



# Market Monitoring Report

**Zimbabwe | January 2021**

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## HIGHLIGHTS

*The newly reinstated COVID-19 lockdown measures have halted informal livelihood activities for vulnerable groups in urban areas significantly impacting incomes. The situation was compounded by price increases of basic food commodities reported in January, further eroding household's purchasing power.*

### Markets Overview

The report is based on markets from **38** districts/domains (**17** rural and **21** urban); the previous reporting period covered **45** districts (**21** rural and **24** urban).

### Major food commodities

The price of most monitored food commodities increased in January by an average of **11%**; specifically, maize grain increased by **9%**, maize meal by **12%**, sugar beans by **11%** and cooking oil by **13%**. The recorded rise in prices is a factor of increased demand against poor supply.

Supply of **maize grain** remained critically low, available in only **4%** of monitored markets across 12 of the 38 monitored Districts; while **maize meal** availability slightly improved from last month, reported available in 31 districts and being sold in **72%** of monitored markets.

Availability of **vegetable oil** remained stable during the month of January with very little variations between rural and urban settings, but there was a slight increase in the average reported price for this commodity. Availability of **sugar beans** reduced in the rural markets from 66% to 43% and the price rose by 18%.

### Maize Grain

Price: ↑ ZWL33.81/kg  
Previous price: ZWL31.03/kg  
Availability: ↔ 4%

### Maize Meal (unrefined)

Price: ↑ ZWL 54.67/kg  
Previous price: ZWL 48.80/kg  
Availability: ↑ 72%

### Sugar Beans

Price: ↑ ZWL 227.47/kg  
Previous price: ZWL205.18/kg  
Availability: ↔ 72%

### Vegetable Oil

Price: ↑ ZWL 167.48/kg  
Previous price: 147.75/kg  
Availability: ↔ 90%

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

Upper rate: ZWL 87.00 Midrate: ZWL 82.68 Lower Rate: ZWL 80.00

### 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

Zimbabwe experienced a sudden sharp increase in the number of Covid-19 cases (**29%**) and the number of deaths (**16%**) between the **29<sup>th</sup> of December 2020** and **05 January 2021**, which led to the government of Zimbabwe to reintroduce lockdown measures of level 4 on January 06, 2021. The COVID-19 infection rate was pointing towards to further increases including deaths. The lockdown restrictive measures were further extended to February 15, 2021 and include restricted movement except for essential service workers, and an intercity ban and tight controls on cross border movement. Other than agriculture, manufacturing and mining, all other formal and informal economic activities have been restricted - a cause for concern especially for urban communities, where over **60%** of households depended on informal livelihood activities. This coupled with an already fragile household economy and rising prices, is likely to further increase vulnerability to food insecurity especially in urban areas if no assistance is provided.

Current indications are that the lockdown measures put in place are yielding positive results, as the daily rate of infection has reduced since the inception of restrictions. As at **29 January 2021**, the country had **32,952** confirmed cases of COVID-19 and **1,178** deaths noting a month-on-month increase of **147%** and **228%** respectively; a total of **6,902** cases were active compared to **1,899** during the same period last month - although was a marked decrease from a peak of **10,069** in mid-January. The situation further deteriorated with the total confirmed cases reaching 34,785 including 1,353 deaths by the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2020. The average number of daily cases in January 2021 also increased to **more than 700** cases per day compared to the daily average of about **300** cases in December 2020, with the reported rate of infection highest in mid-January when more than 1000 cases were being recorded daily. However, this has since decreased to a daily average of **less than 200** cases by 10 February 2020.

The government announced its intention to start a vaccination program in March 2021. A concrete vaccination plan is expected to be released before then. Preliminary reports suggest essential workers such as health service providers will be prioritised. Currently the government has a confirmed allocation of **1 million doses** (enough for **500,000** people) from the African Union and has confirmed a donation of **200,000 doses** (enough for **100,000** people) from the Government of China.

### Inflation and Exchange Rate

The official exchange rate remains stable with the Zimbabwean dollar trading at **ZWL82.68** to the United States Dollar (fixed on 26 January 2020), which is comparable to **ZWL81.79** per dollar at the end of December. The parallel market has also been stable since the introduction of the foreign currency auction floor in July 2020 .

Zimbabwe's annual inflation slightly rose from 348.59% in December 2020 to 362.3% in January 2021, after five consecutive months of steady decline. This is largely driven by rising food prices; with the food inflation increasing from 346% in December 2020 to the current 369.4%. This shift is evident in the price increases reported this month, which averaged 11% for the four main monitored food basket commodities (maize grain, maize meal, sugar beans and cooking oil). Furthermore, the cost of fuel increased by an average of 5% for Zimbabwe dollar payments and by an average of 4% for USD payments; we are likely to see an upward shift in prices of basic goods in the coming month as traders factor in this increase in running cost. The Government of Zimbabwe explained that the price increases observed during the month of January 2021 were linked to increases in fuel prices among other factors and is working with trader association to find a solution.

### Overall market trends for food basket commodities

#### Maize Grain



Maize grain remains mostly unavailable, with indications of depleting households' stocks leading to increased market demand that has pushed prices to rise in cereal deficit areas.

#### Maize meal

Availability slightly increased from 61% in December to **72%** in January.

#### Sugar beans

Availability of sugar beans in the current month was **72%** in the current month, which is comparable to the previous month.

#### Vegetable Oil

Availability remained high with the commodity available in most markets.



Although prices had been stable over the last three months, an **increase** was reported in both rural (**15%**) and urban (**8%**) markets in January. GMB continues to sell the commodity at ZWL3.50/kg (ZWL175/50kg).

