

Weekly market monitoring survey report

Food Security and Livelihoods assistance to the most vulnerable and food insecure population

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Ferozkoh



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PURPOSE AND SCOPE:

This Market monitoring was conducted from the month of July 2017 on weekly bases until end of October 2017. This document presents the market prices monitoring during the CBI activities. The work relied on the collection of primary data through twelve structured interviews with traders and twelve GDs with targeted communities. The rapid market assessment seek to assess whether the markets are functioning or are likely to recover quickly, if beneficiaries will be able to buy what they need locally and at reasonable prices, whether there is a risk of inflation (due to external factors) and if the cash transfer could cause or contribute to localized inflation.

This study aims to identify: 1) the essential food/non-food items are availability in the market, 2) accessibility of money transfer systems, 3) trends of major commodities and food prices in local markets, 4) clarify threats, risks and vulnerabilities to the market functionality, 5) whether markets are accessible and safe to access. These information support decisions on program design, including the type and degree of cash transfer programming appropriate to the context.

OBJECTIVES

- To understand the capacity of the markets to absorb the additional supply of cash and demand for food in light of the scope of cash based intervention in Ferozkoh market.
- To understand the market functionality and capacity to contribute to meeting survival and NFI needs of targeted households and communities in Ferozkoh market of Ghor province.
- To draw out from the analysis a set of response recommendations on how to mitigate the likely obstacles and barriers to the target group accessing the markets and adjust the CBI modality.

TARGET AREA:

The market monitoring has focused on targeted areas of Ferozkoh city of Ghor Province as part of its CBI intervention in response to the 2017 food insecurity problem. Ferozkoh, Maidan and Shahrak area selected as markets located to the close proximity of the targeted area and the project beneficiaries had access to these markets for fulfilling their food and NFI needs.

Table 1: Date and location of survey

S. Number	Province	District	Market Name	Date of Assessment	Interviewer phone number
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5	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Ferozkoh Market	09-07-17	NA
6	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Maidan Market	12-07-17	NA
7	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Ferozkoh Market	18-07-17	NA
8	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Ferozkoh Market	19-07-17	NA
9	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Maidan Market	24-07-17	NA
10	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Ferozkoh Market	27-07-17	NA

11	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Maidan Market	31-07-17	NA
12	Ghor	Shahrak	Shahrak Market	09-08-17	NA
13	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Ferozkoh Market	28-09-2017	NA
14	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Ferozkoh Market	09-10-2017	
15	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Ferozkoh Market	16-102017	

METHODOLOGY:

Data collection was carried out through structured questionnaires with traders in local markets and FGD with targeted communities. The Market feasibility assessment questionnaire includes Survey information, General market functionality, Access to markets, Prices of food and Non-food items, Availability of food and Non-food items in markets, money transfer system and Hawala and access to bank accounts.

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10	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Ferozkoh Market	27-07-17	NA
11	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Maidan Market	31-07-17	NA
12	Ghor	Shahrak	Shahrak Market	09-08-17	NA
13	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Ferozkoh Market	28-09-2017	NA
14	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Ferozkoh Market	09-10-2017	
15	Ghor	Ferozkoh	Ferozkoh Market	16-102017	

FGD SURVEY FINDINGS:

Survey date:

The FGD conducted from July 9th – October 16th 2017, the traders survey conducted from July 7th – October 16th 2017 and weekly monitoring survey conducted during 15 weeks of July and October 2017

FGD composition:

The FGD survey administered in communities that are representative of the area of intervention. 14 focus groups conducted participated by 43 male and 7 female that represent the views of all parts of the population (men, women, youth, elderly, etc.). Each focus group discussion attended in average by four community members (7 male and 1 female) drawn from the affected population, the maximum participating attended the FGD was consist of seven participants and the minimum participators were three participants.

Access to markets:

The survey revealed that all the assessed village have full access to markets for purchasing food and NFI items. The affected population surveyed in Ghor province are located near to the Markets they use donkeys and horses for the transportation of goods, hence the price of transportation is Zero recorded in FGD.

The FGD has confirmed that all the community member men and women have safe access to market and 100% of traders are able to provide most essential food and non-food items in the market.

The FGD survey shows that the 100% of the traders can fulfill the costumers supply in local market and are able to provide most essential food and NFIs.

