



February 2026

MARKET SITUATION UPDATE

Amid Cambodia-Thailand Border Conflict

KEY FINDINGS

The market continued to function well in February 2026 despite a slight dip from January, driven entirely by reduced price predictability during the post-Lunar New Year period while other dimensions remained strong, indicating a seasonal holiday effect rather than underlying market deterioration.

Fear of renewed armed clashes—especially in Preah Vihear and Oddar Meanchey—continued to reduce market footfall in February 2026, pushing **households to rely on small village shops and mobile vendors**, for consistent food access.

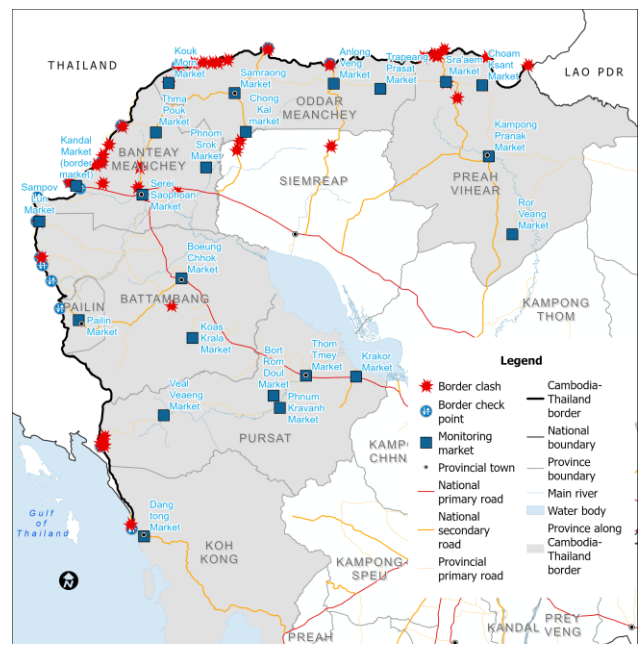
The basic food basket stayed stable at KHR 101,700 (+0.2%), with mixed provincial changes widening dispersion, reflecting uneven post-holiday restocking and supply flows despite no major overall cost movement.

February's overall basket stability masked offsetting movements in key commodities. **Morning glory prices fell sharply (-13.5% MoM), which helped counterbalance a strong increase in pork with fat (+16.7% MoM)**. Other staple items recorded only marginal changes.

BACKGROUND

Armed clashes have erupted along the Cambodia-Thailand border since mid-2025, initially in Oddar Meanchey and Preah Vihear provinces, with tensions spreading to other border areas. **As of February 2026, clashes and accusations of ceasefire violations continue along the Cambodia-Thailand border¹—particularly in Preah Vihear and Oddar Meanchey—despite the ceasefire agreement signed in late December 2025.**

To better understand the impact of the conflict and border closures on market, since October 2025, WFP Cambodia expanded its remote market monitoring to **23 markets located within seven provinces along the Cambodia-Thailand border** (see map on the right). This effort aims to track potential food price fluctuation and disruptions affecting vulnerable households living in the conflict affected provinces.



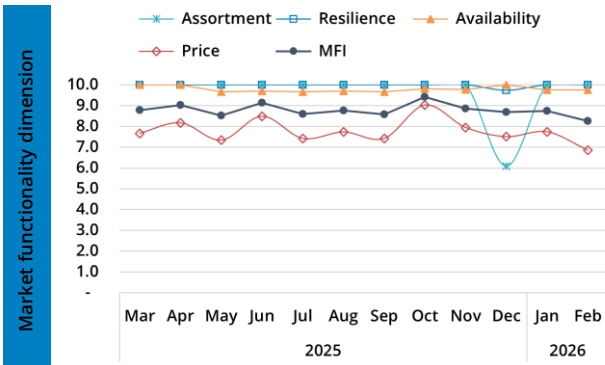
Source: The international border is delineated in accordance with United Nations-approved boundary.

