

## MONTHLY MARKET MONITORING BULLETIN

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### Background

Monthly Market Monitoring Bulletin is produced by the Food Security Technical Secretariat (FSTS) of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC) in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN funded by the European Union.

The market price data and information is collected from Thirteen (13) EFRLP Programme targeted Governorates through the Governorate Focal Units (GFU) and Food Security Technical Secretariat (FSTS) in Sana'a City. The prices are monitored and collected from markets in the following Governorates: - Abyan, Aden, Ad-Dale, Al Baidha, Dhamar, Hadramout, Hajjah, Hodeida, Ibb, Lahej, Sana'a City, Shabwah, and Taiz. The prices are collected on weekly basis from at least three (3) representative market centers and average is calculated for each location. The market-monitoring bulletin provides tables and charts that show the monthly prices and trends and allow the users to compare the current prices with the previous month and the pre-crisis average prices of February 2015.



*Grains and Spices Market – The Old City of Sana'a*

### Key Highlights

- ✦ **Globally:** The **FAO Food Price Index\* (FFPI)** averaged 173.5 points in April 2018, nearly unchanged from March but up 2.7 percent from the corresponding period last year. The **FAO Cereal Price Index** averaged 168.5 points in April, 1.7 percent (2.8 points) higher than in March and some 15.4 percent above its value in April 2017. The **benchmark US wheat (No.2 Hard Red Winter, f.o.b.)** averaging USD 246 per ton, 12 percent higher than three months earlier and 24 percent up from March 2017. (FPMA - FAO April. 2017).
- ✦ **Exchange Rate:** At the time of reporting, Governorates monitoring data showed variation in the un-official exchange rate of the Yemeni Riyal against US dollar across the 13-targeted governorates. The exchange rate ranged between 482 in Al Baidha and 495 YR/USD in Abyan. Compared to the previous month, the rate remained stable, where the overall average rate recorded in April 2018 was 487 YR/USD, with an increase of 127% compared to the pre-crisis period (February 2015) of its value (215YR/USD) against the U.S dollar.
- ✦ **Imported food commodities:** Nationally, the monthly average retail prices of almost all monitored imported basic food commodities continued with increasing price trend. Price of 1 kg wheat grains had the highest increase of 2.7% followed by vegetable cooking oil (average price of both imported and locally processed ) by 2.5% and by 1.6% for rice (average price of both Basmati and Non-Basmati) compared to March prices. Comparing the current prices with the corresponding month last year (April 2017), the prices have increased significantly. Wheat grains recorded the highest price increase by 45% followed by 41% for rice, 27% for cooking oil by 25% for wheat flour and 10% for sugar.
- ✦ **Locally produced Crops:** Nationally, the local cereal variety prices followed the same price trends of the previous month (March 2018). Barley had the highest price increase per Kg by 8.4%, above 4% for sorghum and millet, and 1.4% for Maize. Compared with the corresponding month last year (April 2017), the prices increased by 33% for sorghum, by 32% for millet, by 30% for barley and by 25% for Maize. The overall national average prices are much higher than the pre-crisis prices by above 120% for Barley, and by above 72% for Maize, Sorghum and Millet. Compared to the previous month, vegetables, in particular tomatoes has continued showing a significant increase in April across the 13-targeted governorates. The highest increase recorded equally in Hodeida and Ad-Dale by 100 % followed by Al Baidha, Hajjah and Ibb markets.
- ✦ **Food and Non-food Supply and Availability:** At the time of reporting, and compared to other governorates, Hadramout witnessed a better situation in the availability of all food and non-food monitored commodities in the local markets. Similarly, and except imported cereals, the monitored markets in Sana'a City had availability of all other food and non-food commodities. Compared to the previous period, Shabwah had some improvement in the availability of basic food, fish and non-food commodities. Ad-Dalea and Al Baidha still witnessed the scarcity of the supply of the most food commodities, including imported wheat grains, wheat flour and powdered milk; in addition to the local and imported cereals. All types of fuel were reported scarce in most of the targeted governorates in particular; the cooking gas disappeared even from the parallel markets in the main cities of the Northern governorates. Seasonality, demand vs supply and security issues are the dominant factors that is controlling the supply and availability of the common monitored fish types. Among all others, Sana'a City, Hadramout, Shabwah and Abyan showed the only governorates that have availability of all monitored types of Fish.
- ✦ **Fuel Commodities:** The national average price of both Diesel and Petrol decreased slightly between 3 and 5% respectively compared to March. This was mainly due to improved availability of both in the official petrol stations. For the third consecutive month, the gas crisis continues, since the official stations are still not supplying the local market. It even disappeared in the parallel market in Sana'a City and Dhamar. The Sanaa City markets are supplied right now through the community leaders in the neighborhoods at the price of 3000 YR for gas Cylinder weighting 11 kg instead of 18-20 kg. Long queues are still being witnessed in the main cities of Sana'a, Dhamar, Ibb, Hajjah and Hodeidah.
- ✦ **Food Imports:** During the period (January- March 2018), an estimated (1,101,693 MT) of various food items (wheat grains, wheat flour, sugar, rice, milk and cooking oil) were imported into the country through the various seaports (Aden, Al Hodeidah, Al Salif and Al Mukalla). Out of which (684,658 MT) wheat grains, (34,608 MT) wheat flour, (100,347 MT) Rice, (225,206 MT) Sugar, (42,879 MT) Cooking Oil and (13,995 MT) Milk products. The available importation data indicate that the proportion of food imports through Hodeidah and Assalief seaports has declined to 52% (a drop of 11%) compared to period between Jan-Oct 2017. The reduction is because of restriction in offloading certain food commodities imposed on the two ports since November 2017, which is yet to be fully lifted. For instance, since January, there was zero imports of cooking oil and milk products through the two ports.

