Flash Update 28:YER Exchange Rate Volatility August Week 2 & Week 3







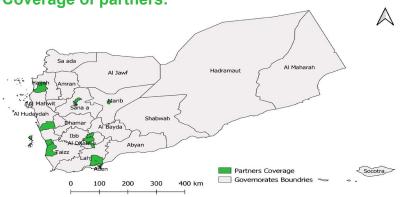




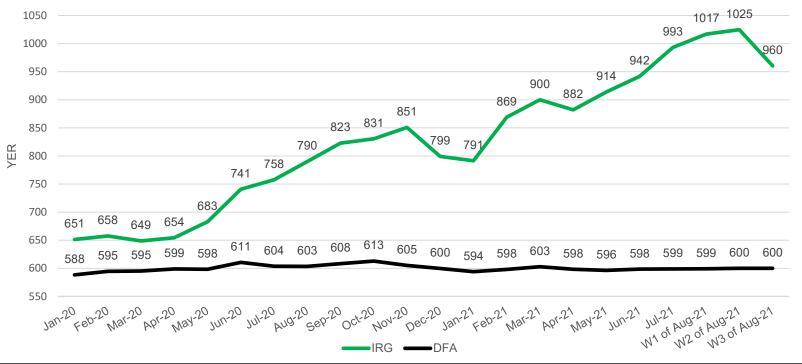
Key findings:

- The IRG vs DFA exchange rate variation currently stands at a 360 YER difference.
- The exchange rate in IRG areas continues to be volatile but it has returned back to less than a 1000 after continued depreciation over the past 5 months. This is possibly contributing to the wide fluctuation in prices.
- The range between the maximum and minimum value of the exchange rate from Aug W2 to Aug W3 expanded in the South from 60 to 111 YER, indicating an increase in volatility, while the exchange rate in the North expanded from 2 to 3 YER, indicating a slightly increase in volatility.
- Additional monetary constraints by decision makers may impact the future exchange rates; these impacts will be monitored in future outputs. It has also been noticed that the exchange rate companies/stores in Al Dhale'e have suspended their operations for more than a week following notification from the central bank.





Exchange rate over time:



Summary statistics for exchange rate August W2 & W3:

Output	DFA W2	IRG W2	DFA W3	IRG W3
Min weekly average	599	995	599	949
Min governorate	Sana'a City	Lahj	Hajjah	Al Dhale'e
Max weekly average	601	1055	602	1060
Max governorate	Hajjah	Lahj	Sana'a City	Marib
Overall average	600	1025	600	996
Overall median	600	1020	600	964

Average governorate exchange rate (DFA / IRG)*:

Governorate	August W1	August W2	August W3
Aden	- / 1008	- / 1029	- / 964
Al Dhale'e	- / 1016	-/-	- / 949
Al Hudaydah	600 / 1008	600 / 1024	600 / 1036
Hajjah	600 / -	600 / -	600 / -
Lahj	- / 1008	- / 1029	- / 964
Sana'a City	598 / -	600 / -	601 / -
Taizz	- / 1044	- / 1016	- / 1026
Marib	-/-	-/-	- / 1041

Methodology: The analysis is predicated on assessing the averages of exchange rates between the spheres of influence for both actors. Enumerators were told to assess three exchange shops per district. However, due to travel constraints and the size of towns where enumerators are present, assessing three shops daily may not be possible.