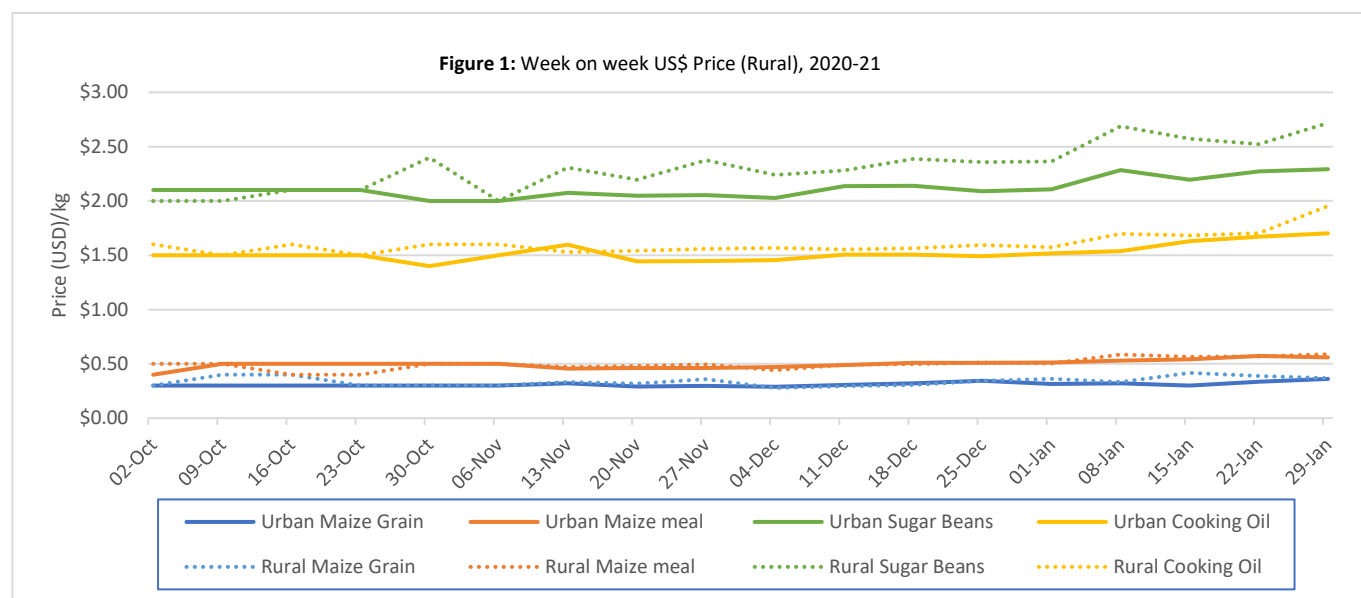
Prices **increased** in both rural (**9%**) and urban (**16%**) markets in January. Mobile money transactions incurred an average premium of **4%** per transaction.

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Prices **increased** in both rural (**10%**) and urban (**11%**) markets. Payments in mobile money incurred an average premium of **3%**.

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

The average price of **maize grain** and **maize meal** in USD increased by **9%** and **12%** respectively when compared to prices reported last month. The current recorded prices averaged at **US\$0.35** and **US\$0.56** per kilogram. This is the first price increase recorded for both commodities in the last five months. The same is true for **sugar beans** whose current price of **US\$2.36/kg** is **6%** higher than US\$2.23/kg reported in December 2020. These prices are also higher than the prices reported during the same period last year (January 2020). **Vegetable oil** prices also increased by **10%** from US\$1.54/L in December to the current monthly average price of **US\$1.69/L**, although this remains 29% lower than the price reported one year ago in January 2020. The price increases noted during this reporting period are likely a result 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. Moreover, there is a potential link with the rise in prices for some of the imported commodities used for the manufacture of cooking oil - crude soya oil.

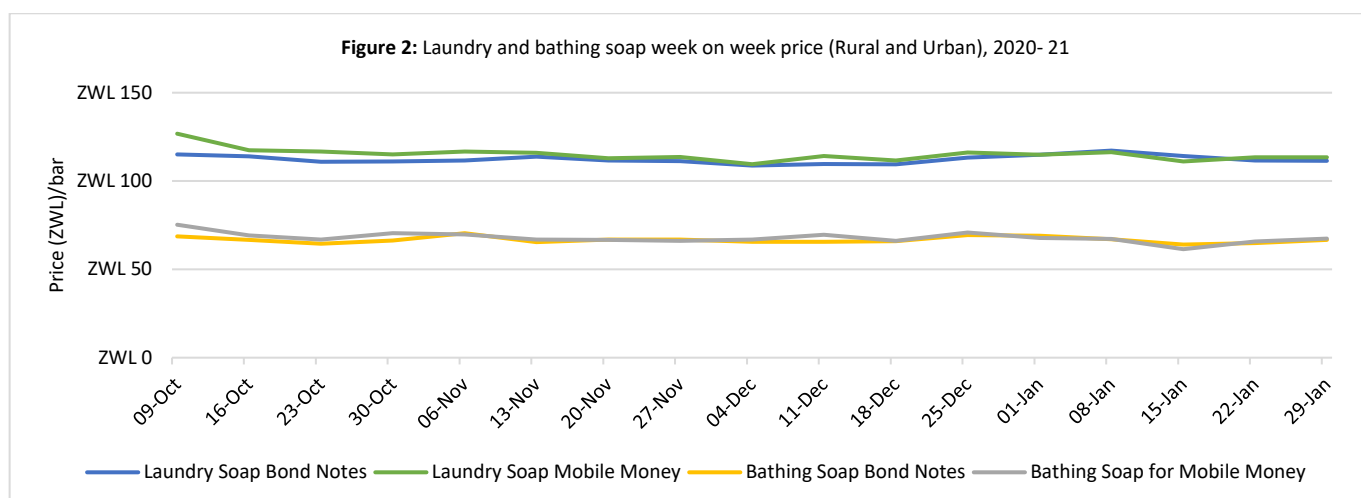


Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

## Non-Food Commodities: Laundry and Bathing soap

**Laundry** and **bathing soap** were available in **85%** and **88%** of the monitored markets respectively, which is **5% lower** when compared to last month. Laundry soap was retailing at an average of **ZWL138.65/bar** in local currency and **US\$1.47**, recording a **10%** and **11% increase** respectively compared to December 2020 in rural districts; while in urban districts the average price in Zimbabwe dollars rose by **2.5%** from ZWL108.53/bar in December to **ZWL111.24/bar** in January, and remained stable in USD terms at **US\$1.15**.

The average price for bathing soap in the rural districts was **ZWL62.10** per unit whilst in the urban centres it was at **ZWL58.46** per unit, which is a marginal **decrease of 3.6%** and **2.9%** in rural and urban areas respectively. Most traders were accepting USD payments at **US\$0.79** per unit.



Source: WFP and Partners Harmonised Markets Monitoring

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

### Maize Grain

There was a slight increase in maize grain availability in monitored markets from 2% last month to **2.8%** in January 2020. This trend is characteristic of the peak lean season when households' cereal stocks are depleted and household's reliance on markets and demand for the commodity increases.

