 2022, the overall consumer price index (CPI) increased by 0.4 percent compared to the previous month. The Food CPI increased in October 2022 by 1.4 percent compared to the previous month. The increase in the consumer price index in Palestine during October compared to September was mainly driven by the increase in the prices of fresh vegetables by 10.6 percent, eggs by 7.5 percent, potatoes by 6.2 percent, and fresh chicken by 1.6 percent. (PCBS)

Food & Soft Drinks CPI



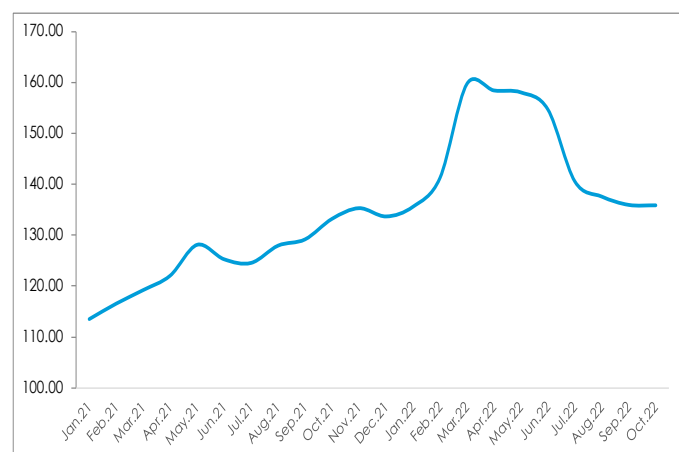
%CHANGE: OCT/SEP 2022 (FOOD INFLATION RATE)

- PALESTINE = 1.4%
- WEST BANK = 1.0%
- GAZA STRIP = 2.4%

%CHANGE: OCT 2022/2021 (FOOD INFLATION RATE)

- PALESTINE = 6.8%
- WEST BANK = 6.6%
- GAZA STRIP = 5.9%

FAO Food Price Index



%CHANGE: OCT/SEP 2022 = -0.1%

%CHANGE: OCT 2022/2021 = 2.0%

The FAO Food Price Index (FFPI) averaged 135.9 points in October 2022, a slight decrease of 0.1 percent compared to September, marking the seventh consecutive monthly decline, reaching pre-Ukraine crisis levels. The FFPI remains 2.0 percent higher than its value in the previous year (October 2021). The decrease in the FFPI in October was led by decline of all food types except cereals which recorded an increase of 3.0 percent.











The fall in FFPI in October was driven by the continuous decrease in vegetable oil prices as a result of improved production and export prospects in Southeast Asia, while the increase in cereal prices was driven by the increase in international wheat prices by 3.2 percent caused by the uncertainty about the Black Sea Grain Initiative's, geopolitical tension and lower supplies in the United States of America. (FAO)

Tracking Trends

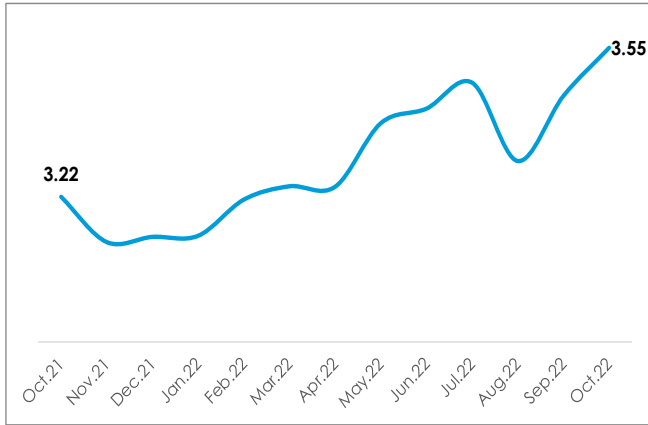
Sep-Oct 2022 % change

Feb-Oct 2022 % change

(Since the Beginning of the Ukraine Crisis)

