



## Joint Market and Supply Chain Update

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### Key messages

- ◆ Livestock prices (goat and sheep) have increased in most markets due to the Eid al Adha festivals this week.
- ◆ Heavy rains in some locations of Central and Southern regions this week with no effect on supply corridors and transport services are normal.
- ◆ Scarcity of fruits and vegetables such as bananas, tomatoes, onions, mangoes and watermelons continues in most regions, however availability has improved in Northern regions although prices remain high.

#### Banadir and Hirshabelle

- Beletweyn river flooded and spilt to neighbouring villages. Local administration is advising the affected community to vacate to safe locations.
- In Beletweyne, livestock prices have slightly increased compared to last week and remain high due to the Eid al Adha festival. For instance, sheep prices increased from \$65 to \$68 (5%).
- The Ethiopian border in Beletweyn is still closed allowing only transport of food commodities.
- There was scarcity of local food items in Mataaban due to poor harvest. The population mostly depend on local food production.
- In Beletweyne, fuel prices are decreasing and remain low. For instance, diesel prices decreased from \$0.7 to \$ 0.6 (-14%) and petrol prices decreased from \$0.8 to \$0.7 (-13%) per litre.
- In Jowhar and Bakara market, both retail and wholesale prices of local items (white maize, red and white sorghum) and imported food items (rice, wheat flour, pasta, sugar and vegetable oil) remained the same as last week and are normal.
- In Bakara market, fuel prices are decreasing and remain low. For instance, petrol prices decreased from 14,000 to 12,750 SO SH. (-9%) per litre.
- In Buloburto, retail and wholesale prices of both local (white maize, red and white sorghum) and imported food items (rice, wheat flour, vegetable oil, sugar, dates) remained the same for the past two weeks and high.

#### Galmuduug

- There was heavy rainfall in Galkayo, Adado and Dhusaamareb with no effect on the supply chain corridors.
- Lead-time of food commodities returned to normal after the leadership conference ended in Dhusaamareb.
- Retail prices of local cereals (white maize, red and white sorghum) remain the same compared to last week except in Adado market where prices of local cereals (red sorghum and white maize) increased by 3%. Local cereals availability has improved in most markets in Galmudug markets and prices are normal. In addition, wholesale prices of local cereals have decreased by 10% compared to last week.
- In Galmudug, fuel prices continue to decline and they remain low. Compared to last week fuel prices have slightly decreased by (<5%) in most locations.
- In Cabuudwaaq and Guriel, camel milk (1 litre) prices increased from \$1.30 to \$1.90 (46%) and remain high in most markets.
- The unskilled labour wage rate has increased in Abudwaaq from \$5 to \$8 (60%), and remains high in Dhusaamareeb, Adado and Hobyo at \$8 but remains low \$4 in Galkayo.
- Export quality goat prices have remained the same as last week in most markets.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remains the same as last week.

### Somaliland

- The ongoing renovation of Hargeisa - Berbera road has affected business operations and movement of trucks leading to increased lead-time.
- Prices of fruits and vegetables have exhibited a declining trend for two weeks in a row after normalcy returned in Ethiopia, which is the main supplier, but remain high. For instance, prices of tomatoes (1 Kg) decreased from 14,000 to 13,000 SL. SH (-7%), onions from 7,000 to 6,500 SL SH. (-7%), garlic from 7,500 to 7,000 SL SH. (-7%), carrots from 11,000 to 12,000 (-9%). Prices of potatoes remained the same for the last three weeks at 7,500 SL SH. In addition, watermelon prices have significantly reduced due to improved local production. For instance, a 15 kg melon is currently selling at 30,000 SL. SH.
- In most urban centres in Somaliland, goat meat prices have remained the same as last week but remain high. For instance, in Hargeisa the price of kg goat remains at \$8.5. In addition, prices of camel meat increased from \$5 to \$7 (40%).
- Fuel prices have slightly increased this week compared with the previous week but remain low in most markets. For instance in Hargeisa, diesel prices increased from 3,800 to 3,900 SL SH. (3%) and petrol prices from increased from 4,900 to 5,000 SL SH. (2%) per litre.
- Prices of local cereals either decreased or remained the same in Hargeisa this week compared to last week. Red sorghum prices decreased from 2,500 to 2,300 SL SH. (-8%) however prices of white sorghum and white maize remained the same as last week both selling at 3,500 SL SH per kg.
- There is an increase in livestock prices throughout Somaliland particularly for goats and sheep due to the EID al Adha festival. For instance, in Hargeisa, goat prices increased from \$70 to \$83 (19%).
- Cross border trade between Somaliland and Ethiopia is normal and movement of fruits and vegetables from Ethiopia to Somaliland is ongoing normally. However, the price of vegetables remains high in Somaliland.
- Despite strong monsoon winds along the coastal areas of Somaliland, port operations are normal in Berbera. In addition, the Berbera port management has welcomed the arrival of a third mobile harbour crane, which will further increase operational productivity at the port.

### Jubbaland

- Somalia / Ethiopia border still closed with transport of commodities allowed once or twice a week. This has led to increase in prices of commodities such as coffee, honey, fruits and vegetables.
- Retail and wholesale prices of imported food items remain the same for four weeks in a row in most markets.
- There is an increase in livestock prices particularly goats and sheep due to the EID al Adha festival on Friday. For instance, in Doolow, the price of goat increased from \$70 to \$85 (18%).
- Shortage of vegetables, especially potatoes, persists in Gedo region due to restricted supply from Ethiopia.
- Fuel prices have remained low and the same as the previous week in most markets.

### Puntland

- Vegetable prices are declining due to increased supply locally and imports. For instance, in Garowe, prices of potatoes and tomatoes decreased from 60,000 to 50,000 So SH. (17%). Onion prices remained the same as last week.
- Effects of monsoon winds still being experienced in the Berbera port resulting to increased lead-time.
- In Bossaso, prices of potatoes and tomatoes declined by 33% and 8% respectively compared with last week, due to increased supply but remain high. In addition, onion prices decreased from 40,000 to 30,000 So SH. (33%) per kilogram.
- Scarcity of fruits such as mango, banana, and oranges continue in most locations, which has made many households to purchase imported canned fruits. Traders believe that fruit shortage will continue as floods hit agro-potential regions.
- Livestock prices in Garowe and Bossaso markets increased from \$70 to \$95 (36%) due to Eid al Adha festivals and are high. However, prices may decline next week after Eid festivals.
- The exchange rate between the local currency and USD fluctuated in Garowe between 38,000 to 40,000 So SH. per USD. The exchange rate between local currency against USD is the highest in Puntland regions.

### South West

- The floods that affected transport services in most settlements in Afgooye last week have subsided and transport services are now normal.
- Due to seasonal changes, farmers experienced low production limiting supplies to the local markets.
- The exchange rate of local currency vs USD remains the same for the past six weeks in Baidoa, \$1 is equivalent to 25,000 SO SH.
- Meat prices (goat) remain the same as last week, however prices are likely to increase in the end of the week, during the peak of Eid Ul Adha festivities.
- In Baidoa, retail prices of imported food items (wheat flour, rice, sugar and dates) either increased or decreased by ( $\pm 15\%$ ) compared to last week.
- Fuel prices have remained low and the same as last week in most markets.
- In Xudur, prices of local cereals (red and white sorghum ) increased by 3% to 8%, but white maize prices remained the same as last week and prices are high.

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