Access to money transfer system:

The survey reveals that the functional money transfer systems (Hawala & bank accounts) are available for two assessed IDPs communities only; the rest 10 survey IDPs groups have access to Hawala dealers only. Hawala remains one of the effective and reliable source for all the targeted communities in the area.

For those IDP have access to banks, cash transfer through bank accounts is not feasible because;

- IDPs have lost their National ID cards and obtaining new ID card is time consuming process
- Bank cards are considered risky for IDPs, bank accounts in Ghor is mainly holding by government employees

TRADERS SURVEY FINDINGS:

The aim of the traders' questionnaire is to assess the prices of key commodities; whether prices have changed significantly due to the cash intervention and availability of commodities in the market. The assessment cover a minimum of one vendors per market with the real price. The trader's survey reveals that all the traders and markets are capable to absorb the cash, provide food and NFI in sufficient quantity and are functional all year round.

WEEKLY MARKET MONITORING:

On the base of bellow charts the price of items increased 1 – 5 AFN on weekly bases it's due to the high demand of the community from market, Ferozkoh Markets not connected by asphalt roads with the

main markets of Kabul and Herat due to that reason the supply of items take time, when demand become high due to the not supplying on time the price of food and non-food items go high from the normal price compare to the Kabul and Herat markets.

In a few cases the price of food and non-food items decreased from 1 up to 5 AFN it's because of low supply price, some times the price of supply decrease due to high number truck availability in the market, always the price of markets in Ghor province depend on the availability of transport if the transport is available the price remain normal and some the traders face with the shortage of transport in that case the price increase and the community direct effect by the increasing of food and non-food price.

One trader regularly surveyed at weekly bases in the main market to oversee the food and NFIs trends and fluctuations.

- Wheat flour: There are fluctuations in wheat prices, the reasons are the different quality of wheat, for instance, Kazakhstani, Pakistani and Afghan wheat has different prices. Only one trader has mentioned higher demand caused wheat prices increment.
- Rice: there are fluctuations in rice prices, the reasons are the different quality of rice, and for instance, local variety rice, Indian rice and Pakistani rice has different prices. Only one trader has mentioned higher demand caused rice price decrement.
- Oil: In average, no any changes in the price of oil.
- Sugar: In average, no any changes in the price of sugar, according to the quality of sugar the price different, for instance big grand sugar and small grand sugar.
- Salt prices remain the same during the surveillance period, no any changes
- Mung bean prices Decreased 5 AFN per Kg once during the surveillance time due to lower supplier price and due high production with one trader the price increased 5 AFN per kg, in average the price of Mung bean remain same during the surveillance period.
- Chickpeas: The price of Chickpeas remain same no any changes come during the surveillance period.
- Egg: The price of Egg remain same no any changes come during the surveillance period.
- Potatoes: On the base of quality the price of potatoes are different but in average the price not changed during the surveillance period.
- Onion: On the base of quality the price of Onion are different but in average the price not changed.
- Chicken meat: due to coming of winter and shortage of chicken meat the price of one Kg of chicken meat increased 30 AFN per kg.