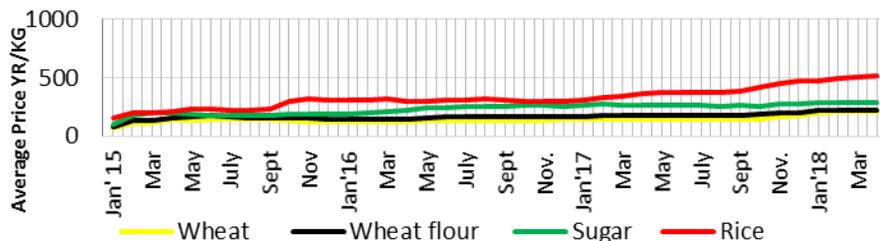
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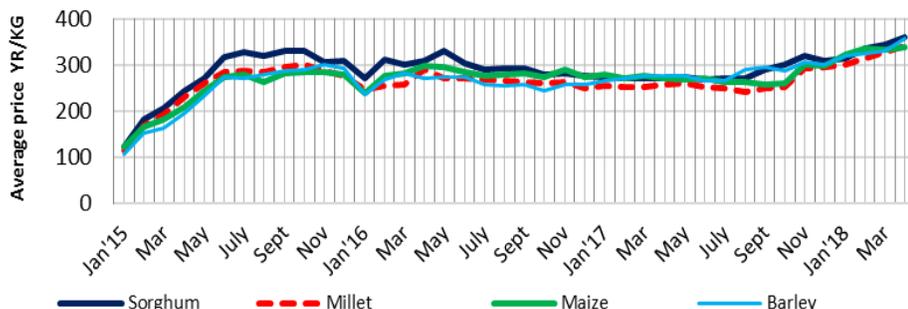
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### Retail Market Prices and Trends of Key Food Commodities

**Fig 1. Average Retail Price of Wheat, Wheat flour and Rice (YR/Kg) January 2015-April 2018**



**Fig 2. Average Retail Prices of Locally produced cereals (YR/Kg) January 2015-April 2018**



**Table 1: Average Retail Price (YR/Kg) of Imported commodities and % change with previous month and pre-crisis**

Imported Commodities	April 2018	Percentage change	
		March 2018	Pre-crisis
Wheat grains	210.85	2.70%	72.70%
Wheat flour	220.23	0.95%	54.91%
Sugar	290.69	0.42%	52.26%
Rice*	514.69	1.55%	139.76%
Veg oil**	689.04	2.38%	93.19%
Faba-Beans	419.83	-0.87%	57.43%
Beans	633.54	1.70%	100.65%
Lentils	545.31	-0.35%	52.32%

\* Average price of two varieties of Basmati and non-Basmati rice  
\*\* Average price of imported and locally processed veg cooking oil

**Table 2: Average Retail Price (YR/KG) of Locally produced cereals and % change with previous month and pre-crisis**

Local Cereals	April 2018	Percentage change	
		March 2018	Pre-crisis
Sorghum	358.54	4.70%	75.82%
Millet	341.23	4.35%	72.99%
Maize	337.67	1.43%	72.13%
Barley	357.55	8.41%	120.98%



### Monthly Average Prices of locally Produced Cereals

**Table 3: Average price of locally produced cereals (YR/Kg April 2018 and % change previous month and pre-crisis**

Commodities	% change	Governorates												
		Sana'a City	Hodeida	Hajjah	Dhamar	Hadramout	Lahej	Taiz	Aden	Ibb	Al Baidha	Shabwa	Ad-Dale	Abyan
Sorghum	April	288	246	288	235	367	300	406	350	267	588	438	400	488
	March	10.3%	4.7%	-10.3%	13.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.3%	3.5%	23.8%	2.3%	0.0%	8.4%
	Pre-crisis	60.0%	93.7%	69.4%	30.6%	46.8%	NA	103.0%	59.1%	30.2%	180.0%	90.4%	66.7%	107.7
Millet	April	257	250	250	318	383	300	359	275	294	625	425	300	400
	March	9.8%	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.7%	-7.7%	3.2%	38.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Pre-crisis	51.2%	96.9%	47.1%	59.0%	125.3%	NA	79.5%	25.0%	47.0%	166.0%	112.5%	27.7%	66.7%
Maize	April	293	275	300	239	433	300	379	339	263	581	NA	300	350
	March	8.5%	0.0%	-6.5%	7.7%	1.4%	0.0%	-1.0%	-2.0%	0.0%	16.2%	NA	0.0%	-9.8%
	Pre-crisis	72.4%	116.5%	66.7%	40.6%	140.6%	NA	89.5%	47.4%	28.3%	152.6%	NA	33.3%	48.9%
Barley	April	253	400	246	256	300	500	344	417	267	600	NA	350	NA
	March	11.5%	0.0%	-13.1%	26.1%	6.0%	0.0%	-3.4%	26.4%	8.5%	33.3%	NA	0.0%	NA
	Pre-crisis	80.7%	207.7%	64.0%	60.0%	66.7%	NA	129.3%	NA	48.3%	215.8%	NA	105.9%	NA