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¹ Channel News Asia, 24 February 2026 (Thailand, Cambodia dispute exchange of fire at border – CAN)

Market functionality

The **Market Functionality Index¹ (MFI)**, developed by WFP, **measures how well markets operate in crisis or recovery contexts**. By tracking MFI scores over time, humanitarian actors can assess the feasibility of cash or voucher programs, monitor market recovery and resilience, and design interventions to strengthen market systems.

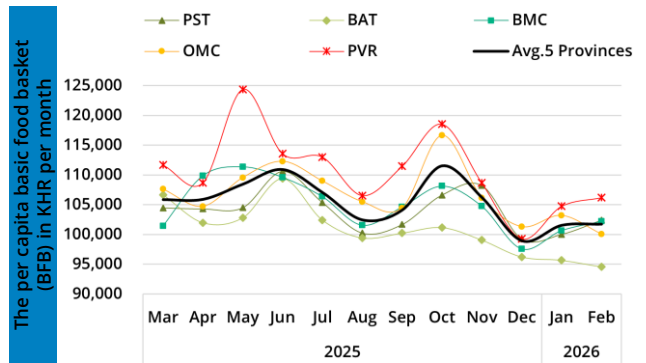


The figure above illustrates the MFI trajectory from **23 monitored markets** across seven Cambodian provinces bordering Thailand **that reported operating daily during the reporting period**.

After a slight rebound in January, the MFI eased in February 2026, driven entirely by a decline in the Price dimension. The timing coincides with post Lunar New Year period, when festive demand, short-term business closures, and supply constraints typically reduce price stability and predictability across food markets. Assortment, availability, and resilience remained high, **indicating that the February dip reflects seasonal holiday effects rather than structural market deterioration**. Meanwhile, consumer and vendor fear of renewed armed clashes continued to limit market footfall, increasing reliance on small village shops and mobile vendors, who play a vital role in sustaining household food consumption during periods of uncertainty.

Cost of basic food basket

The per capita **basic food basket² (BFB)** is calculated to assist with **interpreting the impact of monthly food price changes on the cost of a basic diet** consumed by Cambodian households. This section covers basic food basket costs in five border provinces³, excluding Pailin and Koh Kong due to limited data.



The cost of the basic food basket remained broadly stable in February 2026 (+0.2% MoM to KHR 101,700 per person per month), sitting 2.8% above December's trough but 8.8% below the October 2025 peak while year-on-year comparisons remain unavailable due to missing data. This stability was driven by the decrease prices for morning glory (-13.5% MoM) offset the increase prices for pork with fat (+16.7% MoM) while other items in the basket showed slight changes.

Province-level movements diverged (OMC - 3.0% MoM, BAT -1.2%; PST +2.4%, BMC +1.5%, PVR +1.4%) and inter-province dispersion widened. This pattern likely reflects uneven post-holiday restocking and trading schedules. The flat basket average alongside greater dispersion helps explain why vendors reported lower price predictability in February, even without a broad-based rise in food costs.

¹ The market functionality index (MFI) measures the functionality of monitored markets along the following key dimensions: assortment of essential goods, physical availability of goods in sufficient quantities, affordable and stable-predictable prices, and the underlying resilience of supply chains. Each dimension in the reduced MFI is indexed on a scale of 0 to 10, with a higher value indicating better market functionality at the time of monitoring. Overall MFI is an aggregation of the four dimensions

² The cost of the WFP basic food basket (BFB) is calculated to assist with interpreting the impact of monthly changes in food commodity prices on the cost of a basic diet consumed in Cambodia—such as rice, pork, fish, eggs, morning glory, sweet potatoes, and vegetable oil.

³ Pursat (PST), Battambang (BAT), Banteay Meanchey (BMC), Oddar Meanchey (OMC) and Preah Vihear (PVR).