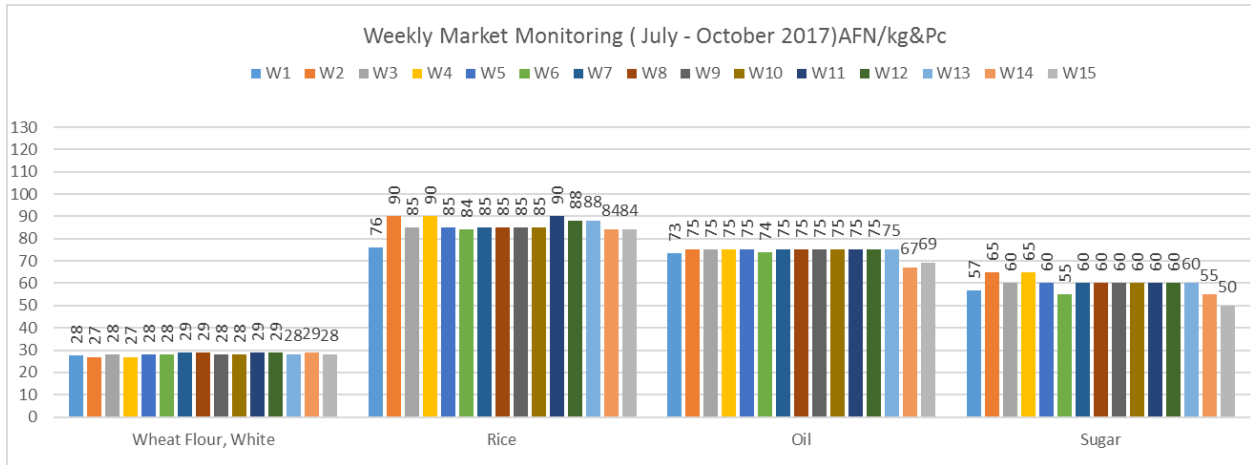


Figure 1: Weekly food prices monitoring - Jul & August & October

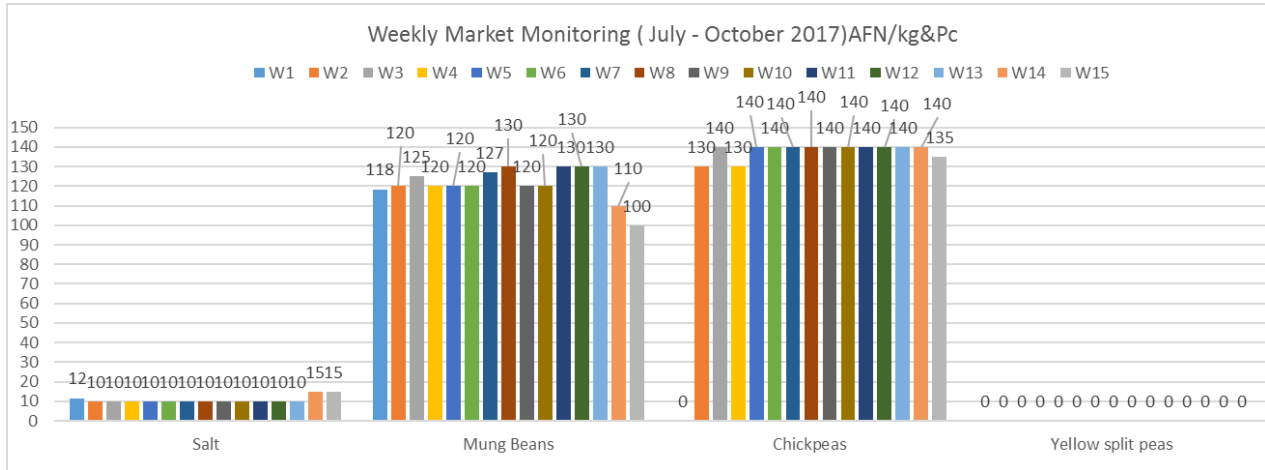


Figure 2: Weekly Food Prices