- Sorghum:** The average retail price of sorghum in April ranged from 235 YR/KG in Dhamar to 588 YR/KG in Al Baidha. Compared to the previous month, average prices in April remained the same in Hadramout, Lahej and Ad-Dalea, while it showed sharp increase in Al Baidha by 23.8% followed by 13% in Dhamar and by 10.3% in Sana'a City and by above 8% in Abyan. It decreases only in Hajjah by 10.3%.
- Millet:** The average price of millet unchanged in April when compared to the previous month, in Hodeida, Hajjah, Hadramout, Lahej, Shabwah and Ad-Dale. Retail price of millet ranged between 250 YR/Kg in Hodeidah and Hajjah and 625 YR/kg in Al Baidha. It increased sharply by nearly 40% in Al Baidha, by 9.8% in Sana'a City and by 3.6% in Dhamar. The highest decrease was reported in Aden by 7.7% followed by less than three percent in Taiz.
- Maize:** Scarcity continued in Shabwah Markets. The average price of maize in April and compared with the previous month remained unchanged in Hodeidah, Lahej, Ibb and Ad-Dalea. The price increased sharply in Al Baidha by 16.2%, by 8.7% in Sana'a City and by 7.7% in Dhamar. Abyan recorded the highest decrease of 9.8%.
- Barley:** Similar to maize it continued scarcity in Shabwah and the same in Abyan. The average price of Barley in April remained the same as in March 2018 in Hodeidah, Lahej and Ad-Dale. It showed a significant increase by 33.3% in Al Baidha, followed by 26.4% in Aden and Dhamar and between 6 and 8.5% in Hadramout and Ibb. The price dropped only in Hajjah by 13.1%.

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### VEGETABLES

Table 4: Average Prices of vegetables (YR/Kg) April 2018 and the % change compared to the previous month

Commodities	Month	Sana'a City	Hodeida	Hajjah	Dhamar	Hadramout	Lahj	Taiz	Aden	Ibb	Al Baidha	Shabwa	Ad-Dale	Abyan
Onion	April	275	196	279	282	179	200	271	193	229	292	249	250	250
	March	-15.4%	-10.1%	-1.4%	-14.0%	-6.3%	0.0%	12.9%	0.0%	-20.5%	6.2%	7.8%	0.0%	-13.2%
Tomatoes	April	375	438	392	386	313	313	335	308	379	338	275	400	417
	March	50.0%	100.0%	84.0%	40.9%	4.3%	19.0%	37.3%	31.1%	62.7%	97.7%	-8.3%	100.0%	16.5%
Potatoes	April	325	304	296	292	296	275	348	338	292	300	361	288	400
	March	8.3%	1.3%	-1.3%	-21.1%	0.0%	-8.3%	-13.0%	13.8%	-3.9%	14.1%	11.1%	-17.7%	14.3%
Pepper	April	425	285	517	583	617	800	665	621	442	533	700	450	1200
	March	6.3%	7.5%	31.9%	-2.5%	-11.9%	18.5%	7.8%	13.3%	6.8%	-6.0%	-12.5%	28.6%	0.0%
Chilly	April	425	252	588	454	558	500	1792	544	296	575	1000	563	692
	March	6.3%	17.2%	12.0%	0.4%	5.5%	33.3%	-0.9%	13.1%	-7.8%	32.8%	-12.3%	87.7%	3.7%

