



# Market Monitoring Report

Zimbabwe | February 2021

Reporting period: 1<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Issue No: 69

Released: 11 March 2021

## HIGHLIGHTS

*In February, COVID-19 restrictive measures continued to negatively affect urban livelihoods. Incomes derived from the informal sector further decreased due to restrictions that continued throughout the month. Notable price increases were observed during the reporting period for all major food commodities.*

### Markets Profile

The report is based on markets from 39 districts/domains (16 rural and 23 urban); the previous reporting period covered 38 districts (17 rural and 21 urban). 81% of the interviews were done remotely whilst 19% were done face to face.

### Major food commodity Prices

The price of the major food commodities increased in February by an average of 8%; specifically, maize grain increased by 15%, maize meal by 7%, sugar beans by 4% and cooking oil by 4%. The recorded rise in prices is a factor of increased demand against poor supply.

Supply of **maize grain** remained critically low, reported to be available in only 3% of monitored markets across 12 out of the 39 monitored districts; while supply of **maize meal** slightly decreased from an average of 72% in January to 71% in February, although the commodity was reported to be available in all monitored markets.

Availability of **vegetable oil** remained stable during the month, slightly higher in the urban markets than the rural. There was a 4% increase in the average price of the commodity. Availability of **sugar beans** slightly reduced, and the price rose by 4%.

### Maize Grain

Price: ↑ ZWL38.97/kg  
Previous price: ZWL33.81/kg  
Availability: ↓ 3%

### Maize Meal (unrefined)

Price: ↔ ZWL 58.71/kg  
Previous price: ZWL 54.67/kg  
Availability: ↓ 71%

### Sugar Beans

Price: ↔ ZWL 237.37/kg  
Previous price: ZWL227.47/kg  
Availability: ↓ 69%

### Vegetable Oil

Price: ↔ ZWL 173.43/kg  
Previous price: 167.48/kg  
Availability: ↑ 91%

### Exchange rate: Zimbabwean Dollar to US\$

Ask rate: ZWL 85.14    Midrate: ZWL 83.89    Bid Rate: ZWL 82.63

### Fuel

Diesel: ↔ ZWL 105.58    Blend: ↔ ZWL 104.82  
Diesel: ↔ US\$1.27    Blend: ↔ US\$1.26

Arrow legend: See [Annexes 10-12](#)

## Operational Environment Situation Update

### COVID-19

The raising of the national lockdown from level 2 to level 4 at the beginning of 2021, followed by a two-week extension mid-January and subsequent relaxation of lockdown measures from level 4 to level 1 at the start of March, has led to a significant reduction in COVID-19 daily cases and deaths. After experiencing a sharp increase in the number of cases in January, the country started recording a decline in February; the running average rose to a peak of 956 confirmed cases on 14 January and then dropped to an average of 240 cases towards the end of the month, a declining trend which continued into February and March. On March 9 2021, Zimbabwe recorded 32 new cases and 2 new deaths from COVID-19. The cumulative number of confirmed cases increased from 33,548 including 1,217 deaths on 1 February 2021 to 36,321 cases, including 33,919 recoveries and 1,489 deaths on 9 March 2021. As a result, the country relaxed the lockdown measures from level 4 to level 1 at the start of March 2021.

The government received the first consignment of 200,000 doses of the Sinopharm vaccine to immunise 100,000 individuals and started the rollout on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. Front line workers were prioritised for vaccination. More donations are expected from the government of China and the African Union, and the country has also purchased more doses (600,000) from China. As of the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2021, a total of 35,761 frontline workers have been vaccinated.

### Inflation and Exchange Rate

The official exchange rate remains relatively stable with the Zimbabwean dollar trading at **ZWL83.89:1USD** on 26 February 2021 compared to **ZWL82.68:1USD** on 26 January 2021.

Zimbabwe's annual inflation slightly decreased from 363% in January to 322% in February. The downward trend has been consistent for the past five consecutive months prior to the slight increase (of 13.71%) recorded in January, which was largely driven by rising food prices and increased cost of fuel among other factors.

### Overall market trends for food basket commodities in rural and urban markets



#### Maize Grain

Maize grain supply remained critically low, reported to be available in only **3%** of all rural and urban surveyed markets.

#### Maize meal

Availability **increased** in both rural and urban markets by **21%** and **6%** respectively.

#### Sugar beans

Availability of sugar beans **increased** by **8%** in rural markets but decreased by **4%** in the urban markets.

#### Vegetable Oil

Availability remained high and stable with the commodity available in most urban (**93%**) and rural markets (**90%**).



Maize grain prices **increased** by **6%** in rural markets and **19%** in urban markets, linked to limited supply and increased demand for the commodity. Grain Marketing Board (GMB) continued to sell the commodity at ZWL3.50/kg (ZWL175/50kg).

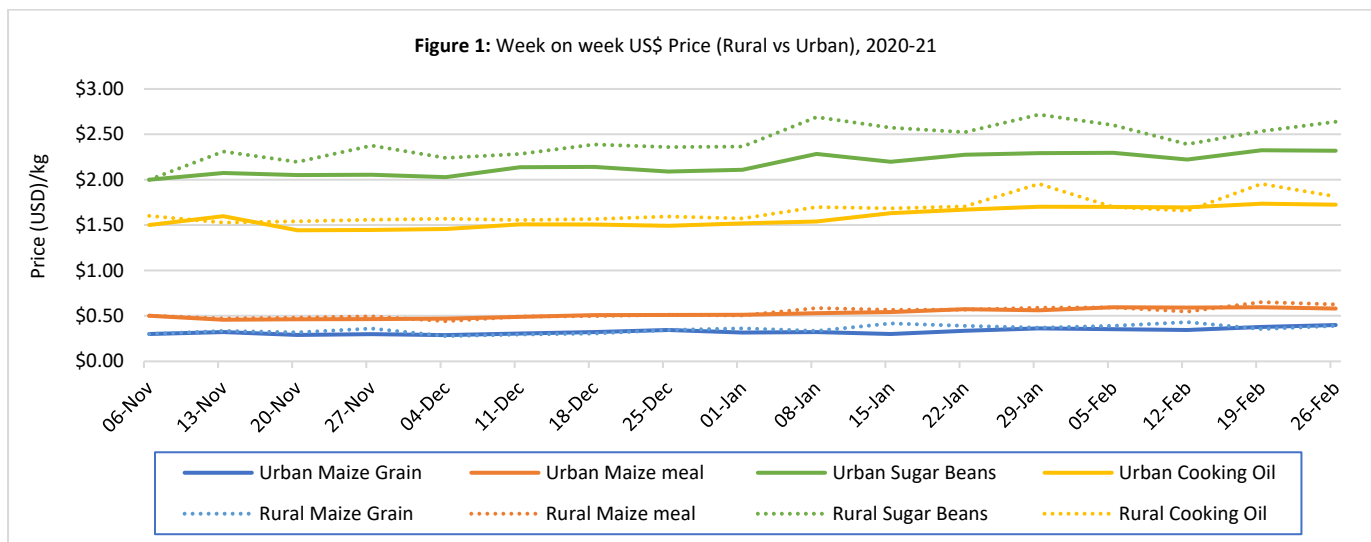
In February, maize meal price **increased** in both rural (**6%**) and urban (**8%**) markets compared to the previous month, due to increased demand driven by depleted household cereal stocks.