Table 1: Retail prices and changes as of February 2026

Food commodity	Unit	Jul'25	Aug'25	Sep'25	Oct'25	Nov'25	Dec'25	Jan'26	Feb'26	Change compared to Jan'26	Change compared to Nov'26	Change compared to Feb'25
Mixed Rice*	KG	2,200	2,159	2,000	2,209	1,993	1,893	1,965	1,912	➔ -2.7%	➔ -4.1%	● -
30-35% broken rice	KG	2,263	2,150	2,075	2,050	1,800	1,950	1,800	2,100	↑ 16.7%	↑ 16.7%	● -
Snakehead fish (Live)*	KG	10,688	10,750	10,385	10,759	10,595	10,929	10,159	10,273	➔ 1.1%	➔ -3.0%	● -
Trey Pra (Live)	KG	7,531	7,781	7,333	7,995	7,819	7,500	7,568	7,692	➔ 1.6%	➔ -1.6%	● -
Catfish (Live)	KG	8,905	9,167	8,786	9,240	8,897	8,875	8,146	8,619	↑ 5.8%	➔ -3.1%	● -
Dried snake fish	KG	28,333	27,000	27,929	26,282	27,583	29,333	29,000	27,000	↓ -6.9%	➔ -2.1%	● -
Broahok	KG	7,875	7,917	7,600	9,200	8,667	7,500	8,250	8,222	➔ -0.3%	↓ -5.1%	● -
Trey Por	KG	10,333	10,250	10,238	10,802	11,067	10,625	10,136	10,000	➔ -1.3%	↓ -9.6%	● -
Red tailed catfish	KG	-	38,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	● -	● -	● -
Trey Sandai	KG	-	39,000	-	20,000	-	-	-	-	● -	● -	● -
Pork with fat*	KG	18,222	17,542	16,792	16,316	15,653	15,750	15,321	17,879	↑ 16.7%	↑ 14.2%	● -
Pork ribs	KG	17,800	17,958	16,958	16,246	15,074	15,400	14,400	16,714	↑ 16.1%	↑ 10.9%	● -
Pork bone	KG	14,463	14,000	13,646	12,851	15,000	16,000	14,000	-	● -	● -	● -
Pork legs	KG	14,521	14,125	13,896	12,956	15,250	14,444	14,563	14,611	➔ 0.3%	➔ -4.2%	● -
Beef with fat	KG	12,583	12,917	15,333	15,990	15,792	15,639	15,346	17,788	↑ 15.9%	↑ 12.6%	● -
Chicken meat (Farm)	KG	15,000	-	12,000	15,500	12,278	12,083	11,859	14,561	↑ 22.8%	↑ 18.6%	● -
Chicken meat (CP)	KG	15,139	14,389	15,556	16,074	12,361	12,194	11,958	14,424	↑ 20.6%	↑ 16.7%	● -
Duck egg*	10 pcs	5,633	5,069	4,875	5,417	5,379	5,036	4,636	4,552	➔ -1.8%	↓ -15.4%	● -
Salty duck egg	10 pcs	7,688	7,100	6,700	7,339	7,188	6,333	6,741	6,417	➔ -4.8%	↓ -10.7%	● -
Vegetable Oil*	5 L	29,788	29,310	29,200	28,239	28,750	28,792	28,767	28,450	➔ -1.1%	➔ -1.0%	● -