- Onion:** Compared to the previous month, onion remained unchanged in Lahej and Ad-Dalea and significantly decreased in most of the other governorates. Ibb had the highest decrease by 20.5%, followed by 15.4% in Sana'a City, in Dhamar by 14% and in Abyan by 13.2%. It increased by nearly 13% Taiz and between 6.2% and 7.8% in Al Baidha and Shabwah respectively.
- Tomatoes:** As it is the off- winter season for the tomatoes crop in addition to the increased costs of inputs, transportation and fuel for irrigation, the less supply in the main cities caused sharp price increased across the targeted 13-governorates continued with the previous month . It increased by above 100% in Hodeida, and Ad-Dalea, and by above 90% in Al Baidha, by above 80% in Hajjah while the increase ranged between 16.5% and 50% in the other targeted governorates.
- Potatoes:** Average prices of potatoes in April remained the same as of March only in Hadramout. Compared to March 2018, the highest price increase was recorded in Abyan by 14.3% followed by 14.1% in Al Baidha, by 13.8% in Aden and by 11.1% in Shabwah. Dhamar recorded the highest decrease by 21.1% , followed by 17.7% in Ad-Dalea .Retail price of potatoes ranged between 275 YR\ kg in Lahej and 400 YR\ kg in Abyan.
- Pepper:** Average prices of pepper in April remained unchanged only in Abyan. Sharply increased by 31.9% in Hajjah, by 31.8% in Ibb, by 28.6% in Ad-Dale and by 18.5% in Lahej. The increase ranged between 6% and 7% in the other governorates. Prices decreased by 12.5% in Shabwah, by nearly 12% in Hadramout, and between 2.5% and 6% in Dhamar and Al Baidha respectively. Abyan continued to have the highest retail price by 1200 YR/kg followed by 800YR/kg in Lahej and by 700 YR/kg in Shabwa.
- Chilly:** The retail prices of chilly in Taiz remained the highest among all other targeted governorates with price of 1792 YR \kg followed by Shabwah at 1000 YR/kg. The average price in April showed the highest increased by 87.7% in Ad-Dalea 33.3%, followed by 33.3% in Lahej, 32.8% in Al Baidha , by 17.2% in Hodeida , by and by between 5.5 and 6.3% in Hadramout and Sana'a City respectively. The average price declined in Shabwah by 12.3%, and Ibb by 7.8%



### LIVESTOCK

Table 5: Average price of live animal (YR/Head), April 2018 and % change (previous month).

Type of animal and age	Month	Governorates												
		Sanaa city	Hodeida	Hajja	Dhamar	Hadramout	Lahj	Taiz	Aden	Ibb	Al Baidha	Shabwa	Ad-Dale	Abyan
Sheep/6 month	April	28250	17667	25667	23325	45250	33000	31083	34813	19875	30750	37000	17750	31667
	March	0.9%	8.2%	-7.1%	6.0%	10.4%	7.3%	1.6%	3.8%	-8.6%	4.2%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%
Sheep/12 month	April	33250	33000	39708	33188	55667	45500	49083	50625	37208	50000	53625	31750	43333
	March	0.0%	10.0%	3.8%	4.5%	4.1%	14.9%	2.8%	2.4%	3.4%	3.1%	-2.5%	0.8%	0.0%
Goat /6 month	April	27500	19833	21958	22938	46667	35250	32208	40500	19833	30000	33500	22000	34333
	March	1.4%	6.2%	8.8%	3.1%	2.8%	9.4%	-0.3%	6.4%	-8.4%	4.3%	0.0%	-9.3%	0.0%
Goat/12 month	April	33250	38167	37625	33000	56000	48500	52458	54313	36792	47750	45500	41000	45333
	March	0.8%	7.0%	9.9%	5.2%	-0.7%	10.3%	0.9%	7.0%	0.5%	0.0%	7.1%	0.6%	0.0%
Chicken (live)	April	979	1304	1508	1289	1400	1200	1610	1438	1254	1313	1600	1400	1200
	March	-10.0%	-8.2%	-5.3%	-4.5%	-12.5%	0.0%	-0.9%	0.6%	-2.9%	3.0%	9.4%	0.0%	0.0%

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**Sheep - 6 months old:** In April, the average prices remained stable in Lahej, Aden and Ad-Dale compared to March. Hadramout Governorate recorded highest price increase of 10.4%, followed by above 8% in Hodeidah, Lahej and Dhamar by 7.3% and 6% respectively. Whereas Ibb governorate recorded highest price decrease of 8.6%. The highest price per head of 45250 YR was recorded in Hadramout, followed by 37000 YR \ head in Shabwah Governorate. Hodeida and Ad-Dale had the lowest retail price per head, which was 17667 YR and 17,750 YR respectively. It should be mentioned here, the high fluctuation in the prices of the two categories (sheep & goats) is mainly due to the supply and demands that associated with the consumptions habits, seasonal and religious events during the year.

**Sheep – 12 months old:** In April, the average price remained unchanged in Sana'a City and Abyan, increased by nearly 15% in Lahej, 10% in Hodeidah, and by above 4% in Dhamar and Hadramout, and by above 3% in Hajjah, Ibb, and Al Baidha . The highest retail price recorded in Hadramout by 55667 YR \ head followed by 50625 YR \ head in Aden and Al Baidha by 50000 YR \ head.

**Goat - 6 months old:** The average prices in April was stable only in Shabwah and Abyan and went up sharply in Lahej by 9.4% monitored markets, by 8.8 and by 6% in Aden and Hodeidah respectively. The prices at the same time dropped by 9.3% in Ad-Dalea and by b.4% in Ibb Markets. The highest price per single head of goat went up at 46667 YR /head in Hadramout, followed by 40500 YR/head in Aden and closely by 35250 YR/head in Lahej.