During the month under review, average selling prices **increased by 15%** from ZWL32.74 in December to **ZWL37.75** in January (Figure 3). The average price for mobile money transactions was surprisingly lower at **ZWL34.26/kg**, a situation which still requires further investigations. However, premiums charged for mobile money payments have generally been decreasing from an average of 15% in 2019 to about 6% currently due to the reduction in the differences in exchange rate for ZWL cash and mobile money. The highest bond note price was recorded in Buhera at ZWL55.56/kg. For more details on district prices ([annex 3](#)).

### Unrefined Maize Meal

Availability of unrefined maize meal continued to decline, it was available in **41%** of the rural districts, down from 49% in December and 53% in November.

The price of the maize meal **rose by 9%** from ZWL50.94/kg in December to **ZWL55.59/kg** in January 2021 (Figure 4). The peak of the lean season generally pushes prices up due to increased demand caused by depleted household cereal stocks. All markets monitored in Bikita, Masvingo and Muzarabani did not have maize meal in stock; Muzarabani did not have stocks in December as well.

### Sugar Beans

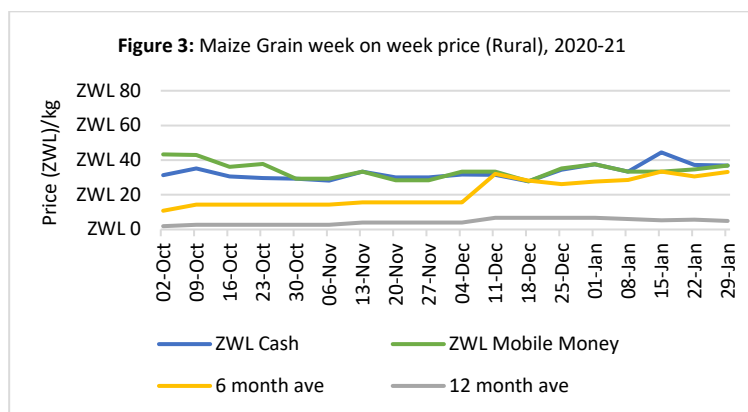
Sugar beans were available in **52%** of the monitored markets down from 66% in the month of December. Buhera and Mudzi had no sugar beans available, whilst only Binga district recorded 100% availability.

The price of sugar beans **increased by 14%** from ZWL217.18/kg in December to **ZWL247.84./kg** in January 2021. Mobile transactions were 5% less than ZWL cash payments. Over the past year, Nkayi and Insiza recorded higher price increases for this commodity than the rest of the districts by **181%** and **161%** respectively ([annex 7](#)).

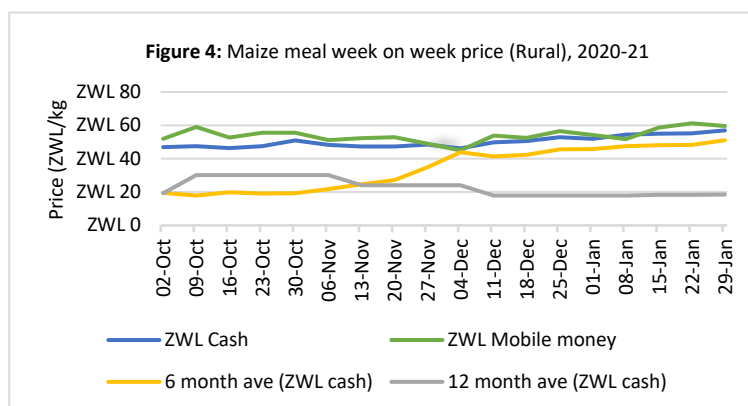
### Vegetable Oil

Vegetable oil remained available in most of the markets (**89%**). Muzarabani and Tsholostho recorded the lowest availability for the commodity at **45%** and **77%** respectively. Buhera reported increased availability from none in December to **80%** in the January 2021.

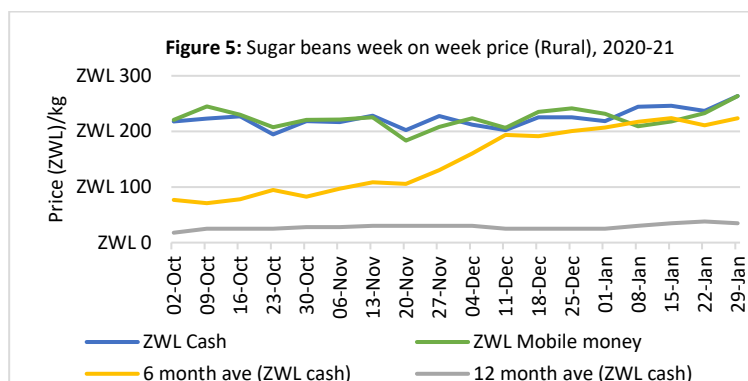
The commodity was selling at an average price of **ZWL167.94/L**, indicating a **10%** increase from ZWL152.59/L reported in December. Most traders were not charging a premium on mobile money payments, this is likely a result of the lockdown with only formal traders (these usually have the same price) allowed to operate.



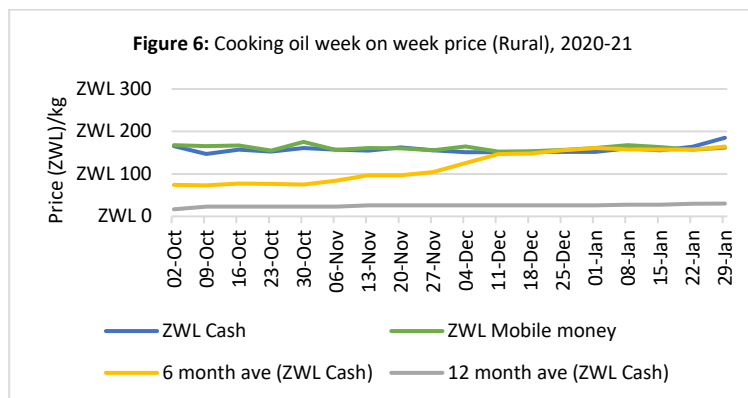
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## Urban markets – review of availability and prices in Zimbabwe dollars (ZWL)

### Maize Grain

Maize grain remains largely unavailable in urban markets; the commodity was reported to be available in **5%** of the markets which is a **10% decrease** compared to the previous reporting period (December 2020). Most markets reported poor availability with only one district, Norton, reporting availability of 26%. Urban markets rely more on maize meal as the main source of cereal, with maize grain being the alternate. On the other hand, market supply is depended on production trends which have been poor for the past three years contributing to the current availability trends.