prices monitoring - Jul & August & October

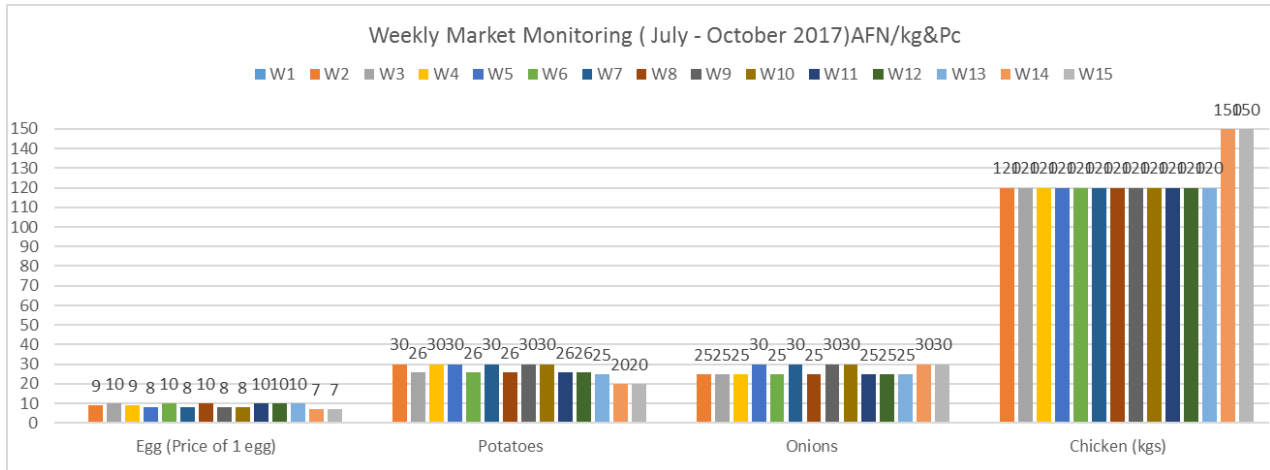


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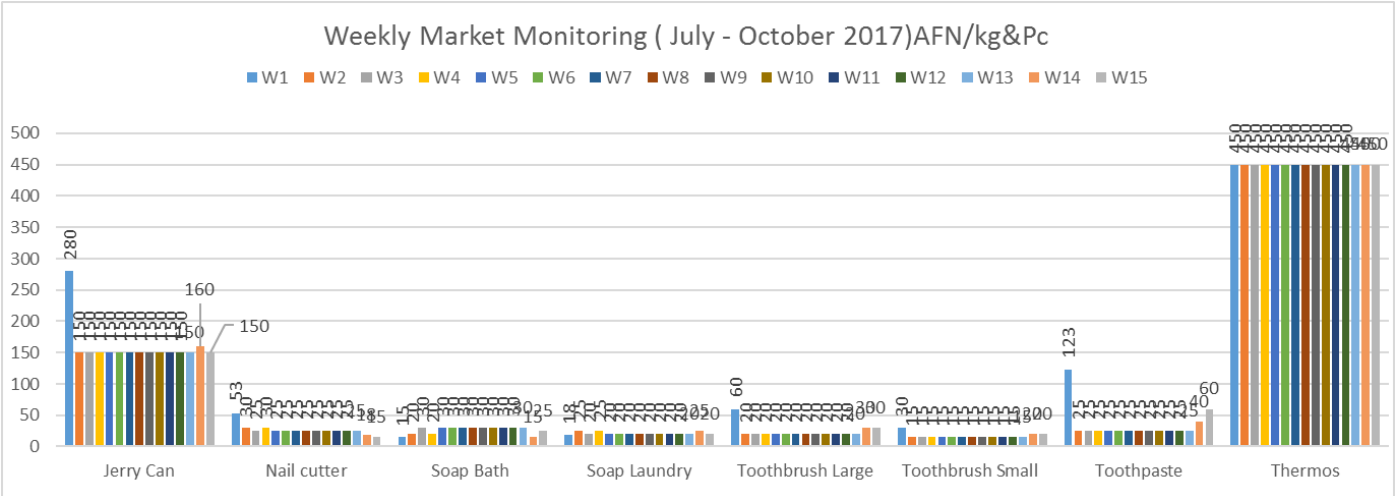