**Goat – 12 months old:** Compared to March 2018, the monthly average price of 12-month goat in April was stable only in Al Baidha and Abyan. Prices went up sharply by 10% in Lahej and by nearly 10% in Hajjah and by above 7% in Hodeidah and Shabwah markets. In contrast, prices went down by less than 1% only in Hadramout. The highest price for single head of 12-months old of goat 56000 YR /head in Hadramout followed by 54,313 YR in Aden, 52458 YR in Taiz and 47750 YR in Al Baidha. This increased for the two categories of goats that expected to continued, mainly due to the close up of the month of Ramadan and followed religious events.

**Live chicken:** Compared to March 2018, the average price of live chicken in April remained unchanged in Lahej, Ad-Dalea and Abyan. Increased sharply by 9.4% in Shabwah and slightly by 3% in Al Baidha. The highest retail price of chicken was recorded in Taiz at 1610 YR followed by 1600 YR in Shabwah and by 1508 YR in Hajjah markets.



### ANIMAL PRODUCTS

Table 6: Average Prices of animal products (YR/Kg) April 2018– and % change with the previous month.

Commodities	Month	Sana'a City	Hodeida	Hajjah	Dhamar	Hadramout	Lahj	Taiz	Aden	Ibb	Al Baidha	Shabwa	Ad-Dale	Abyan
Beef	April	3242	3204	2958	3000	4000	4000	2575	3780	2583	3150	3600	2500	3750
	March	1.3%	3.4%	4.1%	9.1%	1.3%	10.3%	1.8%	11.2%	4.2%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.2%
Mutton	April	3242	3283	3050	3000	3833	4000	3733	3754	3042	3500	4700	3000	3500
	March	1.3%	3.7%	0.6%	0.0%	-3.8%	10.3%	1.7%	4.3%	1.4%	0.0%	25.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Local Cow's milk	April	350	400	427	500	390	298	427	402	250	520	650	400	440
	March	0.0%	-3.1%	-0.7%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	10.8%
Processed Powdered milk	April	2000	2525	2258	2192	2125	2850	2300	2665	2325	3200	2225	2863	2933
	March	0.0%	3.1%	-2.5%	1.2%	2.4%	-0.5%	11.1%	7.1%	5.0%	-1.8%	3.5%	9.1%	1.4%
Chicken meat	April	1320	1300	1283	1100	996	1100	1688	1373	1213	1850	1100	1500	1167
	March	2.3%	-1.9%	-2.6%	0.0%	-5.9%	0.0%	-2.6%	2.2%	-2.3%	4.7%	2.3%	0.0%	-3.1%
Egg (30 eggs pack)	April	1021	1071	1067	1167	1142	1000	1192	1156	1071	1050	1013	1050	1158
	March	2.1%	1.0%	-3.0%	4.5%	4.2%	-3.7%	-5.2%	5.8%	-2.6%	0.0%	-7.9%	-4.5%	0.3%

\* the price of beef in Sana'a City is the average prices from the imported and local animals

- Beef:** The average prices of one kg of beef in April remained unchanged compared to March 2018 in Shabwah and Ad-Dale of the targeted governorates. The highest price increase was by 11.2% in Aden, followed by 10.3% in Lahej by 9.2% in Dhamar and by 5% and above in Al Baidha and Abyan.
- Mutton:** The average prices of mutton in April almost followed the same trend as beef. There were no changes in the price compared to March in 4 monitored markets of the targeted governorates (Dhamar, Al Baidha, Ad-Dale and Abyan ), while there was sharp increase in Shabwah by 25.3% and in Lahej by 10.3%. The highest retail price for the single kg recorded in Shabwah by 4700 YR , followed by Lahej at 4000 YR , Hadramout by 3833 YR and by above 3200 YR in Sana'a city and Hodeidah. The lowest price (3000 YR/kg) was reported in Dhamar, and Ad-Dale markets.
- Local Cow's Milk:** During April, the average retail price of the packed cow' milk remained unchanged in 7 monitored markets in Sana'a City, Dhamar , Lahej , Taiz Ibb , Al Baidha and Ad-Dale, while in Al Baidha .The prices increased by 10.8% in Abyan and slightly by 4% and above 4% in Aden and Shabwah in that order. It dropped only in Hodeidah by 3.1% and by less than 1% in Hajjah.
- Processed Powdered Milk:** The average prices of processed milk in April remained unchanged only in Sana'a City. It went up sharply compared to March 2018 in Taiz 11.1%, 9.1% in Ad-Dale, 7.1% in Aden and by less than 4% in Hodeidah, Aden and Shabwah. The price went down by 2.5% in Hajjah and less than 2% in Al Baidha.
- Chicken Meat:** Compared to the previous month, chicken meat prices remained stable in Dhamar, Lahej and Ad-Dale. Prices increased in Al Baidha by 4.7% and by above 2% in Sana'a City, Aden and Shabwah respectively. The price showed a slightly declined trend by nearly 6% in Hadramout, and in Abyan by 3.1%.
- Eggs:** Compared to the previous month, price remained unchanged only in Al Baidha. It showed increased in Aden by 5.8%, by 4.5% in Dhamar and Hadramout by 4.2%. At the same time price of eggs dropped by nearly 8% in Shabwah and by 5.2% in Taiz, it slightly declined by less than 4% in Hajjah and Lahej.

