This quarterly tracker monitors commercial imports to Hudaydah and Saleef ports via the United Nations Verification and Inspection Mechanism (UNVIM). It also reports prices of basic food and fuel commodities as monitored by the World Food Programme. This edition covers the first quarter data of 2020.

**Fuel imports via Hudaydah port and comparison to regular monthly average**

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2019, fuel imports decreased by 7 per cent in the first quarter of this year. A 10 per cent decrease was also recorded from February to March. Despite these decreases, fuel imports have remained above the regular monthly average throughout quarter one of 2020. In March, fuel vessels approaching Hudaydah faced longer than average delays as they waited permission to berth. However, traffic has continued to flow, and volumes discharged have remained above average.

**Food imports via Red Sea ports and share of requirements met***

Food imports for the first quarter of 2020 reached 684,624 metric tons, which represents a 30 per cent decrease from imports in the fourth quarter of 2019. Import levels have continued to decrease gradually every month, with March levels reaching only 57 per cent of requirements – the lowest since March 2019. Q1 imports followed high volumes in Q3 and Q4 of 2019. Delays in entering the port also seem to be playing a role, with higher than average numbers of food vessels waiting permission to berth on any given day.

**Diesel prices in Yemeni rial and comparison to pre-crisis average price**

Fuel prices rose slightly in quarter one of 2020, increasing by 3 per cent from January to March. These increases follow a decrease in prices in quarter four of 2019 that accompanied near record-high import volumes. The slight increase this quarter may reflect lower import volumes. Overall, prices have remained more than twice the pre-crisis average.

**Average food basket prices increased by 6 per cent in the first quarter of 2020, and by March food prices had become 116 per cent higher than the pre-crisis average. Recent increases may be due to declining food imports through Hudaydah and Saleef, as well as ongoing depreciation in the exchange rate.**

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* "Requirements" refer to estimated nation-wide requirements. Import volumes reported here include only Hudaydah and Saleef ports.
Commerical Import Volumes via UNVIM-monitored Red Sea Ports (Hudaydah and Saleef) in Metric Tons
July 2016-March 2020

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