Prices **increased** in both rural (**2%**) and urban (**7%**) markets. Traders in Mangwe, Tsholotsho and Beitbridge were only accepting USD and/ ZAR payments.

Prices **increased** in both rural and urban markets by (**6%**) and (**7%**) respectively.

## Food Commodity Prices in Foreign Currency (US\$ terms)

Cereal prices rose during the reporting period; the average price of **maize grain** increased by 9% from **US\$0.35/kg** in January to **US\$0.38/kg** in February, and the price of **maize meal** saw a slight increase of 5% from **US\$0.56/kg** in January to **US\$0.59/kg** in February. **Sugar beans** were selling at an average price of **US\$2.37/kg** in February, which is comparable to January (**US\$2.36/kg**). The current prices for sugar beans are about 48% higher compared to the same period last year (February 2020). **Vegetable oil** prices increased by 4% from an average of **US\$1.69/L** in January to **US\$1.75/L** in February. The minor price increases noted during this reporting period are likely a result of the residual effects of the fuel price increase recorded last month, coupled with a general increase in the cost of doing business for importers and producers as a result of a declining macroeconomic environment.

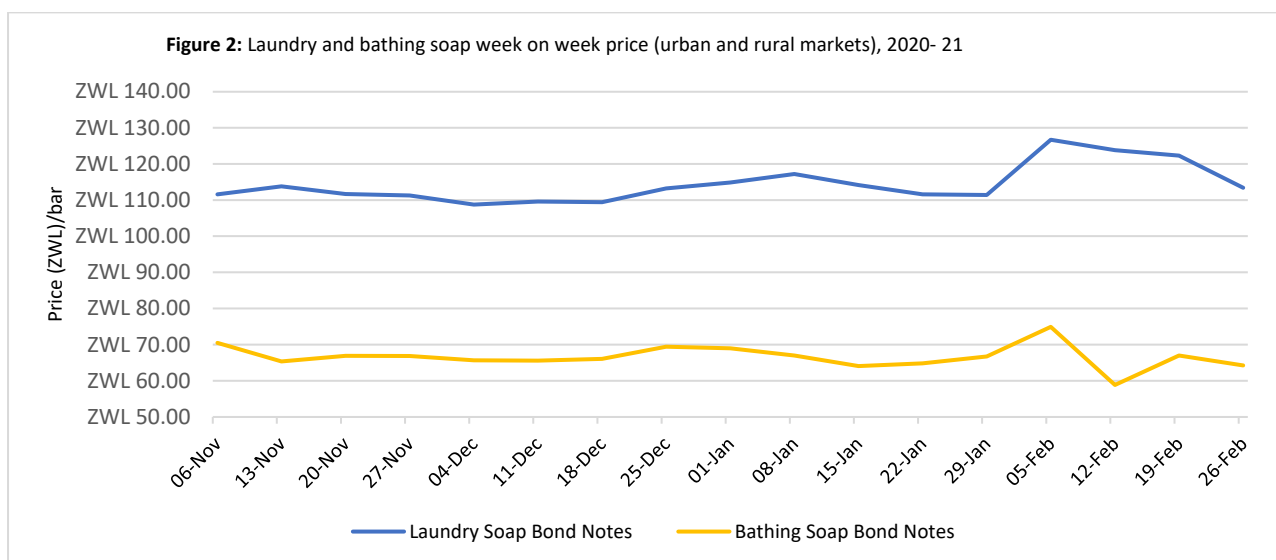


Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

## Non-Food Commodities: Laundry and Bathing soap

**Laundry** and **bathing soap** were available in **85%** and **87%** of the monitored markets respectively, which is comparable to last month (**85%** and **88%**). Laundry soap was selling at an average of **ZWL117.92/bar** in local currency and **US\$1.22/bar**, recording a **15%** and **17%** price decrease respectively compared to January. Availability for laundry soap and bathing soap increased by **15%** in urban markets and **9%** in rural markets during the reporting period. The price for laundry soap was **22%** higher in rural markets than in urban markets, whilst that of bathing soap was **19%** higher in rural markets.

The average price for bathing soap in the rural districts was **ZWL69.24** per unit, which is an **11% increase** compared to the previous month, whilst in urban markets it cost an average of **ZWL58.42** per unit, which is on par with the average price reported in January. Most traders were accepting USD payments at **US\$0.64** per unit, indicating a **19%** decrease compared to the previous month (**US\$0.79**).



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

## Rural markets – review of availability and prices in Zimbabwe dollars (ZWL)

### Maize Grain

Maize grain supply remained critically low across rural markets, the commodity was reported to be available in only **3%** of all monitored markets, similar to January 2021. Although the trend is typical for the peak lean season, current availability is much lower compared to the 5yr average of 40%. The only districts with availability above 15% were Muzarabani (**16%**) and Mwenezi (**19%**).