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**Table 7: Average price of common fish types (YR/Kg), April 2018– and the % change with the previous month**

Governorates	% change	Common Fish Types			
		Thamad	Sakhla	Bagha	Jahsh
Sana'a city	April	1833	2475	533	1617
	March	-10.2%	5.3%	-11.2%	7.8%
Hodeida	April	1963	2541	696	1586
	March	-6.52%	-3.1%	14.5%	8.0%
Hajjah	April	NA	2388	492	1350
	March	NA	-2.1%	-5.2%	-10.8%
Dhamar	April	NA	3000	883	1933
	March	NA	0.0%	-5.4%	-0.5%
Hadramout	April	1000	3558	500	2092
	March	-9.1%	50.3%	-17.8%	30.1%
Lahj	April	1575	NA	400	600
	March	-14.9%	NA	-5.9%	9.1%
Taiz	April	2717	3008	NA	3004
	March	-16.2%	3.1%	NA	-2.2%
Aden	April	1400	3813	575	2292
	March	-25.4%	-5.4%	-32.7%	23.4%
Ibb	April	2917	2813	NA	3083
	March	3.7%	13.5%	NA	0.1%
Al Baidha	April	1625	2200	600	1450
	March	0.0%	-2.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Shabwa	April	1500	1954	792	1800
	March	-11.8%	-2.3%	-1.0%	9.1%
Ad-Dale	April	1100	NA	450	NA
	March	-26.7%	NA	NA	NA
Abyan	April	1800	3483	658	1817
	March	-20.0%	4.0%	-21.0%	23.9%

NA= Not Available

**Thamad:** In April, a part from Hajjah and Dhamar, Thamad type fish was available in all monitored markets in other targeted governorates. The retail prices decreased almost in all targeted governorates where the decline reached above 25% in Aden and Ad-Dale followed by 16.2% in Taiz and by nearly 15% in Lahej. In Abyan, Shabwah, Sana'a City and Hadramout the price followed the same trend and went down by 20%, 11.8%, 10.2% and 9.1% respectively. The price went up slightly only in Ibb by 3.7%. Compared to the other governorates, the highest retail price of Thamad was reported in Ibb by 2917 YR/KG followed by 2717 YR/KG in Taiz and by 1963 YR/KG in Hodeidah.

**Sakhla:** This type of fish was still not available in Lahej and Ad-Dale Governorate markets. Monthly average prices of this type of fish followed the same price trends of Thamad and decreased in most of the targeted governorates compared to the previous month. The prices remained same only in Dhamar, increased sharply in Hadramout by above 50%, in Ibb by 13.5% and between 4 and 5% in Abyan and Sana'a City in that order. Highest retail price was recorded in Aden of 3813 YR/kg followed by Hadramout by 3558 YR/kg, followed by 3483 YR/kg in Abyan., while Shabwa and Al Baidha had the lowest price of 1954 and 2200 YR/kg.

**Bagha:** This type of fish is considered the cheapest type among all monitored types across all the targeted governorates. In April, this type of fish was not available in Ad-Dale, Taiz and Ibb Governorates Markets. Its retail price ranged between 400 YR/kg in Lahej to 883 YR/kg in Dhamar. The average prices of Bagha fish in April highly fluctuated across the monitored markets. Prices declined by 32.7% in Aden, above 20% in Abyan, 17% in Hadramout and by 11.2% in Sana'a City. It increased only in Hodeidah 14.5%.

**Jahsh:** In Ad-Dale Governorate, Jahsh type of fish was unavailable for seven months in a row. Compared to the previous month, this type differ from other types. Where, except of Al Baidha (prices remained the same as of March), the price went up in most of the monitored local markets. It increased sharply by 30.1% in Hadramout, nearly 24% in Abyan, 23.4% in Aden and by 7.8% in Hajjah. The price decreased in Hajjah and Taiz by 10.8%, and by 2.2% respectively. Among the targeted governorates, Ibb had the highest retail price of 3083 YR/KG followed closely by 3004 YR /kg in Taiz, the lowest price of 600 YR/KG was recorded in Lahej.

**Availability and supply:** During the reporting month, and compared to the previous month, improved seasonality conditions made better supply and availability of the common monitored fish types that resulted in the price decline across the 13-targeted monitored local markets.

- Thamad monitored fish type was scarcely available in Hajjah and Dhamar governorates.
- A part from Thamad, Sakhla and Jahsh types were continued to be not available in Ad-Dale.
- Bagha scarcely available in Ibb and Taiz.

Fishing activities are still suspended in the coast of Taiz and Al Khwkah in Hodeidah due to the current security situation and ground fighting.