 Flour	Gaza	12.0	↑	Gaza	21.7	↑
	West Bank	-0.3	↓	West Bank	34.9	↑
 Bread	Gaza	-2.4	↓	Gaza	6.8	↑
	West Bank	-0.6	↓	West Bank	16.3	↑
 Chickpeas	Gaza	-4.6	↓	Gaza	3.3	↑
	West Bank	1.9	↑	West Bank	-0.1	↓
 Lentils	Gaza	-2.0	↓	Gaza	6.5	↑
	West Bank	1.1	↑	West Bank	2.3	↑
 Table Salt	Gaza	0.0	↔	Gaza	15.4	↑
	West Bank	0.0	↔	West Bank	0.0	↔
 Eggs	Gaza	-4.3	↓	Gaza	10.9	↑
	West Bank	15.3	↑	West Bank	39.5	↑
 Corn Oil	Gaza	2.1	↑	Gaza	20.5	↑
	West Bank	-0.4	↓	West Bank	22.6	↑
 Chicken	Gaza	3.9	↑	Gaza	5.5	↑
	West Bank	2.2	↑	West Bank	-3.7	↓
 Potatoes	Gaza	13.6	↑	Gaza	54.4	↑
	West Bank	0.3	↑	West Bank	-12.2	↓
 Tomatoes	Gaza	63.0	↑	Gaza	25.7	↑
	West Bank	26.3	↑	West Bank	19.9	↑

Exchange Rate (NIS/\$)

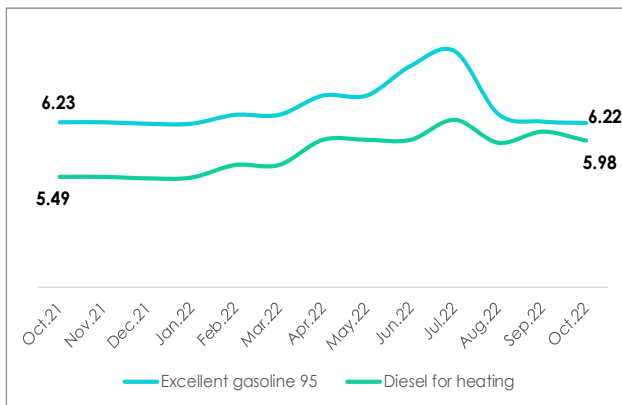


%CHANGE: OCT 2022/2021 = 10.2%

%CHANGE: OCT/SEP 2022 = 3.1%

The exchange rate of the USD against the local currency (NIS) has fluctuated since the beginning of the year. In October the exchange rate averaged **3.5 NIS** for 1 USD, **the highest rate since April 2022**, an increase of 3.1 percent compared to the previous month and an increase of **10.2 percent compared to October 2021**. **The appreciation of the USD will have a negative impact on the importation cost, and will likely result in adding inflationary pressure on the prices of commodities .**

Fuel - (NIS/L)

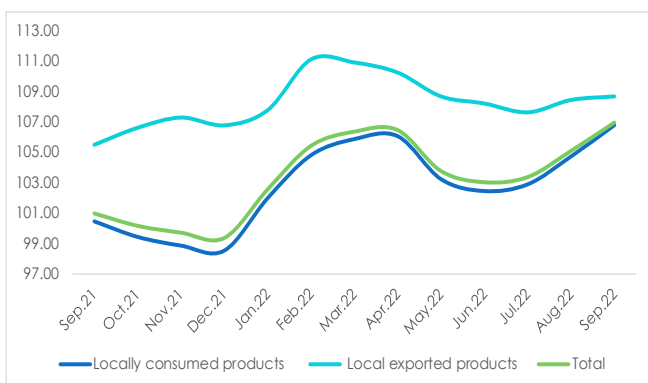


GASOLINE %CHANGE: OCT 2022/2021 = -0.2%

DIESEL %CHANGE: OCT 2022/2021 = 8.9%

The price of Excellent gasoline 95, one of the most commonly used fuels in Palestine, **has decreased slightly by 0.3 percent in October compared with September, and by 0.2 percent compared with October 2021**. The price of diesel, which is mainly used for heating, **has also decreased in October by 2.0 percent compared with September, and increased by 8.9 percent compared with October 2021**. The decrease in the fuel prices in October was driven by the international decrease of oil prices as a result of the declining in the global demand because of the growing fears of global recession. (PCBS)