During the month under review, average selling prices **increased by 6%** from ZWL37.75/kg in January to **ZWL40/kg** in February (Figure 3). The highest bond note price was recorded in Mwenezi ZWL47.11/kg and the lowest in Binga at ZWL28.06/kg. For more details on district prices see [annex 3](#).

### Unrefined Maize Meal

Availability of unrefined maize meal rebounded from the dip observed in previous months, it was reported at an average of **62%** in February up from 41% reported in January, 49% in December and 53% in November. Bulawayo and Masvingo had 100% availability in the monitored markets whilst Bikita (**9%**) and Muzarabani (**5%**) had the lowest recorded availability percentages. Muzarabani reported no availability in December 2020 and January 2021, a situation partially attributed to some availability of maize grain in the District, which is more preferred by households.

The price of maize meal **rose by 6%** from ZWL55.59/kg in January 2021 to **ZWL59.12/kg** in February 2021 (Figure 4). The peak of the lean season is likely to push prices up due to increased demand caused by depleted household cereal stocks ([annex 5](#)).

### Sugar Beans

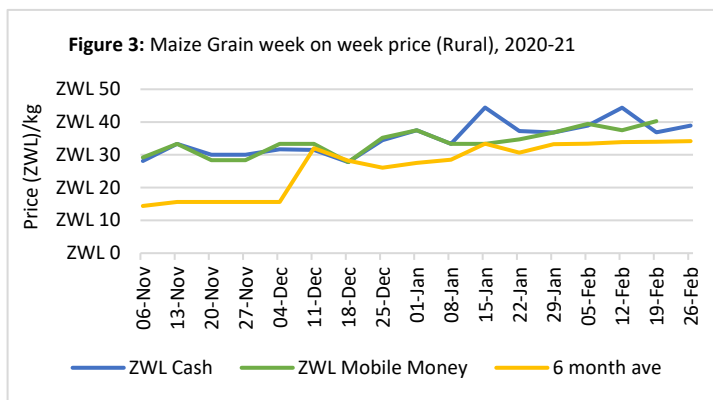
Sugar beans were available in **60%** of monitored markets in February, up from 52% in January 2021. Bikita reported unavailability of the commodity, whilst only Bulawayo, Binga and Masvingo districts recorded 100% availability.

The price of sugar beans was relatively stable, marginally increasing by **2%** from ZWL247.84/kg in January 2021 to **ZWL252.68/kg** in February 2021 (Figure 5). The average price was highest in Matobo at **ZWL323.05/kg** and lowest in UMP at **ZWL191.82/kg** ([annex 7](#)).

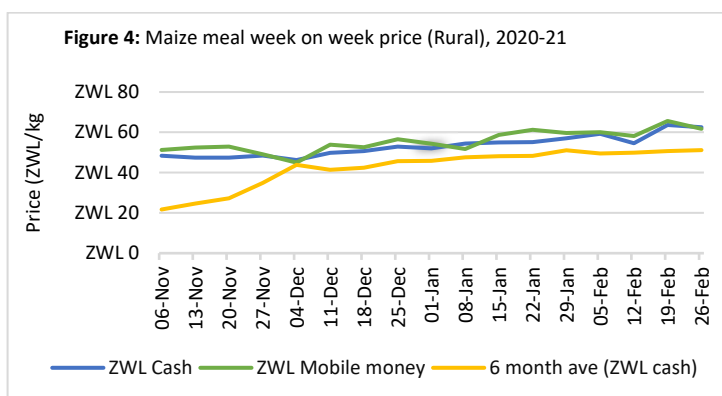
### Vegetable Oil

Vegetable oil remained available in most of the markets (**90%**), in line with what was reported in recent months. Muzarabani recorded the lowest availability for the commodity at **34%** whilst the rest of the monitored districts recorded above **80%** availability.

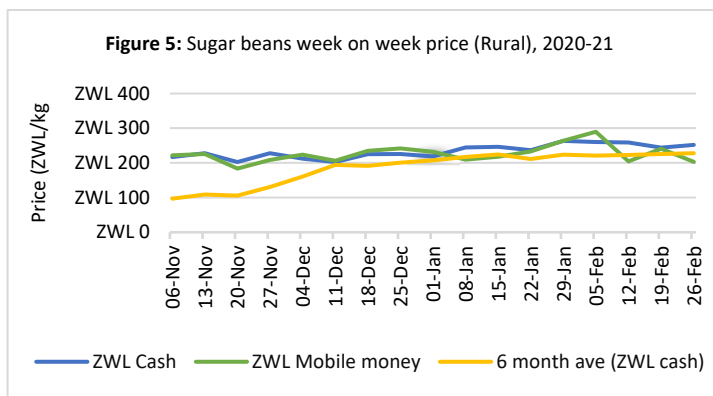
The commodity was selling at an average price of **ZWL178.22/L** up by 6% from ZWL167.94/L in January 2021 (Figure 6). An average of 8% premium was charged for mobile money transactions for the commodity.



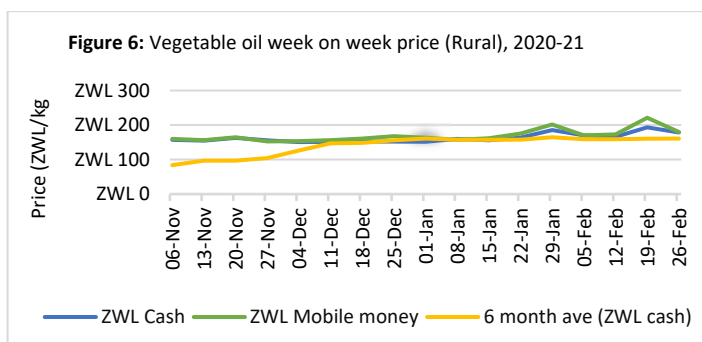
Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

## Urban markets – review of availability and prices in Zimbabwe dollars (ZWL)

### Maize Grain

Maize grain remained also largely unavailable in urban markets; reported availability dropped from 5% in January to **3%** in February 2021. Maize grain was available in Mutare urban (**20%**), Chiredzi urban (**17%**), Norton (**12%**), Kariba urban (**11%**), Gweru urban (**7%**) and Masvingo urban (**3%**).