The average price of maize grain **rose by 8%** from ZWL29.24 in December to **ZWL31.50/kg** in January 2021. Kariba Urban reported the highest price increase of **16%** (annex 2). Traders on average charged a **2%** premium on mobile money transactions and Kariba recorded the highest charge at **18%**.

### Maize Meal

Maize meal was available across all monitored urban districts except for Rusape urban. It was available in **75%** of the markets, which is comparable to the previous month. Only Redcliff had **100%** availability (annex 4). The average price of maize meal **increased by 16%** from ZWL46.90/kg in December 2020 to **ZWL54.33/kg** in January 2021. The highest price in the current month was in Gokwe North (Nembudziya) at **ZWL60.00** and lowest in Plumtree at **ZWL31.00/kg**.

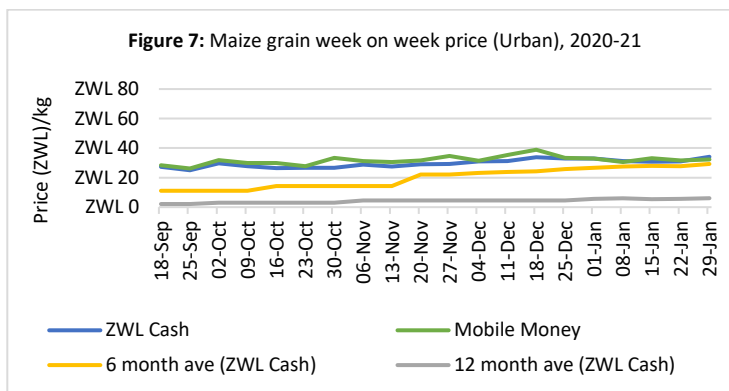
### Sugar Beans

Sugar beans were available in all the monitored urban districts, and in **81%** of the monitored markets which is comparable to the month of December. Availability was lowest in Harare markets at **33%**, whilst Chiredzi urban, Gokwe North Nembudziya, Kwekwe and Redcliff reported 100% availability in all markets (annex 6).

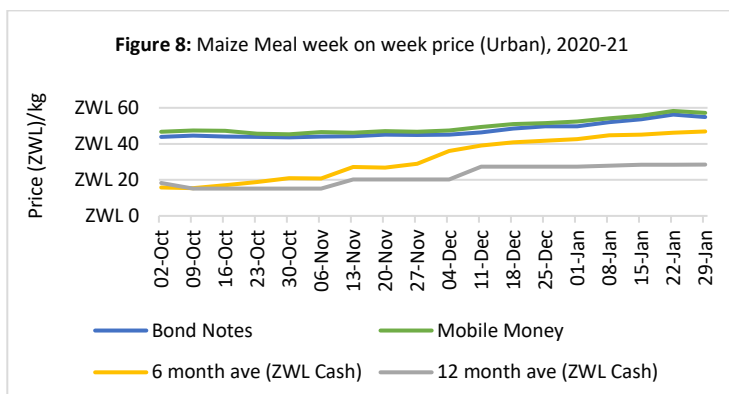
The average price for sugar beans was **ZWL213.99/kg**, marking an **8% increase** in the price from the previous month (ZWL198.65). The highest price increase was in Rusape urban from ZWL216.23/kg in December to **ZWL599.99/kg** in January (**177% increase**). The price dropped significantly in Plumtree by **29%**.

### Vegetable Oil

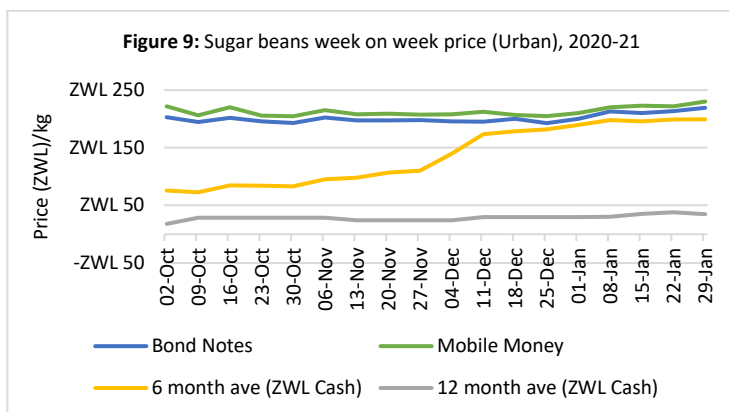
Cooking oil was available across all monitored districts and in **95%** of all monitored markets. The current average price of **ZWL158.27/L** is up from ZWL142.98/L reported in December, marking a **11%** increase. The price is **59%** higher than the 12-month average (Figure 10). **Harare** had the highest prices at **ZWL175/L** and the lowest was Kadoma at **ZWL105.33/L**. whilst Plumtree saw a **26%** drop to **ZWL146.88/L** (annex 8).



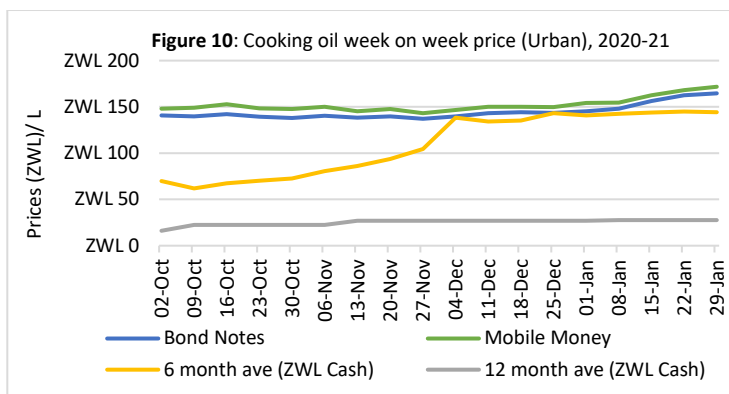
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## Annex 1: Sample and data collection

This report provides an update on WFP food basket commodities availability and prices. It covers the period from the **4<sup>th</sup> of January to 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2021** and is based on interviews with **1,473** traders (644 in rural districts and 829 in urban districts) across 38 districts (17 rural and 21 urban). Annexes 10-12 explain the trend arrows used in the highlights.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions most of the data collection is virtual. In the current reporting period, the proportion of remote to face-face monitoring slightly increased from the previous month from 80% to **86.5%**. Given the advent of the second wave of COVID-19 in the country, it is strongly recommended that data collection be collected remotely.

