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Highlights

 In Q4-2018, cereal prices have decreased in many countries where WFP monitors markets. However, apart from conflict-ridden Yemen, prices also increased in G..

 Yemen remains among the hotspots for food price increases. After the local currency, the Yemeni rial reached the lowest value against the US dollar in early..

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 percent) in Sudan, South Sudan, Iran and Zimbabwe, as these countries struggle with political or economic uncertainties, sanctions or conflict. The situation in V..

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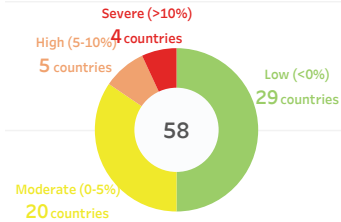
Food price hotspots - the ALert for Price Spikes

In Q4-2018, the ALert for Price Spikes (ALPS) indicator detected price spikes at crisis level for the two most important staples in 21 countries.



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Price trends' impact on cost of the food basket



The cost of the basic food basket increased severely (>10%) in four countries during Q4-2018: Ghana, Honduras, Yemen, and Zimbabwe.

High increases (5–10%) were seen in Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Uganda and Zambia.

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International prices

In Q4-2018, the FAO food price index fell by 3 percent from Q3-2018, while the cereal price index remained at the level of the previous quarter.

Cereals	Maize
The real price of maize increased by 4 percent from the previous quarter. Favourable weather raised expectations of bumper harvests in major producing countries. Nevertheless, world ending stocks remain below their opening value.	

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The real price for Brent crude oil was down by 11 percent from last quarter. Forecasts from the International Energy Agency (2018 Oil Market Report) point to adequate world supplies and a slow-down in the growth of global ..

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