The average price of maize grain **rose by 19%** from ZWL31.50/kg in January 2021 to **ZWL37.60/kg** in February. Gweru Urban reported the highest price at **ZWL45.00/kg** whilst Kariba recorded the lowest price for the commodity at **ZWL33.34/kg** ([annex 2](#)).

### Maize Meal

Maize meal was in supply across all monitored urban domains, reported to be available in **81%** of all monitored markets, up from 75% in the previous month. The lowest availability was in Kariba Urban at **37%**. ([annex 4](#)).

The average price of maize meal **increased by 8%** from ZWL54.33/kg in January 2021 to **ZWL58.48/kg** in February 2021. The highest price in the current month was recorded in Gokwe North (Nembudziya) at an average of **ZWL67.18/kg** which was also the district with the highest price in January at ZWL60.00/kg. The lowest price was recorded in Plumtree at **ZWL46.60/kg** which was also the district with the lowest price in January 2021 at ZWL31.00/kg.

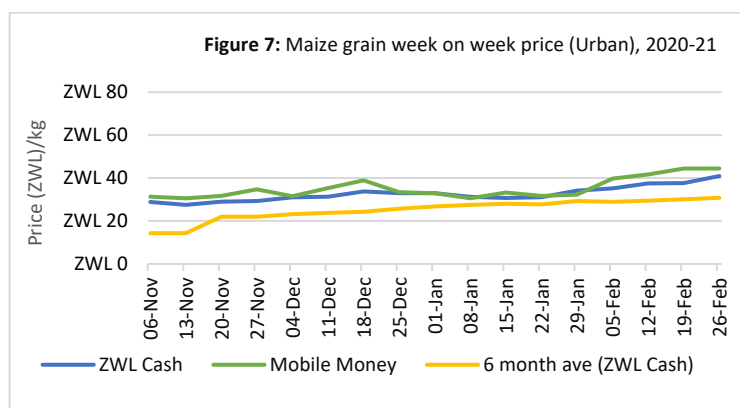
### Sugar Beans

Sugar beans were available in all monitored urban districts, and in **77%** of monitored markets compared to 81% in the month of January. Availability was lowest in Rusape urban at an average of **30%**, whilst all the other districts had availability above 50% ([annex 6](#)).

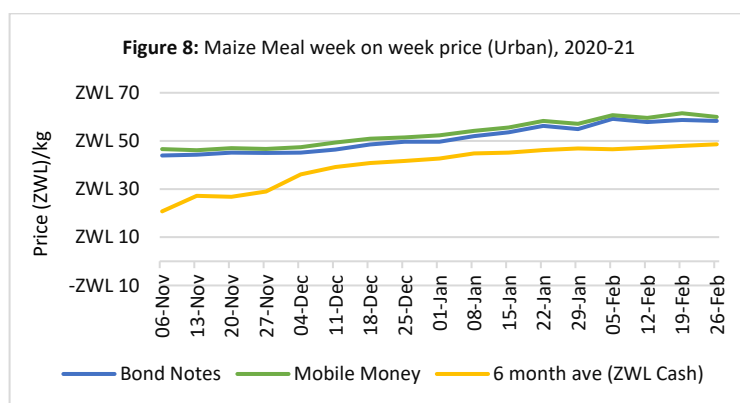
The average price for sugar beans in February was **ZWL228.08/kg** up from ZWL213.99/kg in January, marking a **7% increase**. The highest price was in Rusape urban at **ZWL273.90/kg** and lowest in Beitbridge Urban at **ZWL198.90/kg**.

### Vegetable Oil

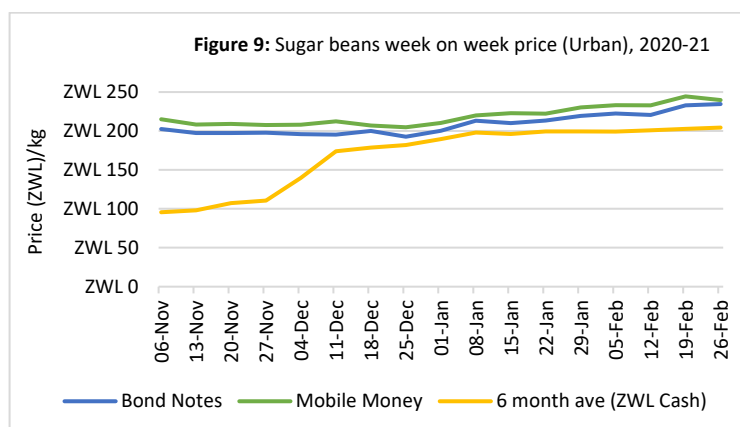
Cooking oil was available across all monitored urban domains and in **93%** of all monitored markets. The average price in February was **ZWL169.89/L** up from ZWL158.27/L in January, marking a **7% increase**. Beitbridge Urban had the highest prices at **ZWL191.50/L** and the lowest was Plumtree at **ZWL147.00/L**. ([annex 8](#)).



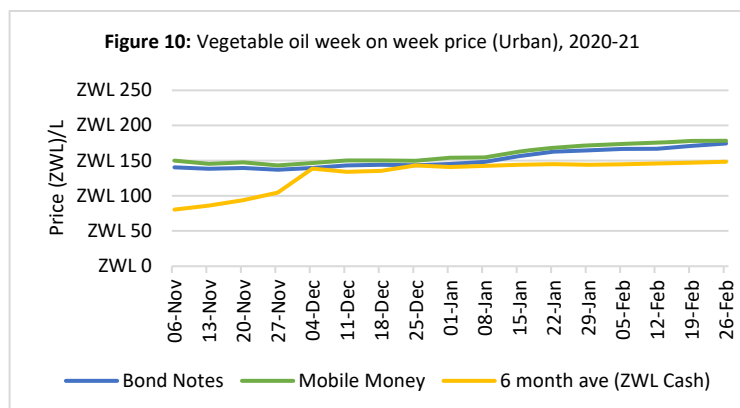
Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

## Annex 1: Sample and data collection

This report provides an update on WFP food basket commodities availability and prices. It covers the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> of February to 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 and is based on interviews with 1,271 traders, including 655 in rural districts and 616 in urban districts, across 39 districts/domains (16 rural districts and 23 urban domains). Annexes 10-12 explain the trend arrows used in the highlights.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions most of the data collection is virtual. The proportion of remote to face-face monitoring decreased from 86.5% in January to 81% in the current reporting period. Given the ongoing presence of COVID-19 in the country, it is strongly recommended that data continue to be collected remotely.