## Annex 2: Urban Districts Maize Grain Prices

District/Urban Domain	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (4-29 Jan 2021)	12M ZWL Cash Average (January 2020-January 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Dec 2020-Jan 2021)	12M % Change
<b>Maize Grain Urban Districts</b>											
Bulawayo	0%	0%									
Chegutu Urban	0%	0%									
Chinhoyi Urban	0%	0%									
Chipinge Urban	0%	2%		ZWL 25.00							
Chiredzi Urban	13%	16%	ZWL 37.04	ZWL 33.34	ZWL 42.60	15%	\$0.37	R 7.41	ZWL 33.18	11%	12%
Epworth	0%	5%									
Gokwe North (Nembudziya)	0%	0%									
Gokwe South Urban	0%	0%									
Goromonzi Urban	0%	0%									
Gweru Urban	13%	18%	ZWL 36.00	ZWL 32.22			\$0.40	R 8.33	ZWL 30.30	12%	19%
Harare	6%	0%	ZWL 38.89				\$0.39	R 7.00	ZWL 26.39		47%
Kariba Urban	11%	12%	ZWL 31.21	ZWL 26.95	ZWL 36.67	18%	\$0.31		ZWL 25.37	16%	23%
Kwekwe Urban	0%	0%									
Marondera Urban	0%	0%									
Masvingo Urban	2%	8%	ZWL 38.89	ZWL 36.11			\$0.39	R 7.00	ZWL 27.64	8%	41%
Mutare Urban	18%	16%	ZWL 27.86	ZWL 25.56	ZWL 29.68	7%	\$0.28		ZWL 20.81	9%	34%
Norton	26%	21%	ZWL 27.78	ZWL 26.99	ZWL 29.17	5%	\$0.31		ZWL 20.49	3%	36%
Plumtree	0%	0%									
Redcliff	8%	33%	ZWL 23.34	ZWL 27.78	ZWL 23.34	0%	\$0.33		ZWL 30.56	16%	-24%
Rusape Urban	0%	0%									
Victoria Falls	0%	0%									
<b>Total</b>	5%	6%	<b>ZWL 32.63</b>	<b>ZWL 29.24</b>	<b>ZWL 32.29</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>\$0.35</b>	<b>R7.44</b>	<b>ZWL 26.84</b>	6%	23%

### Annex 3: Rural Districts Maize Grain Prices

District	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (4-29 Jan 2021)	12M ZWL Cash Average (January 2020-January 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Dec 2020-Jan 2021)	12M % Change
<b>Maize Grain Rural Districts</b>											
Bikita	0%	0%									
Binga	0%	0%									
Buhera	60%	25%	ZWL 55.56				\$0.54		ZWL 9.18		505%
Chipinge	0%	22%		ZWL 30.56							
Chivi	5%	10%	ZWL 33.34	ZWL 35.00	ZWL 33.34	0%	\$0.33	R6.67	ZWL 21.63	-5%	54%
Goromonzi	0%										
Gweru	0%										
Insiza	0%	0%									
Mangwe	0%	0%									
Masvingo	0%	0%									
Matobo	0%	0%									
Mudzi	0%	1%		ZWL 38.89							
Muzarabani	21%	23%	ZWL 35.84	ZWL 33.34	ZWL 34.72	-3%	\$0.36		ZWL 33.34	7%	7%
Mwenezi	0%	0%									
Nkayi	21%	11%	ZWL 35.19	ZWL 27.78			\$0.35	R5.93	ZWL 11.36	27%	210%
Tsholotsho	0%	0%									
UMP	0%	0%									
<b>Total</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>ZWL 39.98</b>	<b>ZWL 33.11</b>	<b>ZWL 34.03</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>\$0.40</b>	<b>R6.30</b>	<b>ZWL 18.88</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>194%</b>

## Annex 4: Urban Districts Maize Meal Prices

District/Urban Domain	Availability					Prices				% Price Change	
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<b>Maize Meal Urban Districts</b>											
Bulawayo	86%	74%	ZWL 56.81	ZWL 48.05	ZWL 58.47	3%	\$0.60	R10.66	ZWL 31.60	18%	80%
Chegutu Urban	86%	87%	ZWL 55.79	ZWL 50.26	ZWL 55.69	0%	\$0.55		ZWL 34.90	11%	60%
Chinhoyi Urban	88%	100%	ZWL 49.67	ZWL 48.86	ZWL 50.00	1%	\$0.50	R7.32	ZWL 40.95	2%	21%
Chipinge Urban	90%	83%	ZWL 55.81	ZWL 49.04	ZWL 56.97	2%	\$0.50	R9.17	ZWL 50.07	14%	11%
Chiredzi Urban	88%	84%	ZWL 59.26	ZWL 48.62	ZWL 59.26	0%	\$0.56	R10.16	ZWL 46.44	22%	28%
Epworth	88%	85%					\$0.52		ZWL 10.81		
Gokwe North (Nembudziya)	88%	32%	ZWL 60.00	ZWL 47.50	ZWL 62.00	3%	\$0.58		ZWL 25.75	26%	133%
Gokwe South Urban	52%	50%	ZWL 50.03	ZWL 44.11	ZWL 54.68	9%	\$0.53		ZWL 27.56	13%	82%
Goromonzi Urban	79%	73%	ZWL 43.21	ZWL 39.60	ZWL 47.63	10%	\$0.45			9%	
Gweru Urban	45%	46%	ZWL 54.68	ZWL 44.10	ZWL 57.17	5%	\$0.55	R10.72	ZWL 42.77	24%	28%
Harare	67%	75%					\$0.48		ZWL 13.42		
Kariba Urban	26%	12%	ZWL 54.27	ZWL 43.50	ZWL 59.73	10%	\$0.60	R11.64	ZWL 43.56	25%	25%
Kwekwe Urban	87%	100%	ZWL 57.96	ZWL 52.31	ZWL 63.16	9%	\$0.61	R11.68	ZWL 46.42	11%	25%
Marondera Urban	83%	82%	ZWL 58.91	ZWL 51.07	ZWL 59.46	1%	\$0.60		ZWL 37.45	15%	57%
Masvingo Urban	91%	90%	ZWL 57.21	ZWL 49.80	ZWL 57.93	1%	\$0.59		ZWL 43.19	15%	32%
Mutare Urban	90%	84%	ZWL 53.75	ZWL 44.76	ZWL 56.83	6%	\$0.55		ZWL 31.89	20%	69%
Norton	69%	73%	ZWL 50.89	ZWL 45.30	ZWL 56.30	11%	\$0.52		ZWL 35.09	12%	45%
Plumtree	88%	96%	ZWL 31.00	ZWL 41.55			\$0.47	R7.60	ZWL 21.48	25%	44%
Redcliff	100%	100%	ZWL 52.21	ZWL 50.50	ZWL 59.79	15%	\$0.60		ZWL 48.66	3%	7%
Rusape Urban	0%	60%		ZWL 50.80							
Victoria Falls	97%	90%	ZWL 52.71	ZWL 48.74	ZWL 53.12	1%	\$0.52	R9.93	ZWL 45.98	8%	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>ZWL 53.01</b>	<b>ZWL 47.29</b>	<b>ZWL 56.95</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$0.54</b>	<b>R9.88</b>	<b>ZWL 35.68</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>45%</b>



