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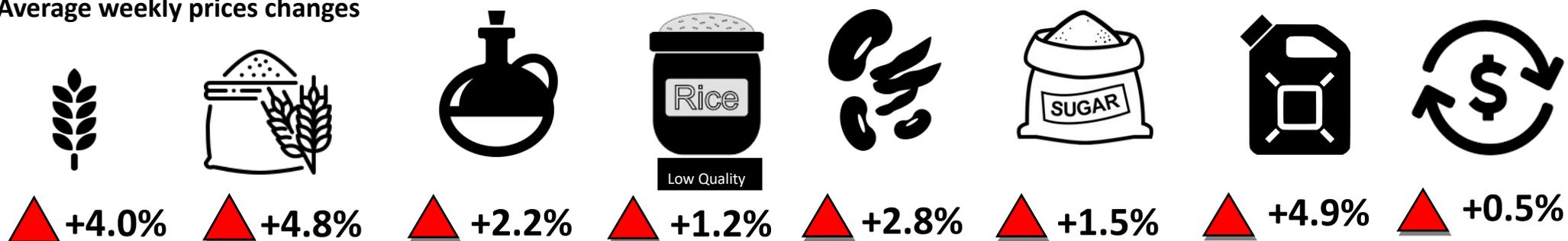


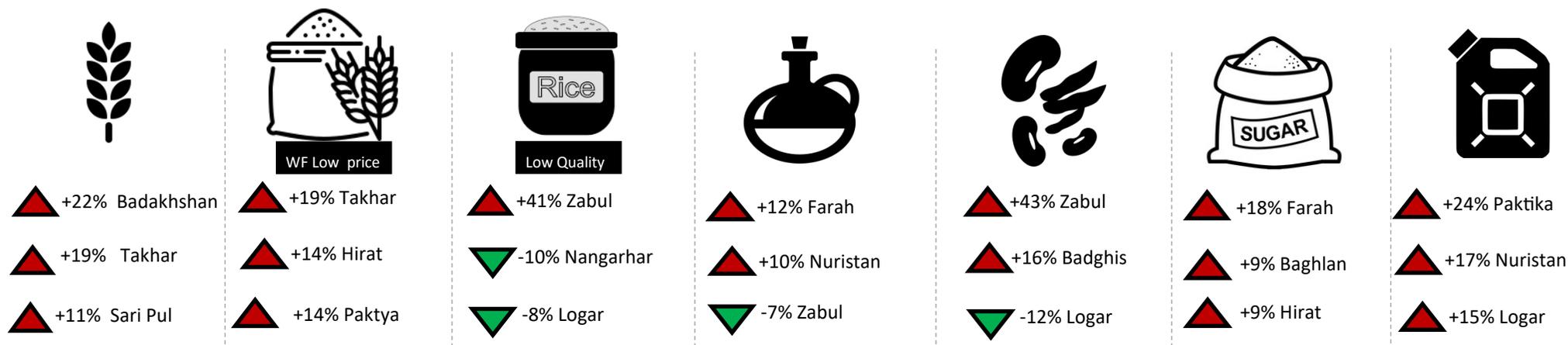
Highlights

- In the first week of October 2021, the prices of the food items were significantly higher than the last week of June (before the recent conflicts and political change).
- Price of wheat flour (Low & High prices) significantly rose by 5.1% and 4.5% respectively compared to the last week, mainly due to decrease of supply, closure of Spinboldak border, exchange rate fluctuations as well as the tax increase on imported goods in western region.
- Following increase in the price of wheat, both casual labour/wheat ToT and pastoralist ToT deteriorated by 3.1% and 3.9% respectively .
- Average weekly price of diesel rate continued to rise hitting a new record high of 63 AFN/L.

Main Food Commodities/Food Access indicators	1st Week of October 2021	Price/rate Changes (%)			
		Compared to last week of June 2021		Compared to the 5th week of September 2021	
WHEAT (Kg)	37.1	24.3	▲	4.0	▶
WHEAT FLOUR - High price (Kg)	45.3	34.6	▲	4.5	▶
WHEAT FLOUR - Low price (Kg)	40.8	33.5	▲	5.1	▲
RICE HIGH QAULITY (Kg)	93.5	5.1	▶	0.2	▶
RICE LOW QAULITY (Kg)	54.2	8.4	▲	1.2	▶
COOKING OIL (Kg)	164.2	22.4	▲	2.2	▶
PULSES (Kg)	99.8	7.0	▶	2.8	▶
SALT (Kg)	14.1	5.3	▶	0.6	▶
SUGAR (Kg)	59.5	17.4	▲	1.5	▶
DIESEL (LITER)	63.0	19.3	▲	4.9	▶
ONE YEAR ALIVE FEMALE SHEEP (HEAD)	7750.0	1.7	▶	-0.3	▶
LABOUR UNSKILLED/DAY	283.3	-8.0	▼	0.5	▶
LABOUR SKILLED/DAY	592.6	-7.7	▼	0.0	▶
# OF DAYS WORK AVAILABLE/WEEK	1.6	-32.3	▼	0.0	▶
EXCHANGE RATE	90.3	13.1	▲	0.5	▶
CASUAL LABOUR/WHEAT	7.7	-25.8	▼	-3.1	▶
PASTORALIST TOT	210.0	-18.3	▼	-3.9	▶

Average weekly prices changes





Diesel: The average weekly price of diesel increased by 4.9% compared to the last week and reached to the 63 AFN/L and it still remained 19.3% higher than last week of June 2021, before recent conflicts and political change. At provincial level price went up in Paktika (24%), Nuristan (17%), Logar (15%), Khost and Wardak (13%), Nangarhar and Paktya (11%), Bamyān (10%), Badakhshan, Kunar and Helmand (9%), Balkh and Daykundi (7%), Zabul, Takhar and Faryab (5%), due to globally increase, decreased supply at provincial level and shortage of physical cash with the traders to import more.

Casual Labour/Wheat ToT

Following significant rise in the price of wheat, casual labour/wheat ToT declined by 3.1%. The weekly ToT remained 25.8% below the number of last week of June 2021, before recent conflicts and political chaos.

This ToT declined in most provinces including Badakhshan (18%), Takhar (16%), Sari Pul (10%), Bamyān and Jawzjan (8%), Faryab and Hirat (7%), Samangan, Farah and Balkh (5%), Baghlan, Kunduz, Uruzgan, Ghor, Hilmand, Daykundi, Kandahar, Kunar and Nimroz (3%), due to increase in the price of wheat.

ToT mainly improved in Zabul by (8%), due to increase in unskilled labour wages.

Pastoralist ToT

The national average number of pastoralist ToT declined this week by 3.9%. Continuous decline in ToT resulted in a new record low of 210 Kg of wheat for price of one year old female sheep. This number is 18.3% below the number of the last week of June 2021. Increased wheat price and decreased the sheep price contributed to the main driver of ToT deterioration in most provinces including Badakhshan (18%), Takhar (16%), Sari Pul (10%), Ghor, Bamyān and Jawzjan (8%), Faryab and Hirat (7%), Samangan, Zabul, Farah, Balkh and Hilmand (5%), Daykundi (4%), Baghlan, Kunduz, Uruzgan, Kandahar, Kunar and Nimroz (3%). The only improvement occurred in Wardak (1%) due to increase of sheep price.