## Annex 2: Urban Districts Maize Grain Prices

District/Urban Domain	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-28 Feb 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (August 2020-February 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Jan 2021-Feb 2021)	6M % Change
<b>Maize Grain Urban Districts</b>											
Bulawayo	0%	0%									
Beitbridge	0%										
Chegutu Urban	0%	0%									
Chinhoyi Urban	0%	0%									
Chipinge Urban	0%	0%									
Chiredzi Urban	17%	13%	ZWL 40.28	ZWL 37.04	ZWL 44.45	10%	\$0.39	R 6.95	ZWL 36.39	9%	11%
Epworth	0%	0%									
Gokwe North (Nembudziya)	0%	0%									
Gokwe South Urban	0%	0%									
Goromonzi Urban	0%	0%									
Gweru Urban	7%	13%	ZWL 45.00	ZWL 36.00			\$0.50	R 10.00	ZWL 31.59	25%	42%
Harare	0%	6%		ZWL 38.89							
Insiza Urban	0%										
Kariba Urban	11%	11%	ZWL 33.34	ZWL 31.21			\$0.33		ZWL 27.71	7%	20%
Kwekwe Urban	0%	0%									
Marondera Urban	0%	0%									
Masvingo Urban	3%	2%		ZWL 38.89			\$0.39	R 5.56	ZWL 34.72		
Mutare Urban	20%	18%	ZWL 36.95	ZWL 27.86					ZWL 25.99	33%	42%
Norton	12%	26%		ZWL 27.78			\$0.34		ZWL 25.17		
Plumtree	0%	0%									
Redcliff		8%		ZWL 23.34							
Rusape Urban	0%	0%									
Tsholotsho Urban	0%										
Victoria Falls	0%	0%									
<b>Total</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>ZWL 38.89</b>	<b>ZWL 32.63</b>	<b>ZWL 44.45</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>\$0.39</b>	<b>R7.50</b>	<b>ZWL 30.26</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>29%</b>

## Annex 3: Rural Districts Maize Grain Prices

District	Availability		Prices					% Price Change			
	Monthly current availability (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-28 Feb 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (August 2020-February 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Jan 2021-Feb 2021)	6M % Change
<b>Maize Grain Rural Districts</b>											
Bikita	0%	0%									
Beitbridge	0%										
Binga	13%	0%	ZWL 28.06				\$0.28	ZWL 24.61		14%	
Buhera		60%		ZWL 55.56							
Bulawayo Rural	0%										
Chipinge	6%	0%	ZWL 38.89		ZWL 40.00	3%	\$0.39	ZWL 27.29		42%	
Chivi	0%	5%		ZWL 33.34							
Goromonzi		0%									
Gweru	0%	0%									
Insiza	0%	0%									
Mangwe	0%	0%									
Masvingo	0%	0%									
Matobo	0%	0%									
Mudzi		0%									
Muzarabani	16%	21%	ZWL 40.08	ZWL 35.84	ZWL 39.59	-1%	\$0.38			12%	
Mwenezi	19%	0%	ZWL 47.11				\$0.46	R7.36			
Nkayi	1%	21%	ZWL 44.45	ZWL 35.19			\$0.44	R7.78		26%	
Tsholotsho	0%	0%									
UMP	6%	0%	ZWL 35.19		ZWL 36.11	3%	\$0.35				
<b>Total</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>ZWL 38.96</b>	<b>ZWL 39.98</b>	<b>ZWL 38.57</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$0.38</b>	<b>R7.57</b>	<b>ZWL 25.95</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>28%</b>

## Annex 4: Urban Districts Maize Meal Prices

District/Urban Domain	Availability					Prices				% Price Change	
	Monthly current availability (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-28 Feb 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (August 2020-February 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Jan 2021-Feb 2021)	6M % Change
<b>Maize Meal Urban Districts</b>											
Bulawayo	90%	86%	ZWL 58.59	ZWL 56.81	ZWL 60.33	3%	\$0.61	R11.02	ZWL 46.03	3%	27%
Beitbridge	100%		ZWL 53.25		ZWL 53.25		\$0.47	R7.21	ZWL 42.15		
Chegutu Urban	100%	86%	ZWL 59.92	ZWL 55.79	ZWL 59.92	0%	\$0.52		ZWL 51.43	7%	17%
Chinhoyi Urban	83%	88%	ZWL 52.36	ZWL 49.67	ZWL 52.36	0%	\$0.62		ZWL 45.04	5%	16%
Chipinge Urban	81%	90%	ZWL 61.16	ZWL 55.81	ZWL 63.23	3%	\$0.61	R9.98	ZWL 48.55	10%	26%
Chiredzi Urban	83%	88%	ZWL 61.56	ZWL 59.26	ZWL 61.56	0%	\$0.62	R10.11	ZWL 42.81	4%	44%
Epworth	100%	88%					\$0.54				
Gokwe North (Nembudziya)	79%	88%	ZWL 67.18	ZWL 60.00	ZWL 68.14	1%	\$0.67		ZWL 51.65	12%	30%
Gokwe South Urban	45%	52%	ZWL 60.21	ZWL 50.03	ZWL 61.07	1%	\$0.56		ZWL 36.14	20%	67%
Goromonzi Urban	83%	79%	ZWL 51.38	ZWL 43.21	ZWL 54.45	6%	\$0.48		ZWL 41.67	19%	23%
Gweru Urban	67%	45%	ZWL 55.83	ZWL 54.68	ZWL 61.79	11%	\$0.54	R9.83	ZWL 46.20	2%	21%
Harare	93%	67%					\$0.54				
Insiza Urban	100%		ZWL 52.45				\$0.58	R9.70	ZWL 35.42		
Kariba Urban	37%	26%	ZWL 57.47	ZWL 54.27	ZWL 64.26	12%	\$0.63	R11.63	ZWL 47.22	6%	22%
Kwekwe Urban	100%	87%	ZWL 62.96	ZWL 57.96	ZWL 64.95	3%	\$0.68	R12.05	ZWL 49.10	9%	28%
Marondera Urban	95%	83%	ZWL 63.01	ZWL 58.91	ZWL 64.24	2%	\$0.59		ZWL 50.30	7%	25%
Masvingo Urban	97%	91%	ZWL 60.50	ZWL 57.21	ZWL 61.10	1%	\$0.62		ZWL 48.34	6%	25%
Mutare Urban	90%	90%	ZWL 60.53	ZWL 53.75	ZWL 62.97	4%	\$0.55		ZWL 48.74	13%	24%
Norton	72%	69%	ZWL 54.53	ZWL 50.89	ZWL 61.43	13%	\$0.57		ZWL 45.57	7%	20%
Plumtree	71%	88%	ZWL 46.60	ZWL 31.00			\$0.47	R7.71	ZWL 48.44	50%	-4%
Redcliff		100%		ZWL 52.21							
Rusape Urban	80%	0%	ZWL 64.09		ZWL 64.09	0%	\$0.67		ZWL 47.80		34%
Tsholotsho Urban	78%							R9.11			
Victoria Falls	95%	97%	ZWL 56.58	ZWL 52.71	ZWL 56.41	0%	\$0.57	R17.17	ZWL 47.89	7%	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>ZWL 58.01</b>	<b>ZWL 53.01</b>	<b>ZWL 60.86</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$0.58</b>	<b>R10.50</b>	<b>ZWL 46.02</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>26%</b>