Iodized salt	KG	1,367	1,417	1,100	1,596	1,492	1,480	1,394	1,382	➔ -0.9%	↓ -7.4%	● -
Fish sauce (Lobster)	730 ml	3,500	3,400	3,375	3,000	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,417	➔ -2.4%	➔ -2.4%	● -
Ground nut	KG	10,500	9,524	10,800	9,400	9,519	10,167	9,944	9,773	➔ -1.7%	➔ 2.7%	● -
Soybean	KG	4,500	-	-	6,381	6,000	5,250	8,000	5,625	↓ -29.7%	↓ -6.3%	● -
Green bean/mung bean	KG	5,875	6,048	6,250	6,125	6,297	6,250	6,900	6,571	➔ -4.8%	➔ 4.4%	● -
Morning glory*	KG	3,000	2,288	3,130	4,078	3,583	2,686	3,325	2,875	↓ -13.5%	↓ -19.8%	● -
Carrot	KG	3,208	3,350	3,875	3,824	3,697	3,667	3,947	4,311	↑ 9.2%	↑ 16.6%	● -
Ivy gourd leave	KG	6,350	5,500	5,750	5,409	5,167	4,000	6,143	6,100	➔ -0.7%	↑ 18.1%	● -
Moringa leaves	KG	2,733	6,000	3,940	4,417	4,333	7,500	6,100	5,000	↓ -18.0%	↑ 15.4%	● -
Chinese spinach	KG	3,667	3,600	5,292	5,642	5,472	3,250	2,941	2,871	➔ -2.4%	↓ -47.5%	● -
Pak Choi	KG	3,792	3,750	5,042	5,279	4,903	2,917	3,029	3,045	➔ 0.6%	↓ -37.9%	● -
Chinese flowering cabbage	KG	3,625	3,600	4,542	5,103	5,083	2,889	2,924	2,864	➔ -2.1%	↓ -43.7%	● -
Mustard Greens	KG	3,625	3,600	4,083	4,686	4,500	2,700	3,039	2,717	↓ -10.6%	↓ -39.6%	● -
Amaranthus	KG	3,875	4,050	3,958	5,096	5,593	4,500	4,625	3,380	↓ -26.9%	↓ -39.6%	● -
Ngob leaves	KG	5,000	5,500	3,750	5,833	7,333	7,500	-	5,500	● -	↓ -25.0%	● -
Pumpkin leaves	KG	5,400	5,000	4,663	4,500	5,000	4,000	6,450	5,575	↓ -13.6%	↑ 11.5%	● -
Pumpkin fruit	KG	1,875	2,488	2,375	2,672	2,742	2,833	2,722	2,159	↓ -20.7%	↓ -21.3%	● -
Bottle gourd	KG	-	-	-	1,750	-	-	-	-	● -	● -	● -
Wax gourd	KG	3,708	2,850	2,458	2,401	3,088	2,607	2,368	2,096	↓ -11.5%	↓ -32.1%	● -
Long eggplants	KG	3,417	2,800	3,417	3,708	4,722	3,375	3,841	2,741	↓ -28.6%	↓ -42.0%	● -
Round eggplants	KG	3,625	2,450	3,500	4,005	4,639	2,750	3,856	2,643	↓ -31.5%	↓ -43.0%	● -
Tomatoes	KG	4,542	3,950	4,417	5,431	6,017	6,208	5,972	3,705	↓ -38.0%	↓ -38.4%	● -
Spong gourd	KG	3,625	3,000	2,792	3,302	3,264	2,900	2,889	2,615	↓ -9.5%	↓ -19.9%	● -