Figure 4: Weekly NFIs monitoring - July & August & October

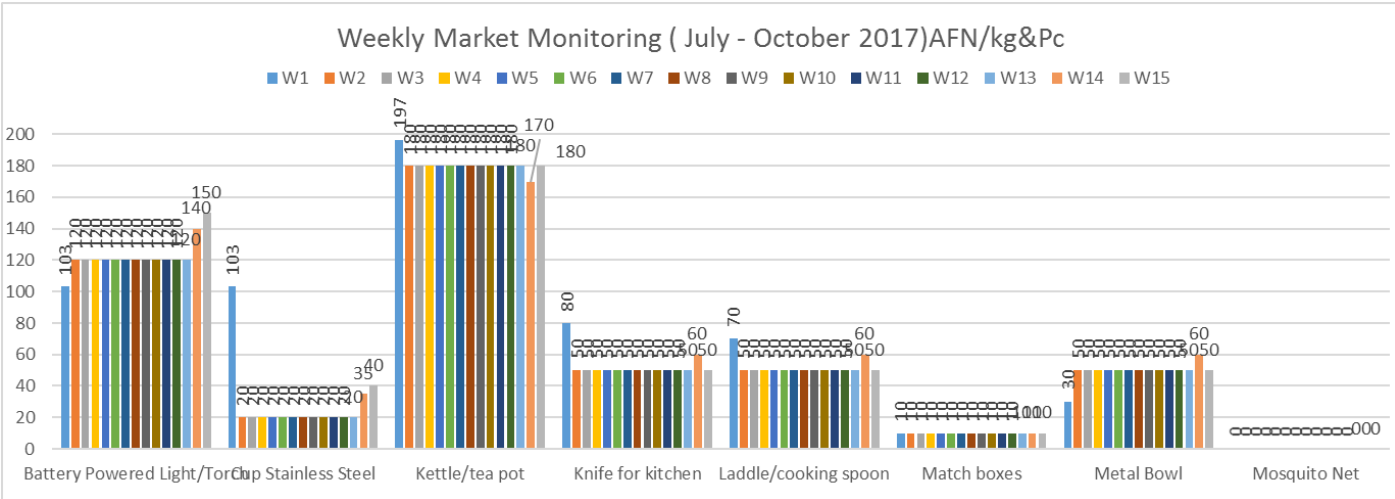


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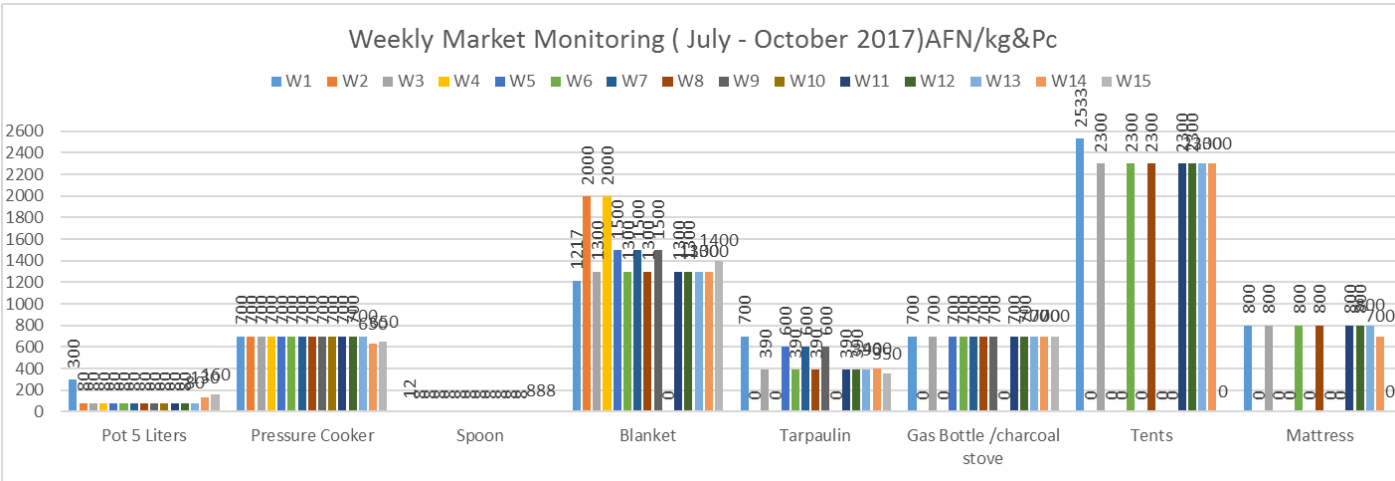


Figure 6: Weekly NFIs monitoring – July & August

Food Basket:

The amount of cash provided to each family/HH should cover their basic food needs, and is based on a culturally appropriate food basket for an average household size of seven people, assessing the calorie intake using the NutVal¹ software. The Food Security Cluster has approved this food basket.

Table 3: Food basket price collected on 8th June 2017

FOOD BASKET COMPOSITION	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	Days	Inds	Total kg	Unit Cost Item (Kg/L) in AFN Data collected through the Emergency Market Assessment	Monthly Price AFN
WHEAT FLOUR, WHITE	285.0	997.5	30.0	7.0	60	28	1,680
RICE	136.8	492.5	30.0	7.0	29	76	2,204
OIL	28.5	253.7	30.0	7.0	6	73	438
SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	57	342
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	12	12
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	118	1,652
TOTAL		2,100	Kcal			AFN	6,328

Table 4: Food Basket Price collected on 6th July 2017.

FOOD BASKET COMPOSITION	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	Days	Inds	Total kg	Unit Cost Item (Kg/L) in AFN Data collected through the Emergency Market Assessment	Monthly Price AFN
WHEAT FLOUR, WHITE	285.0	997.5	30.0	7.0	60	27	1,620
RICE	136.8	492.5	30.0	7.0	29	90	2,610
OIL	28.5	253.7	30.0	7.0	6	75	450
SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	65	390
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	10	10
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	120	1,680
TOTAL		2,100	Kcal			AFN	6,760

Table 5: Food Basket Price collected on 9th of July 2017.