## Annex 5: Rural Districts Maize Meal Prices

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Binga	44%	75%	ZWL 55.50	ZWL 45.20	ZWL 46.50	16%	\$0.59		ZWL 34.16	23%	62%
Buhera	80%	0%	ZWL 60.00		ZWL 70.00	17%	\$0.60	R10.00	ZWL 12.39		384%
Chipinge	100%	22%	ZWL 39.00	ZWL 36.67			\$0.39		ZWL 33.63	6%	16%
Chivi	68%	72%	ZWL 59.18	ZWL 52.65	ZWL 59.67	1%	\$0.58	R10.61	ZWL 31.69	12%	87%
Goromonzi	0%										
Gweru	0%										
Insiza	82%	77%	ZWL 56.38		ZWL 60.00	6%	\$0.50	R10.03	ZWL 22.08		155%
Mangwe	64%	81%		ZWL 65.00			\$0.37	R7.85	ZWL 12.47		
Masvingo	0%	70%		ZWL 56.08							
Matobo	67%	63%	ZWL 55.46	ZWL 50.19	ZWL 54.46	-2%	\$0.64	R10.24	ZWL 35.64	11%	56%
Mudzi	35%	41%	ZWL 55.83	ZWL 49.43	ZWL 60.10	8%	\$0.56		ZWL 23.34	13%	139%
Muzarabani	0%	0%									
Mwenezi	0%	89%		ZWL 41.60							
Nkayi	29%	50%	ZWL 61.67	ZWL 50.64			\$0.64	R10.98	ZWL 21.01	22%	193%
Tsholotsho	39%	41%						R8.71	ZWL 13.14		
UMP	96%	80%	ZWL 56.20				\$0.55		ZWL 26.21		114%
<b>Total</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>ZWL 55.47</b>	<b>ZWL 49.75</b>	<b>ZWL 58.46</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>\$0.54</b>	<b>R9.78</b>	<b>ZWL 24.16</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>134%</b>

## Annex 6: Urban Districts Sugar Beans Prices

District/Urban Domain	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (4-29 Jan 2021)	12M ZWL Cash Average (January 2020-January 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Dec 2020-Jan 2021)	12M % Change
<b>Sugar Beans Urban Districts</b>											
Bulawayo	88%	92%	ZWL 211.94	ZWL 200.44	ZWL 222.31	5%	\$2.33	R44.23	ZWL 133.29	6%	59%
Beitbridge		86%		ZWL 214.00							
Chegututu Urban	93%	100%	ZWL 230.85		ZWL 230.74	0%	\$1.72		ZWL 199.98		15%
Chinhoyi Urban	94%	100%	ZWL 220.48	ZWL 218.19	ZWL 220.48	0%	\$2.33	R39.74	ZWL 177.80	1%	24%
Chipinge Urban	87%	79%	ZWL 196.89	ZWL 192.10	ZWL 194.26	-1%	\$2.19	R38.10	ZWL 188.54	2%	4%
Chiredzi Urban	100%	95%	ZWL 216.50	ZWL 166.61	ZWL 221.50	2%	\$2.28	R37.97	ZWL 116.60	30%	86%
Epworth	44%	75%					\$2.00		ZWL 45.64		
Gokwe North (Nembu)	100%	100%	ZWL 246.25	ZWL 208.95	ZWL 263.00	7%	\$2.45		ZWL 46.98	18%	424%
Gokwe South Urban	84%	55%	ZWL 211.87	ZWL 196.24	ZWL 226.76	7%	\$2.17		ZWL 129.93	8%	63%
Goromonzi Urban	44%	48%	ZWL 216.69	ZWL 226.93	ZWL 248.86	15%	\$2.29			-5%	
Gweru Urban	95%	95%	ZWL 201.91	ZWL 184.36	ZWL 229.61	14%	\$2.11	R40.27	ZWL 181.22	10%	11%
Harare	33%	60%	ZWL 400.00				\$2.13		ZWL 43.47		820%
Kadoma		100%		ZWL 137.50							
Kariba Urban	44%	29%	ZWL 193.63	ZWL 196.40	ZWL 215.22	11%	\$2.02	R53.97	ZWL 193.93	-1%	0%
Kwekwe Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 225.35	ZWL 206.54	ZWL 245.69	9%	\$2.43	R38.42	ZWL 207.50	9%	9%
Marondera Urban	92%	93%	ZWL 223.19	ZWL 181.57	ZWL 206.76	7%	\$2.09		ZWL 146.57	23%	52%
Masvingo Urban	95%	93%	ZWL 237.35	ZWL 223.29	ZWL 245.98	4%	\$2.51		ZWL 178.56	6%	33%
Mutare Urban	78%	74%	ZWL 186.41	ZWL 146.25	ZWL 220.89	18%	\$1.98		ZWL 151.75	27%	23%
Norton	65%	68%	ZWL 200.98	ZWL 177.05	ZWL 225.29	12%	\$2.12		ZWL 142.59	14%	41%
Plumtree	75%	86%	ZWL 186.00	ZWL 261.44			\$2.97	R44.67	ZWL 99.68	-29%	87%
Redcliff	100%	100%	ZWL 225.83	ZWL 200.00	ZWL 231.67	3%	\$2.26		ZWL 205.23	13%	10%
Rusape Urban	87%	60%	ZWL 599.99	ZWL 216.23	ZWL 299.98	-50%	\$6.39		ZWL 103.46	177%	480%
Tsholotsho		71%									
Victoria Falls	98%	95%	ZWL 213.24	ZWL 208.95	ZWL 214.97	1%	\$2.24	R42.73	ZWL 206.85	2%	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>ZWL 242.27</b>	<b>ZWL 198.15</b>	<b>ZWL 231.33</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>\$2.43</b>	<b>R42.23</b>	<b>ZWL 144.98</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>118%</b>