## Annex 5: Rural Districts Maize Meal Prices

District	Availability				Prices				% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-28 Feb 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (August 2020-February 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Jan 2021-Feb 2021)	6M % Change
<b>Maize Meal Rural Districts</b>											
Bikita	9%	0%									
Beitbridge	53%							R8.84			
Binga	19%	44%	ZWL 57.00	ZWL 55.50	ZWL 60.00	5%	\$0.57		ZWL 39.94	3%	43%
Buhera		80%		ZWL 60.00							
Bulawayo Rural	100%		ZWL 66.28		ZWL 66.28		\$0.69		ZWL 40.25		
Chipinge	76%	100%	ZWL 52.80	ZWL 39.00	ZWL 55.00	4%	\$0.52	R10.11	ZWL 39.37	35%	34%
Chivi	77%	68%	ZWL 62.41	ZWL 59.18	ZWL 62.41	0%	\$0.61	R11.07	ZWL 45.28	5%	38%
Goromonzi		0%									
Gweru	50%	0%	ZWL 60.00		ZWL 65.00	8%	\$0.65				
Insiza	70%	82%	ZWL 57.67	ZWL 56.38	ZWL 55.50	-4%	\$0.59	R9.00	ZWL 44.06	2%	31%
Mangwe	75%	64%						R8.39			
Masvingo	100%	0%	ZWL 30.00				\$0.49	R10.00	ZWL 46.73		-36%
Matobo	83%	67%	ZWL 64.14	ZWL 55.46			\$0.66	R12.26	ZWL 47.02	16%	36%
Mudzi		35%		ZWL 55.83							
Muzarabani	5%	0%	ZWL 82.50		ZWL 85.00	3%	\$0.79				
Mwenezi	86%	0%	ZWL 53.22				\$0.53	R8.65			
Nkayi	37%	29%	ZWL 61.82	ZWL 61.67	ZWL 67.00	8%	\$0.61	R10.75		0%	
Tsholotsho	55%	39%						R9.81			
UMP	64%	96%	ZWL 49.97	ZWL 56.20	ZWL 64.67	29%	\$0.52		ZWL 44.40	-11%	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>ZWL 58.15</b>	<b>ZWL 55.47</b>	<b>ZWL 64.54</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>\$0.60</b>	<b>R9.89</b>	<b>ZWL 43.38</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>23%</b>

