Highlights

- In the week 1 of January 2022, the prices of food items were significantly higher than the last week of June (before the recent conflicts and political change).
- The average price of wheat, wheat flour, cooking oil, pulses and Sugar negligibly decreased in the first week, after it peak price in 3rd week of Dec 2021, mainly due to exchange rate fluctuations.
- Average weekly price of diesel significantly decreased by 5.5% and reached 73.1 AFN/L, due to exchange rate fluctuations and increased supply.
- Work opportunities slightly deteriorated by 4.6% compared to last week.
- Pastoralist/wheat ToT negligibly deteriorated by 0.8%, due to changes in price of wheat and negligibly decreased in the price of sheep.
- Exchange rate (USD to AFN) after drastic increase in the 2nd week of December, slightly decreased in the 3rd week, negligibly increased in the fourth of December 2021 and this week, reached 104.0 AFN/USD and still lack of cash (USD) in markets & Banks and high demand for it exists in the market.

Average weekly prices changes

-0.7%  -0.3%  -1.5%  +0.7%  -0.5%  -4.6%  -5.5%  +0.8%
The average number of days that work is available for casual workers declined this week by 4.6% and reached to 1.2 days per week which is 49.4% lower than the last week of June (before the recent conflicts and political change). No work opportunity available since fourth week of August in Daykundi, Logar, Paktya and Panjsher. In Bamyan since 2nd week of September and in Badghis since 3rd week of December 2021. At provincial level, the number declined in Wardak, Ghazni and Paktika by 33% (from 2 to 1 day), due to reduced work opportunities during winter and improved only in Ghor by 100% (from 1 to 2 days) this week due to more work availability.

Diesel
This week the diesel prices significantly decreased by 5.5%. Compared to last week of June this week price is still significant higher (38.6%).

At provincial level, price decreased in Nurganstan (17%), Laghman (15%), Kunar and Nangarhar (14%), Daykundi (13%), Logar and Balkh (11%), Bamyam, Khost, Paktya and Faryab (10%), Ghazni (8%), Jawzjan and Sari Pul (6%), Nimroz, Wardak and Paktika (4%), Kabul, Panjsher and Badakhshan (3%) and Hirat (2%), due to increased supply. The price increased in Farah (5%) and Hilmand (2%).

Pastoralist ToT
The national average number of pastoralist ToT negligibly deteriorated this week by 0.8%. This number is 29.5% below the number of the last week of June 2021. The deterioration occurred in Wardak (19%), Ghazni (15%), Laghman (11%), Paktika (7%), Nangarhar (6%), Farah (5%), Faryab and Kandahar (4%), due to increased in the price of wheat and decreased sheep price. While improved in Bamyam (57%), Daykundi (39%), Ghor (8%) and Panjsher (7%), due to decreased wheat price and increased sheep price.