District/Urban Domain	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (4-29 Jan 2021)	12M ZWL Cash Average (January 2020-January 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Dec 2020-Jan 2021)	12M % Change
<b>Sugar Beans Urban Districts</b>											
Bulawayo	88%	92%	ZWL 211.94	ZWL 200.44	ZWL 222.31	5%	\$2.33	R44.23	ZWL 133.29	6%	59%
Chegutu Urban	93%	100%	ZWL 230.85	ZWL 22.26	ZWL 230.74	0%	\$1.72		ZWL 199.98	937%	15%
Chinhoyi Urban	94%	100%	ZWL 220.48	ZWL 218.19	ZWL 220.48	0%	\$2.33	R39.74	ZWL 177.80	1%	24%
Chipinge Urban	87%	79%	ZWL 196.89	ZWL 192.10	ZWL 194.26	-1%	\$2.19	R38.10	ZWL 188.54	2%	4%
Chiredzi Urban	100%	95%	ZWL 216.50	ZWL 166.61	ZWL 221.50	2%	\$2.28	R37.97	ZWL 116.60	30%	86%
Epworth	44%	75%					\$2.00		ZWL 45.64		
Gokwe North (Nembu	100%	100%	ZWL 246.25	ZWL 208.95	ZWL 263.00	7%	\$2.45		ZWL 46.98	18%	424%
Gokwe South Urban	84%	55%	ZWL 211.87	ZWL 196.24	ZWL 226.76	7%	\$2.17		ZWL 129.93	8%	63%
Goromonzi Urban	44%	48%	ZWL 216.69	ZWL 226.93	ZWL 248.86	15%	\$2.29			-5%	
Gweru Urban	95%	95%	ZWL 201.91	ZWL 184.36	ZWL 229.61	14%	\$2.11	R40.27	ZWL 181.22	10%	11%
Harare	33%	60%	ZWL 400.00				\$2.13		ZWL 43.47		820%
Kariba Urban	44%	29%	ZWL 193.63	ZWL 196.40	ZWL 215.22	11%	\$2.02	R53.97	ZWL 193.93	-1%	0%
Kwekwe Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 225.35	ZWL 206.54	ZWL 245.69	9%	\$2.43	R38.42	ZWL 207.50	9%	9%
Marondera Urban	92%	93%	ZWL 223.19	ZWL 181.57	ZWL 206.76	7%	\$2.09		ZWL 146.57	23%	52%
Masvingo Urban	95%	93%	ZWL 237.35	ZWL 223.29	ZWL 245.98	4%	\$2.51		ZWL 178.56	6%	33%
Mutare Urban	78%	74%	ZWL 186.41	ZWL 146.25	ZWL 220.89	18%	\$1.98		ZWL 151.75	27%	23%
Norton	65%	68%	ZWL 200.98	ZWL 177.05	ZWL 225.29	12%	\$2.12		ZWL 142.59	14%	41%
Plumtree	75%	86%	ZWL 186.00	ZWL 261.44			\$2.97	R44.67	ZWL 99.68	-29%	87%
Redcliff	100%	100%	ZWL 225.83	ZWL 200.00	ZWL 231.67	3%	\$2.26		ZWL 205.23	13%	10%
Rusape Urban	87%	60%	ZWL 599.99	ZWL 216.23	ZWL 299.98	-50%	\$6.39		ZWL 103.46	177%	480%
Victoria Falls	98%	95%	ZWL 213.24	ZWL 208.95	ZWL 214.97	1%	\$2.24	R42.73	ZWL 206.85	2%	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>ZWL 242.27</b>	<b>ZWL 191.25</b>	<b>ZWL 231.33</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>\$2.43</b>	<b>R42.23</b>	<b>ZWL 144.98</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>118%</b>

## Annex 7: Rural Districts Sugar Beans Prices

District	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (4-29 Jan 2021)	12M ZWL Cash Average (January 2020-January 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Dec 2020-Jan 2021)	12M % Change
<b>Sugar Beans Rural Districts</b>											
Bikita	0%	10%		ZWL 100.00							
Binga	100%	100%	ZWL 204.00	ZWL 196.67	ZWL 153.33	-25%	\$2.01		ZWL 173.60	4%	18%
Buhera	0%	25%		ZWL 200.00							
Chipinge	67%	13%	ZWL 152.50	ZWL 100.00			\$1.53		ZWL 138.68	53%	10%
Chivi	80%	78%	ZWL 236.37	ZWL 204.98	ZWL 232.67	-2%	\$2.26	R43.73	ZWL 141.55	15%	67%
Goromonzi	0%										
Gweru	0%										
Insiza	74%	65%	ZWL 265.20		ZWL 274.00	3%	\$2.47	R47.06	ZWL 101.80		161%
Mangwe	76%	86%		ZWL 36.44			\$2.60	R37.52	ZWL 45.33		
Masvingo	25%	77%	ZWL 200.00	ZWL 200.03	ZWL 200.00	0%	\$2.00	R40.00	ZWL 154.59	0%	29%
Matobo	81%	81%	ZWL 269.12	ZWL 209.54	ZWL 248.22	-8%	\$3.03	R48.32	ZWL 186.97	28%	44%
Mudzi	0%	39%		ZWL 213.00							
Muzarabani	21%	69%	ZWL 200.00	ZWL 150.83	ZWL 206.67	3%	\$2.00		ZWL 145.87	33%	37%
Mwenezi	56%	100%	ZWL 192.40	ZWL 188.89	ZWL 440.00	129%	\$2.28	R37.00	ZWL 97.73	2%	97%
Nkayi	79%	89%	ZWL 218.20	ZWL 200.00	ZWL 320.00	47%	\$2.40	R46.91	ZWL 76.53	9%	185%
Tsholotsho	61%	72%						R34.37	ZWL 62.61		
UMP	4%	80%					\$2.00		ZWL 130.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>ZWL 215.31</b>	<b>ZWL 166.70</b>	<b>ZWL 259.36</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>\$2.23</b>	<b>R41.86</b>	<b>ZWL 121.27</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>72%</b>