FOOD BASKET COMPOSITION	Days	Inds	Total kg	Monthly Price AFN
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¹ NutVal is a spreadsheet application developed in Excel 2010 for the planning, calculation and monitoring of the Nutritional Value of food assistance. It aims to help ensure that nutritionally adequate food assistance is provided so as to minimize public health problems, particularly micronutrient deficiencies.

	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	Unit Cost Item (Kg/L) in AFN Data collected through the Emergency Market Assessment				
WHEAT FLOUR, WHITE	285.0	997.5	30.0	7.0	60	28	1,680
RICE	136.8	492.5	30.0	7.0	29	85	2,465
OIL	28.5	253.7	30.0	7.0	6	75	450
SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	60	360
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	10	10
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	125	1,750
TOTAL		2,100	Kcal			AFN	6,715

Table 6: Food Basket Price collected on 12th of July 2017.

FOOD BASKET COMPOSITION	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	Days	Inds	Total kg	Unit Cost Item (Kg/L) in AFN Data collected through the Emergency Market Assessment	Monthly Price AFN
WHEAT FLOUR, WHITE	285.0	997.5	30.0	7.0	60	27	1,620
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SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	65	390
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	10	10
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	120	1,680
TOTAL		2,100	Kcal			AFN	6,760

Table 7: Food Price collected on 18th July 2017.

FOOD BASKET COMPOSITION	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	Days	Inds	Total kg	Unit Cost Item (Kg/L) in AFN Data collected through the Emergency Market Assessment	Monthly Price AFN
WHEAT FLOUR, WHITE	285.0	997.5	30.0	7.0	60	28	1,680
RICE	136.8	492.5	30.0	7.0	29	85	2,465
OIL	28.5	253.7	30.0	7.0	6	75	450
SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	60	360
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	10	10

MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	120	1,680
TOTAL		2,100 Kcal				AFN	6,645

Table 8: Food Price collected on 19th of July 2017.

FOOD BASKET COMPOSITION	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	Days	Inds	Total kg	Unit Cost Item (Kg/L) in AFN Data collected through the Emergency Market Assessment	Monthly Price AFN
WHEAT FLOUR, WHITE	285.0	997.5	30.0	7.0	60	28	1,680
RICE	136.8	492.5	30.0	7.0	29	84	2,436
OIL	28.5	253.7	30.0	7.0	6	74	444
SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	55	330
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	10	10
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	120	1,680
TOTAL		2,100 Kcal				AFN	6,580

Table 9: Food Basket price collected on 24th of July 2017.

FOOD BASKET COMPOSITION	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	Days	Inds	Total kg	Unit Cost Item (Kg/L) in AFN Data collected through the Emergency Market Assessment	Monthly Price AFN
WHEAT FLOUR, WHITE	285.0	997.5	30.0	7.0	60	29	1,740
RICE	136.8	492.5	30.0	7.0	29	85	2,465
OIL	28.5	253.7	30.0	7.0	6	75	450
SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	60	360
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	10	10
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	127	1,778
TOTAL		2,100 Kcal				AFN	6,803

Table 10: Food basket price collected on 24th of July 2017.

FOOD BASKET COMPOSITION	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	Days	Inds	Total kg	Unit Cost Item (Kg/L) in AFN Data collected through the Emergency Market Assessment	Monthly Price AFN
WHEAT FLOUR, WHITE	285.0	997.5	30.0	7.0	60	29	1,740

RICE	136.8	492.5	30.0	7.0	29	85	2,465
OIL	28.5	253.7	30.0	7.0	6	75	450
SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	60	360
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	10	10
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	130	1,820
TOTAL		2,100	Kcal			AFN	6,845

Table 11: Food Basket Price collected on 31st of July 2017.

FOOD BASKET COMPOSITION	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	Days	Inds	Total kg	Unit Cost Item (Kg/L) in AFN Data collected through the Emergency Market Assessment	Monthly Price AFN
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RICE	136.8	492.5	30.0	7.0	29	85	2,465
OIL	28.5	253.7	30.0	7.0	6	75	450
SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	60	360
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	10	10
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	120	1,680
TOTAL		2,100	Kcal			AFN	6,645

Table 12: Food Basket price collected on 9th of August 2017.