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### IMPORTED FOOD COMMODITIES

Table 8: Average price of Imported Food Commodities (YR/Kg) in April 2018 & percentage changes (previous month and Pre-crisis period)

Commodities	% change	Governorates												
		Sana'a	Hodeida	Hajjah	Dhamar	Hadramout	Lahej	Taiz	Aden	Ibb	Al Baidha	Shabwa	Ad-Dale	Abyan
Wheat Grains	April	193	160	192	180	183	200	233	205	203	400	230	175	187
	March	1.6%	0.0%	-1.0%	0.0%	0.5%	-4.8%	-6.8%	3.5%	5.2%	14.3%	15.0%	-2.8%	2.7%
	Pre-crisis	48.5%	60.0%	149.4%	63.6%	52.5%	NA	NA	60.2%	35.3%	166.7%	130.0%	16.7%	46.1%
Wheat flour	April	211	190	224	220	200	220	279	207	219	250	255	195	193
	March	0.0%	0.0%	-1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-7.0%	4.5%	5.8%	0.0%	15.9%	-2.5%	0.5%
	Pre-crisis	62.3%	58.3%	124.0%	46.7%	42.9%	NA	86.0%	46.8%	28.8%	47.1%	99.2%	14.7%	40.9%
Sugar	April	297	277	300	300	297	273	330	280	287	300	285	260	293
	March	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.0%	1.1%	2.8%	0.4%	-1.7%	0.0%	-5.0%	0.0%	7.7%
	Pre-crisis	85.6%	45.8%	51.5%	76.5%	65.0%	NA	106.3%	30.8%	34.1%	50.0%	61.0%	21.5%	36.9%
Basmati Rice-1	April	678	654	721	746	642	750	725	725	650	750	500	530	750
	March	1.2%	8.3%	-2.8%	6.6%	4.9%	-1.7%	2.4%	-2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.2%
	Pre-crisis	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	141.7%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non - Basmati Rice-2	April	344	567	383	350	317	320	410	325	350	300	325	270	300
	March	3.3%	10.5%	-1.3%	2.9%	0.0%	1.6%	4.6%	-7.1%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Pre-crisis	129.3%	89.0%	155.3%	133.3%	26.8%	NA	64.0%	60.1%	40.0%	13.2%	132.1%	1.9%	47.8%
V.oil (import)	April	881	777	725	1197	499	950	894	665	790	1100	650	550	548
	March	1.6%	0.0%	-1.1%	8.1%	4.4%	1.3%	5.9%	-2.1%	-5.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.7%
	Pre-crisis	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	101.4%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
V.oil (local)**	April	625	567	517	647	428	550	769	605	655	519	600	550	657
	March	2.1%	0.0%	20.5%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	10.8%	1.0%	4.0%	-1.1%	2.0%	0.0%	10.4%
	Pre-crisis	92.3%	64.3%	33.2%	54.0%	71.2%	NA	84.9%	73.9%	92.1%	9.3%	106.9%	61.3%	92.7%
Faba Beans	April	353	373	333	378	417	NA	598	368	329	481	525	450	433
	March	8.6%	6.6%	-7.0%	2.7%	0.0%	NA	-4.0%	-11.3%	3.8%	-2.6%	2.9%	-2.8%	-2.0%
	Pre-crisis	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	60.3%	162.5%	50.0%	NA
Beans	April	583	546	442	667	600	700	813	662	696	567	643	650	667
	March	-4.4%	2.4%	12.8%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.8%	12.1%	-0.6%	2.5%	6.4%	-3.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Pre-crisis	91.1%	69.6%	39.0%	122.3%	140.0%	NA	103.3%	108.2%	122.4%	62.0%	128.0%	107.7%	109.7%
Lentil	April	493	500	475	525	588	500	583	527	496	700	535	550	617
	March	2.7%	0.0%	-1.7%	5.0%	0.9%	-9.1%	1.7%	-6.6%	3.5%	0.9%	-1.5%	0.0%	0.3%
	Pre-crisis	193	160	192	180	183	200	233	205	203	400	230	175	187