## Annex 6: Urban Districts Sugar Beans Prices

District/Urban Domain	Availability		Prices							% Price Change	
	Monthly current availability (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-28 Feb 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (August 2020-February 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Jan 2021-Feb 2021)	6M % Change
<b>Sugar Beans Urban Districts</b>											
Bulawayo	81%	88%	ZWL 232.51	ZWL 211.94	ZWL 243.30	5%	\$2.39	R45.66	ZWL 196.61	10%	18%
Beitbridge	71%		ZWL 198.90		ZWL 198.90		\$1.76	R29.60	ZWL 204.53		
Chegutu Urban	100%	93%	ZWL 239.99	ZWL 230.85	ZWL 239.99	0%	\$1.75		ZWL 163.59	4%	47%
Chinhoyi Urban	100%	94%	ZWL 236.88	ZWL 220.48	ZWL 236.88	0%	\$2.50		ZWL 198.49	7%	19%
Chipinge Urban	74%	87%	ZWL 227.89	ZWL 196.89	ZWL 235.94	4%	\$2.27	R39.22	ZWL 194.50	6%	17%
Chiredzi Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 225.25	ZWL 216.50	ZWL 231.92	3%	\$2.27	R38.31	ZWL 183.17	4%	23%
Epworth	83%	44%					\$2.04		ZWL 188.00		
Gokwe North (Nembu)	100%	100%	ZWL 249.29	ZWL 246.25	ZWL 265.80	7%	\$2.49		ZWL 232.86	1%	7%
Gokwe South Urban	77%	84%	ZWL 238.72	ZWL 211.87	ZWL 251.22	5%	\$2.30		ZWL 179.32	3%	33%
Goromonzi Urban	53%	44%	ZWL 235.97	ZWL 216.69	ZWL 253.07	7%	\$2.21		ZWL 211.22	9%	12%
Gweru Urban	87%	95%	ZWL 224.70	ZWL 201.91	ZWL 258.46	15%	\$2.25	R41.90	ZWL 187.51	1%	20%
Harare	67%	33%		ZWL 400.00			\$1.75		ZWL 188.00		
Insiza Urban	100%		ZWL 234.00				\$2.60	R43.00	ZWL 210.00		
Kariba Urban	52%	44%	ZWL 215.59	ZWL 193.63	ZWL 243.60	13%	\$2.39	R56.34	ZWL 193.82	1%	11%
Kwekwe Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 227.57	ZWL 225.35	ZWL 227.57	0%	\$2.37	R32.15	ZWL 211.65	1%	8%
Marondera Urban	90%	92%	ZWL 206.13	ZWL 223.19	ZWL 257.69	25%	\$1.94		ZWL 195.33	8%	6%
Masvingo Urban	85%	95%	ZWL 250.67	ZWL 237.35	ZWL 257.57	3%	\$2.59		ZWL 216.91	6%	16%
Mutare Urban	60%	78%	ZWL 246.52	ZWL 186.41	ZWL 246.52	0%			ZWL 180.09	32%	37%
Norton	60%	65%	ZWL 202.58	ZWL 200.98	ZWL 224.50	11%	\$2.12		ZWL 186.79	1%	8%
Plumtree	76%	75%	ZWL 217.00	ZWL 186.00			\$2.20	R39.87	ZWL 209.92	7%	3%
Redcliff		100%		ZWL 225.83							
Rusape Urban	30%	87%	ZWL 273.90	ZWL 599.99	ZWL 273.90	0%	\$2.94		ZWL 220.48	54%	24%
Tsholotsho Urban	100%							R40.44			
Victoria Falls	98%	98%	ZWL 217.71	ZWL 213.24	ZWL 216.93	0%	\$2.24	R48.00	ZWL 205.00	2%	6%
<b>Total</b>		81%	<b>ZWL 230.09</b>	<b>ZWL 242.27</b>	<b>ZWL 242.43</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>\$2.26</b>	<b>R41.32</b>	<b>ZWL 198.08</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>18%</b>

## Annex 7: Rural Districts Sugar Beans Prices

District	Availability					Prices				% Price Change	
	Monthly current availability (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-28 Feb 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (August 2020-February 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Jan 2021-Feb 2021)	6M % Change
<b>Sugar Beans Rural Districts</b>											
Bikita	0%	0%									
Beitbridge	38%										
Binga	100%	100%	ZWL 223.75	ZWL 204.00	ZWL 200.00	-11%	\$2.24		ZWL 191.44	10%	17%
Buhera		0%									
Bulawayo Rural	100%		ZWL 243.98		ZWL 243.98		\$2.56		ZWL 230.00		
Chipinge	67%	67%	ZWL 219.09	ZWL 152.50	ZWL 192.50	-12%	\$2.22	R34.44	ZWL 150.68	44%	45%
Chivi	80%	80%	ZWL 211.68	ZWL 236.37	ZWL 211.68	0%	\$2.13	R39.47	ZWL 189.25	-10%	12%
Goromonzi		0%									
Gweru	50%	0%	ZWL 255.00		ZWL 270.00	6%	\$3.00				
Insiza	83%	74%	ZWL 217.11	ZWL 265.20	ZWL 222.00	2%	\$2.51		ZWL 247.87	-18%	-12%
Mangwe	70%	76%						R38.81			
Masvingo	100%	25%	ZWL 180.00	ZWL 200.00			\$2.04	R36.00	ZWL 171.43	-10%	5%
Matobo	62%	81%	ZWL 323.05	ZWL 269.12			\$3.07	R50.60	ZWL 242.94	20%	33%
Mudzi		0%									
Muzarabani	23%	21%	ZWL 276.00	ZWL 200.00	ZWL 280.00	1%	\$2.58		ZWL 186.78	38%	48%
Mwenezi	100%	56%	ZWL 226.33	ZWL 192.40			\$2.05	R37.29	ZWL 119.35	18%	90%
Nkayi	71%	79%	ZWL 234.69	ZWL 218.20	ZWL 304.00	30%	\$2.42	R45.68	ZWL 107.32	8%	119%
Tsholotsho	64%	61%						R45.68	ZWL 248.33		
UMP	21%	4%	ZWL 191.82		ZWL 226.67	18%	\$2.05		ZWL 180.00		7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>ZWL 233.54</b>	<b>ZWL 215.31</b>	<b>ZWL 238.98</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$2.41</b>	<b>R41.00</b>	<b>ZWL 188.78</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>36%</b>