Producer Price Index (PPI)



%CHANGE: SEP 2022/2021 = 5.9%

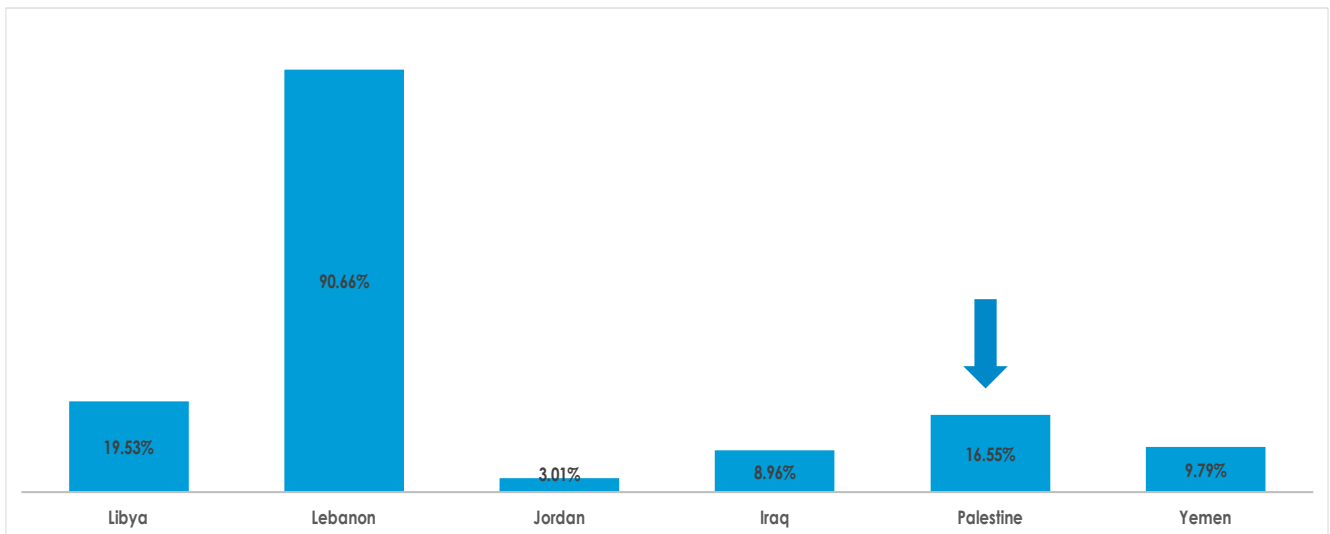
%CHANGE: SEP/AUG 2022 = 1.8%

The overall Producer Price Index (PPI) is the index that measures the value a producer receives from the purchaser for a unit of a good or service—minus any VAT, or similar deductible tax. The producer's prices exclude any transport charges invoiced separately by the producer.

The overall Producer Price Index (PPI) in Palestine during September 2022 (latest available data) **experienced an increase by 1.8 percent compared with August (2.0 percent for locally consumed products, and by 0.2 percent for local exported products)**. Also, the overall PPI in Palestine during September **recorded a sharp increase of 5.9 percent compared with September 2021 (6.28 percent for locally consumed products, and by 3.0 percent for local exported products)**. The increase in the overall PPI was driven by the increase in the prices of the following major activities: agriculture, electricity, and mining and quarrying compared to the previous quarter. (PCBS)

Food Basket Cost

% increase in the cost of food basket in the region since the beginning of the Ukraine crisis (Feb 2022)



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