## Annex 8: Urban Districts Cooking Oil Prices

District/Urban Domain	Availability			Prices					% Price Change		
	Monthly current availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (4-29 Jan 2021)	12M ZWL Cash Average (January 2020-January 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Dec 2020-Jan 2021)	12M % Change
<b>Cooking Oil Urban Districts</b>											
Bulawayo	98%	98%	ZWL 160.78	ZWL 147.54	ZWL 166.84	4%	\$1.72	R31.23	ZWL 106.27	9%	51%
Chegutu Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 160.35	ZWL 140.75	ZWL 161.25	1%	\$1.53		ZWL 126.00	14%	27%
Chinhoyi Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 173.38	ZWL 150.96	ZWL 173.38	0%	\$1.79	R29.98	ZWL 153.95	15%	13%
Chipinge Urban	100%	98%	ZWL 165.66	ZWL 148.97	ZWL 175.72	6%	\$1.78	R30.80	ZWL 144.50	11%	15%
Chiredzi Urban	88%	84%	ZWL 161.28	ZWL 141.27	ZWL 161.28	0%	\$1.70	R27.69	ZWL 81.56	14%	98%
Epworth	100%	100%					\$1.52		ZWL 36.06		
Gokwe North (Nembu)	100%	100%	ZWL 170.00	ZWL 145.53	ZWL 175.00	3%	\$1.55		ZWL 41.45	17%	310%
Gokwe South Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 150.23	ZWL 142.16	ZWL 158.73	6%	\$1.52		ZWL 89.37	6%	68%
Goromonzi Urban	100%	98%	ZWL 133.02	ZWL 135.86	ZWL 142.04	7%	\$1.34			-2%	
Gweru Urban	70%	68%	ZWL 153.90	ZWL 130.06	ZWL 167.69	9%	\$1.59	R29.23	ZWL 128.60	18%	20%
Harare	100%	100%	ZWL 175.00				\$1.52		ZWL 128.33		36%
Kariba Urban	87%	88%	ZWL 155.22	ZWL 146.13	ZWL 170.50	10%	\$1.68	R30.61	ZWL 140.96	6%	10%
Kwekwe Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 165.03	ZWL 145.63	ZWL 176.21	7%	\$1.79	R30.96	ZWL 132.53	13%	25%
Marondera Urban	100%	93%	ZWL 168.42	ZWL 137.13	ZWL 163.91	-3%	\$1.61		ZWL 96.76	23%	74%
Masvingo Urban	98%	92%	ZWL 169.82	ZWL 148.18	ZWL 171.63	1%	\$1.79		ZWL 130.91	15%	30%
Mutare Urban	90%	84%	ZWL 155.94	ZWL 129.06	ZWL 163.88	5%	\$1.66		ZWL 89.10	21%	75%
Norton	74%	83%	ZWL 141.58	ZWL 131.17	ZWL 159.47	13%	\$1.51		ZWL 83.10	8%	70%
Plumtree	88%	100%	ZWL 146.88	ZWL 197.34			\$1.54	R23.92	ZWL 74.79	26%	96%
Redcliff	100%	100%	ZWL 166.54	ZWL 132.50	ZWL 168.83	1%	\$1.66		ZWL 135.23	26%	23%
Rusape Urban	100%	100%	ZWL 160.83	ZWL 135.50	ZWL 160.83	0%	\$1.80		ZWL 95.71	19%	68%
Victoria Falls	95%	92%	ZWL 156.98	ZWL 144.10	ZWL 159.04	1%	\$1.59	R29.59	ZWL 144.47	9%	9%
<b>Total</b>	95%	94%	<b>ZWL 159.54</b>	<b>ZWL 143.68</b>	<b>ZWL 165.35</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$1.63</b>	<b>R29.33</b>	<b>ZWL 107.98</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>59%</b>

## Annex 9: Rural Districts Cooking Oil Prices

District	Availability			Prices						% Price Change	
	Monthly current availability (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous availability (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (ZWL) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly previous average Price (ZWL) (30 Nov-29 Dec 2020)	Monthly current average Price (Mobile money) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Mobile Money Premium (%)	Monthly current average Price (USD) (4-29 Jan 2021)	Monthly current average Price (Rands) (4-29 Jan 2021)	12M ZWL Cash Average (January 2020-January 2021)	ZWL change (%) from previous period (Dec 2020-Jan 2021)	12M % Change
<b>Cooking Oil Rural Districts</b>											
Bikita	0%	100%	ZWL 147.50	ZWL 127.50	ZWL 141.67	-4%	\$1.48	R29.50	ZWL 61.91	16%	138%
Binga	100%	95%	ZWL 191.00	ZWL 201.47	ZWL 158.33	-17%	\$1.88		ZWL 151.93	-5%	26%
Buhera	80%	0%	ZWL 166.67	ZWL 166.56	ZWL 170.00	2%	\$1.75	R25.00	ZWL 36.18	0%	361%
Chipinge	100%	41%	ZWL 178.33	ZWL 158.33			\$1.78		ZWL 117.45	13%	52%
Chivi	100%	100%	ZWL 164.62	ZWL 154.11	ZWL 167.25	2%	\$1.58	R30.42	ZWL 84.25	7%	95%
Goromonzi	100%						\$1.35		ZWL 44.42		
Gweru	100%		ZWL 140.00		ZWL 175.00	25%	\$1.50		ZWL 45.01		211%
Insiza	100%	100%	ZWL 363.04		ZWL 371.43	2%	\$2.43	R53.80	ZWL 87.36		316%
Mangwe	86%	94%		ZWL 233.00			\$1.70	R26.99	ZWL 38.46		
Masvingo	100%	100%	ZWL 150.00	ZWL 159.34	ZWL 125.00	-17%	\$1.56	R30.00	ZWL 93.36	-6%	61%
Matobo	88%	84%	ZWL 155.53	ZWL 143.04	ZWL 149.65	-4%	\$1.86	R28.63	ZWL 119.54	9%	30%
Mudzi	79%	100%	ZWL 148.57	ZWL 143.54	ZWL 171.62	16%	\$1.48		ZWL 80.75	4%	84%
Muzarabani	45%	77%	ZWL 169.50	ZWL 167.75	ZWL 174.58	3%	\$1.70		ZWL 91.17	1%	86%
Mwenezi	97%	100%	ZWL 165.46	ZWL 145.00	ZWL 160.36	-3%	\$1.50	R26.20	ZWL 73.07	14%	126%
Nkayi	100%	96%	ZWL 177.69		ZWL 200.00	13%	\$1.75	R33.81	ZWL 64.00		178%
Tsholotsho	77%	86%						R38.19	ZWL 59.81		
UMP	100%	100%	ZWL 138.04				\$1.36		ZWL 55.19		150%
<b>Total</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>ZWL 175.43</b>	<b>ZWL 163.60</b>	<b>ZWL 180.41</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$1.67</b>	<b>R32.25</b>	<b>ZWL 76.70</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>137%</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.

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