* Food items for calculate the monthly per capita cost of a basic food basket.

Note: Price data and change are reported in nominal terms/prices, i.e., prices observed in the marketplace.

Change in the price:

- ↑ Increase when % > 5
- ➔ Stable when % between 5 and -5
- ↓ Decrease when % < -5
- No prices recorded

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Ridge Gourd	KG	3,125	3,000	2,750	3,075	2,750	2,667	2,833	2,300	↓ -18.8%	↓ -16.4%	● -
Green papaya	KG	1,192	1,120	1,317	1,225	1,403	1,500	1,644	1,705	→ 3.7%	↑ 21.5%	● -
Long bean	KG	4,542	4,150	3,292	3,667	5,167	3,643	3,701	3,361	↓ -9.2%	↓ -34.9%	● -
Banana flower	KG	2,625	2,350	2,750	2,564	2,924	2,250	2,444	2,702	↑ 10.6%	↓ -7.6%	● -
Cauliflower	KG	5,833	6,250	8,050	7,599	8,472	3,950	3,771	4,046	↑ 7.3%	↓ -52.2%	● -
Chinese Kale	KG	5,042	4,850	6,500	7,146	7,530	2,417	3,364	3,800	↑ 13.0%	↓ -49.5%	● -
Orange-flesh Sweet Potatoes*	KG	1,750	1,750	2,500	2,633	2,650	2,800	2,950	2,813	→ -4.7%	↑ 6.1%	● -
Garlic	KG	6,781	6,639	6,350	6,784	6,767	6,708	6,583	6,659	→ 1.2%	→ -1.6%	● -
Ripe tamarind (with seed)	KG	5,700	5,938	5,900	6,109	6,037	5,313	4,139	3,565	↓ -13.9%	↓ -41.0%	● -
Ripe tamarind (No seed)	KG	-	-	-	5,667	-	-	-	-	● -	● -	● -
Water lily	KG	2,500	2,100	1,700	2,712	3,750	-	2,100	-	● -	● -	● -
Climbing wattle	KG	6,000	6,167	6,500	9,115	11,429	12,667	10,375	-	● -	● -	● -
Lufa Gourd leaf	KG	-	-	-	5,833	-	-	-	-	● -	● -	● -
Agati	KG	-	-	5,000	6,500	-	-	-	-	● -	● -	● -
Abalone mushroom	KG	6,950	7,750	8,875	8,755	8,083	5,000	7,821	9,750	↑ 24.7%	↑ 20.6%	● -
Cabbage	KG	2,680	2,938	2,900	3,382	3,722	4,271	3,333	2,833	↓ -15.0%	↓ -23.9%	● -
Chinese salad	KG	4,200	3,938	4,300	4,297	4,111	4,063	4,510	4,278	↓ -5.2%	→ 4.1%	● -
Bean sprout	KG	3,063	3,150	2,583	2,792	2,750	3,000	3,000	3,375	↑ 12.5%	↑ 22.7%	● -
Baby watermelon	KG	-	-	-	2,458	2,500	-	-	2,000	● -	↓ -20.0%	● -
Okra	KG	6,500	6,167	5,400	6,528	5,786	5,750	7,500	4,750	↓ -36.7%	↓ -17.9%	● -
Baby corn	KG	8,000	10,000	7,083	3,913	-	15,000	10,000	-	● -	● -	● -
Corn	KG	-	-	-	3,500	-	-	-	-	● -	● -	● -
Palm fruit (sliced)	KG	-	10,000	10,000	6,750	7,667	5,000	5,000	-	● -	● -	● -
Cucumber	KG	2,500	2,063	3,438	3,733	2,086	2,000	2,500	2,313	↓ -7.5%	↑ 10.9%	● -
Taro	KG	5,500	5,333	4,250	5,030	4,850	4,250	4,438	3,900	↓ -12.1%	↓ -19.6%	● -
Chinese radish	KG	3,000	3,167	2,500	3,910	3,528	3,625	2,833	2,583	↓ -8.8%	↓ -26.8%	● -
Bamboo shoot	KG	1,500	2,000	1,833	2,979	3,167	6,500	-	-	● -	● -	● -
Ripe Banana	KG	2,063	2,450	2,500	2,109	2,017	1,917	2,111	2,233	↑ 5.8%	↑ 10.7%	● -
Ripe Mango	KG	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	2,500	↓ -16.7%	● -	● -
Pineapple/Anana	KG	2,563	2,375	2,500	2,731	2,375	2,500	2,667	3,000	↑ 12.5%	↑ 26.3%	● -
Fresh milk	140 ml	2,000	2,167	-	2,000	1,967	-	1,900	-	● -	● -	● -
Coke	330 ml	2,000	2,000	-	1,894	1,775	2,000	2,000	2,000	→ 0.0%	↑ 12.7%	● -
Gasoline (Regular)	L	3,940	3,780	3,783	3,801	3,750	3,680	3,685	3,700	→ 0.4%	→ -1.3%	● -
Diesel	L	3,513	3,380	3,340	3,494	3,389	3,450	3,425	3,404	→ -0.6%	→ 0.4%	● -
Fertilizer: Urea	KG	2,938	2,875	2,793	2,795	2,735	2,600	2,867	2,557	↓ -10.8%	↓ -6.5%	● -

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