## Annex 8: Urban Districts Cooking Oil Prices

District/Urban Domain	Availability		Prices						% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-28 Feb 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (August 2020-February 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Jan 2021-Feb 2021)	6M % Change
<b>Cooking Oil Urban Districts</b>											
Bulawayo	97%	98%	ZWL 164.99	ZWL 160.78	ZWL 182.03	10%	\$1.86	R34.24	ZWL 148.44	3%	11%
Beitbridge	100%						\$1.68	R29.24	ZWL 297.52		
Chegutu Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 162.79	ZWL 160.35	ZWL 162.79	0%	\$1.68		ZWL 140.43	2%	16%
Chinhoyi Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 176.34	ZWL 173.38	ZWL 176.34	0%	\$1.84		ZWL 160.56	2%	10%
Chipinge Urban	86%	100%	ZWL 178.14	ZWL 165.66	ZWL 183.01	3%	\$1.79	R30.80	ZWL 151.21	8%	18%
Chiredzi Urban	83%	88%	ZWL 172.98	ZWL 161.28	ZWL 172.98	0%	\$1.71	R28.20	ZWL 128.33	7%	35%
Epworth	100%	100%					\$1.53				
Gokwe North (Nembu	100%	100%	ZWL 170.36	ZWL 170.00	ZWL 173.00	2%	\$1.67		ZWL 144.91	0%	18%
Gokwe South Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 165.25	ZWL 150.23	ZWL 172.90	5%	\$1.60		ZWL 127.34	10%	30%
Goromonzi Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 156.17	ZWL 133.02	ZWL 163.78	5%	\$1.38		ZWL 135.99	17%	15%
Gweru Urban	77%	70%	ZWL 165.21	ZWL 153.90	ZWL 190.29	15%	\$1.64	R29.27	ZWL 136.84	7%	21%
Harare	93%	100%		ZWL 175.00			\$1.44		ZWL 135.00		
Insiza Urban	100%		ZWL 150.75				\$1.68	R27.75	ZWL 156.17		
Kariba Urban	89%	87%	ZWL 159.26	ZWL 155.22	ZWL 180.79	14%	\$1.75	R30.61	ZWL 145.93	3%	9%
Kwekwe Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 167.55	ZWL 165.03	ZWL 169.43	1%	\$1.78	R23.80	ZWL 142.28	2%	18%
Marondera Urban	95%	100%	ZWL 178.65	ZWL 168.42	ZWL 173.49	-3%	\$1.70		ZWL 139.79	6%	28%
Masvingo Urban	97%	98%	ZWL 180.83	ZWL 169.82	ZWL 181.30	0%	\$1.83		ZWL 150.01	6%	21%
Mutare Urban	100%	90%	ZWL 173.55	ZWL 155.94	ZWL 181.35	4%	\$1.65		ZWL 136.29	11%	27%
Norton	79%	74%	ZWL 155.93	ZWL 141.58	ZWL 176.22	13%	\$1.61		ZWL 130.53	10%	19%
Plumtree	90%	88%	ZWL 147.00	ZWL 146.88			\$1.61		ZWL 141.68	0%	4%
Redcliff		100%		ZWL 166.54							
Rusape Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 172.08	ZWL 160.83	ZWL 172.08	0%	\$1.79		ZWL 140.40	7%	23%
Tsholotsho Urban	100%							R32.02			
Victoria Falls	97%	95%	ZWL 172.50	ZWL 156.98	ZWL 172.39	0%	\$1.72	R32.00	ZWL 147.39	10%	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>ZWL 166.86</b>	<b>ZWL 159.54</b>	<b>ZWL 175.54</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$1.68</b>	<b>R29.79</b>	<b>ZWL 149.38</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>19%</b>

## Annex 9: Rural Districts Cooking Oil Prices

District	Availability		Prices						% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (1-28 Feb 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (1-28 Feb 2021)	6M ZWL Cash Average (August 2020-February 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Jan 2021-Feb 2021)	6M % Change
<b>Cooking Oil Rural Districts</b>											
Bikita	100%	0%	ZWL 147.50	ZWL 147.50	ZWL 137.50	-7%	\$1.48	R29.55	ZWL 155.66	0%	-5%
Beitbridge	94%						\$0.00	R30.75			
Binga	100%	100%	ZWL 159.38	ZWL 191.00	ZWL 150.00	-6%	\$1.59		ZWL 161.60	-17%	-1%
Buhera		80%		ZWL 166.67							
Bulawayo Rural	100%		ZWL 164.99		ZWL 164.99		\$1.70		ZWL 184.00		
Chipinge	94%	100%	ZWL 171.94	ZWL 178.33	ZWL 179.44	4%	\$1.65	R30.56	ZWL 144.47	-4%	19%
Chivi	100%	100%	ZWL 178.57	ZWL 164.62	ZWL 178.57	0%	\$1.64	R30.87	ZWL 134.42	8%	33%
Goromonzi		100%									
Gweru	100%	100%	ZWL 96.19	ZWL 140.00	ZWL 105.38	10%	\$1.63		ZWL 140.00	-31%	-31%
Insiza	97%	100%	ZWL 201.16	ZWL 363.04	ZWL 188.50	-6%	\$1.84	R30.09	ZWL 213.31	-45%	-6%
Mangwe	90%	86%						R27.17			
Masvingo	100%	100%	ZWL 180.00	ZWL 150.00			\$1.76	R30.00	ZWL 125.36	20%	44%
Matobo	82%	88%	ZWL 174.47	ZWL 155.53			\$1.90	R30.56	ZWL 150.95	12%	16%
Mudzi		79%		ZWL 148.57							
Muzarabani	34%	45%	ZWL 194.33	ZWL 169.50	ZWL 195.00	0%	\$1.83		ZWL 169.58	15%	15%
Mwenezi	97%	97%	ZWL 172.67	ZWL 165.46			\$1.65	R26.88	ZWL 95.40	4%	81%
Nkayi	99%	100%	ZWL 183.23	ZWL 177.69	ZWL 217.75	19%	\$1.83	R35.22	ZWL 100.05	3%	83%
Tsholotsho	93%	77%						R38.11			
UMP	98%	100%	ZWL 186.29	ZWL 138.04	ZWL 325.24	75%	\$1.93		ZWL 114.94	35%	62%
<b>Total</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>ZWL 170.06</b>	<b>ZWL 175.43</b>	<b>ZWL 184.24</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>\$1.60</b>	<b>R30.89</b>	<b>ZWL 145.36</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>26%</b>

## Annex 10: Key to food commodity price trends

↓ (< 0% Decreasing)  
↔ (>= 0% and < 5% Stable)  
↗ (>= 5% and < 10% Slight Increasing)  
↑ (>= 10% Decreasing)

## Annex 11: Key to food commodity availability

↓ (Decreasing)  
↑ (Increasing)

## Annex 12: Key to Fuel price and Exchange rates

↓ (Decreasing)  
↔ (Stable)  
↑ (Increasing)

## Annex 13: Background and methodology

**Checking Availability at market level:** If any of the interviewed traders in a market reports having sold a commodity within the last week, the commodity is considered available in this market. Availability at country-level (district-level) is calculated as the share of markets with commodity availability across the country (across districts). Missing data indicate that none of the interviewed traders generally trades the commodity.

The harmonised weekly market monitoring is being conducted by WFP in partnership with members of the Cash Assistance Working Group (CWG), including World Vision International, CARE, Oxfam, Aquaculture Zimbabwe, Caritas Zimbabwe, Christian Aid, GOAL Zimbabwe, HOCIC, Mercy Corps, IRC, ORAP, Zimbabwe Red Cross Society, Action Aid, LEAD, LGDA, CAFOD, AfriCare, CTDO, ADRA, MDTC, Plan International and WeEffect.