FOOD BASKET COMPOSITION	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	Days	Inds	Total kg	Unit Cost Item (Kg/L) in AFN Data collected through the Emergency Market Assessment	Monthly Price AFN
WHEAT FLOUR, WHITE	285.0	997.5	30.0	7.0	60	28	1,680
RICE	136.8	492.5	30.0	7.0	29	85	2,465
OIL	28.5	253.7	30.0	7.0	6	75	450
SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	60	360
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	10	10
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	120	1,680
TOTAL		2,100	Kcal			AFN	6,645

Table 13: Food Basket Price Collected on 9th of August 2017.

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SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	60	360
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	10	10
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	130	1,820
TOTAL		2,100	Kcal			AFN	6,990

Table 14: Food Basket Price Collected on 11th September 2017.

FOOD BASKET COMPOSITION	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	Days	Inds	Total kg	Unit Cost Item (Kg/L) in AFN Data collected through the Emergency Market Assessment	Monthly Price AFN
WHEAT FLOUR, WHITE	285.0	997.5	30.0	7.0	60	29	1,740
RICE	136.8	492.5	30.0	7.0	29	88	2,552
OIL	28.5	253.7	30.0	7.0	6	75	450
SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	50	300
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	10	10
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	130	1,820
TOTAL		2,100	Kcal			AFN	6,872

Table 15: Food Basket Price Collected on 28th September 2017.

FOOD BASKET COMPOSITION	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	Days	Inds	Total kg	Unit Cost Item (Kg/L) in AFN Data collected through the Emergency Market Assessment	Monthly Price AFN
WHEAT FLOUR, WHITE	285.0	997.5	30.0	7.0	60	28	1,680
RICE	136.8	492.5	30.0	7.0	29	88	2,552
OIL	28.5	253.7	30.0	7.0	6	75	450
SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	60	360
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	10	10
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	120	1,680
TOTAL		2,100	Kcal			AFN	6,732

Table 16: Food Basket Price Collected on 9th of October 2107.

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WHEAT FLOUR, WHITE	285.0	997.5	30.0	7.0	60	29	1,740
RICE	136.8	492.5	30.0	7.0	29	84	2,436
OIL	28.5	253.7	30.0	7.0	6	67	402
SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	55	330
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	15	15
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	110	1,540
TOTAL		2,100	Kcal			AFN	6,463

Table 17: Food Basket Price Collected on 16th of October 2017.

FOOD BASKET COMPOSITION	Daily Ration g/person/day	Energy kcal	Days	Inds	Total kg	Unit Cost Item (Kg/L) in AFN Data collected through the Emergency Market Assessment	Monthly Price AFN
WHEAT FLOUR, WHITE	285.0	997.5	30.0	7.0	60	28	1,680
RICE	136.8	492.5	30.0	7.0	29	84	2,436
OIL	28.5	253.7	30.0	7.0	6	69	414
SUGAR	28.5	114.0	30.0	7.0	6	50	300
SALT	5.7	0.0	30.0	7.0	1	15	15
MUNG BEANS	68.4	237.3	30.0	7.0	14	100	1,400
TOTAL		2,100	Kcal			AFN	6,245

The amount of cash provided is calculated based on this food basket and the average market prices obtained from the Rapid Market Assessment. The tools used for this adjustment is the ERM Cash Calculator, which the result being rounded to allow for easier distribution. The market prices collected from a minimum of one vendor in the appropriate market place used by the affected population.

Based on market monitoring the food basket cost was relatively high than the amount identified by FSAC (Food basket cost of 2100 Kcal/person/day is 6000 AFN or 90\$).

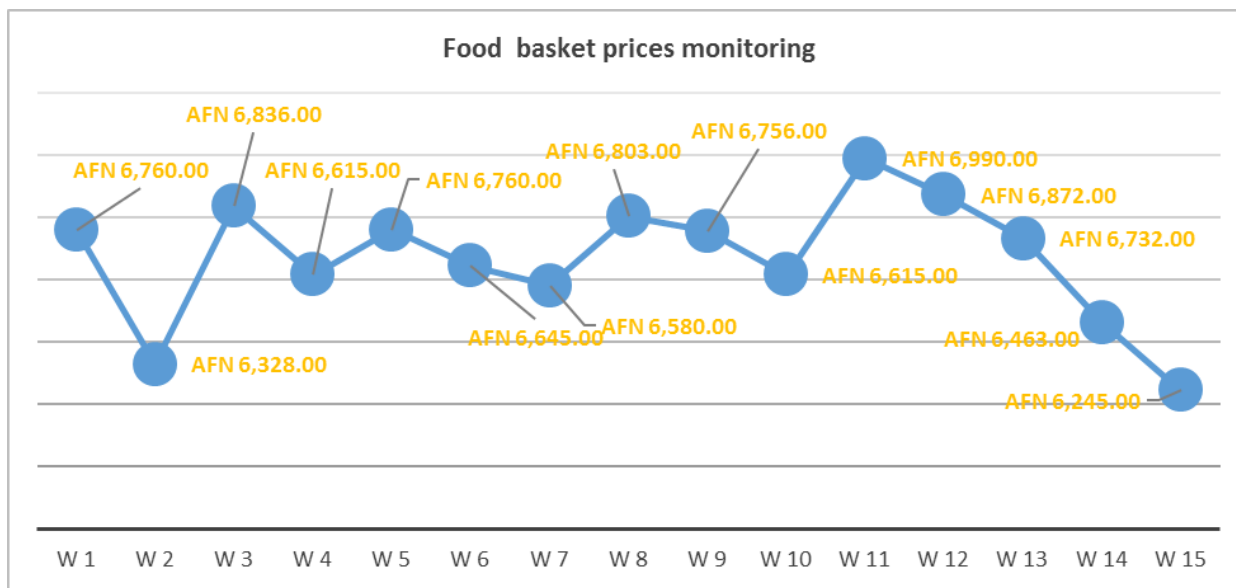


Figure 7: Food basket costs monitoring - AFN

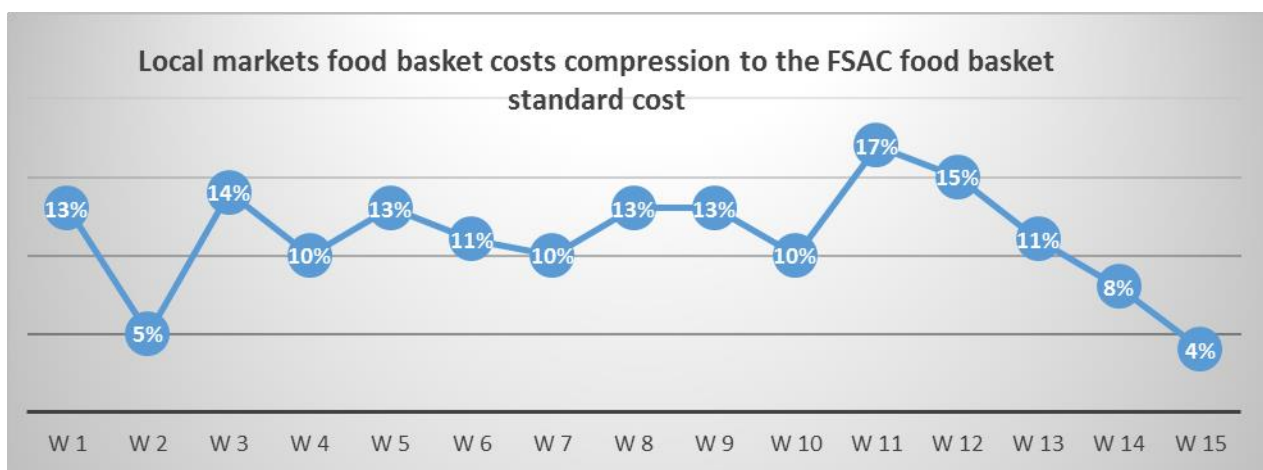


Figure 8: Food basket prices increment compare to FSAC food basket cost

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The market assessment conducted in several markets of Ghor province, the markets which are located far away from the center of province due to high transportation cost the food price high compare to food price with province center, because above reason only in one market market of Ghor province which is located in Ferozkoh city the price of food basket is equal with FSAC (Food basket cost of 2100 Kcal/person/day is 6000 AFN or 90\$) price. In the remain markets which are located faraway or around the provincial center markets the price of food basket is higher. The FGD survey findings shows that all the targeted communities have safe and full physical access for both (male and female) with no restrictions. The direct cash distribution had no negative impact on food prices fluctuations and supply. The market monitoring data evidenced that the beneficiaries who have limited access to provincial center markets are not able to buy food basket equal to the amount distributed them under this CHF assistance

and identified by FSAC (Food basket cost of 2100 Kcal/person/day is 6000 AFN or 90\$) due to high price of food basket in faraway markets of Ghor province.