- \* **Wheat Grains:** Average prices of imported wheat in April when compared to March remained stable in Hodeidah and Dhamar, sharply increased by 15% in Shabwa followed by 14.3% in Al Baidha, by 5.2% in Ibb and by 3.5% in Aden. The highest decrease was recorded in Taiz by 6.8% followed by 4.8% in Lahej. The average prices of imported wheat is still much higher when compared to the pre-crisis period by 149.4% in Hajjah, by 130% in Shabwa, 166.7% in Al Baidha, by 48.5% in Sana'a City and by above 60% in Aden and Dhamar.
- \* **Wheat flour:** Average prices of imported wheat flour in April remained the same as March 2018 in 6 governorates (Sana'a City, Hodeidah, Dhamar, Hadramout, Lahej, and Al Baidha), increased sharply by nearly 16% in Shabwa, 5.8% in Ibb and by 4.5% in Aden. The prices decreased by 7% in Taiz and by less than 3% in Ad-Dale. When compared to the pre-crisis period, the current price is still much higher by nearly 124% in Hajjah, by 99.2% in Shabwa, 86% in Taiz, by 62.3% in Sana'a City and by above 40% in Hadramout, Dhamar, Abyan and Aden.
- \* **Basmati Rice:** The average monthly price of Basmati rice in April was as in the previous month in Ibb, Al Baidha, Shabwah and Ad-Dale. The average price showed increasing trends in Hodeidah, Dhamar and Hadramout of the targeted governorates by 8.3%, 6.6% and nearly 5% in that order.
- \* **Non-Basmati rice:** Monthly retail price in April and compared to March unchanged in Hadramout, Al Baidha, Shabwah Ad-Dale and Abyan. It showed an increased price trend in most of the other targeted governorates including Sana'a city, Hodeidah, Dhamar, Lahej, and Taiz. Highest price increase recorded in Hodeidah by 10.5% nearly 3% in Dhamar, followed by 4.6% in Taiz, while the highest price decreases was recorded in Aden by 7.1%.
- \* **Sugar:** Average prices of sugar in April when compared to the previous month was unchanged in 5 targeted governorates markets (Hodeidah, Hajjah, Dhamar, Al Baidha and Ad-Dale), increased by 7.7% in Abyan, 2.3% in Taiz and by less than 2% in Sana'a City and Lahej. Price declined slightly by less than 2% in Ibb and by 1% in Hadramout.
- \* **Vegetable Cooking Oil:** The average price of imported vegetable oil in April when compared to March 2018 unchanged in Hodeidah, Al Baidha, Shabwah and Ad-Dale, it showed an increased trend in Dhamar by 8.1%, Taiz by nearly 6% and by less than 2% in Sana'a City, Lahej and Abyan. The decrease reached 5.3% in Ibb, 2.1% in Aden and by less than 2% in Hajjah.
- \* **The locally processed cooking oil:** The average price was stable compared to the previous month in Hodeida, Dhamar and Hadramout. It sharply increased in Hajjah by 20.5%, followed by 10.8% in Taiz, 10.4% in Abyan, by 4% in Ibb and by less than 3% in Sana'a City, Lahej and Shabwah. It slightly dropped by 1.1% only in Al Baidha.
- \* **Beans & Lentils:** The overall monthly average price of ordinary beans in April and when compared to the previous month remained unchanged in Dhamar, Hadramout, Ad-Dale and Abyan and increased by 12.8% in Hajjah. Prices of lentils increased between 3 and 5% in Dhamar and Ibb. It showed declined trends by 9.1% in Lahej and less than 2% in Shabwah.

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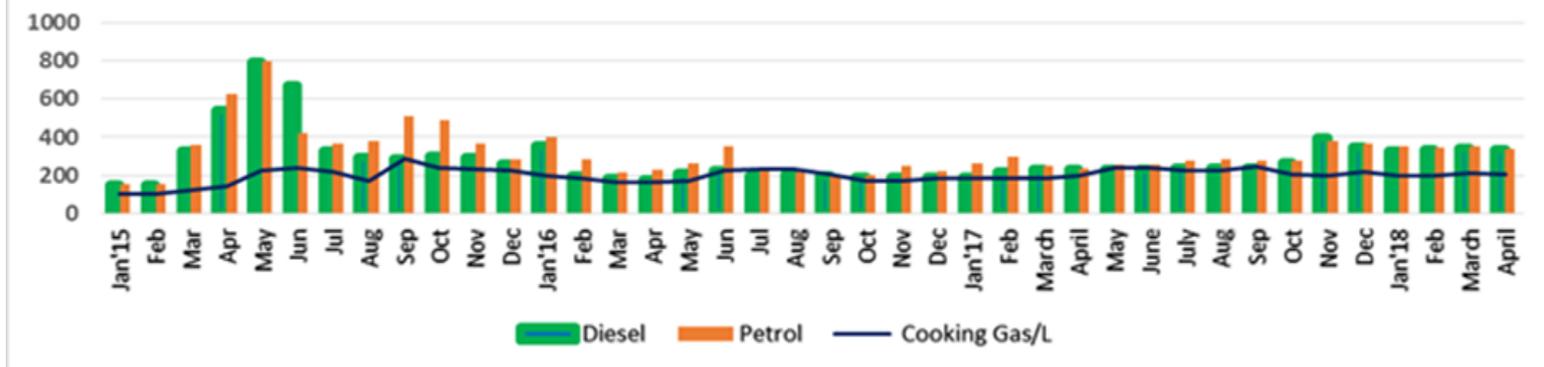
### FUEL COMMODITIES

**Table 9 : Average price of fuel (Diesel and Petrol) and Cooking gas and % change April 2018, previous month and Pre-crisis)**

Items	%change	Sana'a City	Hodeida	Hajjah	Dhamar	Hadramout	Lahj	Taiz	Aden	Ibb	Al Baidha	Shabwa	Ad-Dale	Abyan
Diesel YR/LT	April	356	345	351	350	290	306	369	291	349	350	315	321	325
	March	-0.6%	-4.7%	-1.4%	-1.1%	-1.0%	-2.9%	-8.2%	-7.3%	-4.4%	-2.2%	0.0%	-1.2%	1.6%
	Pre-crisis	137.3%	130.0%	134.0%	133.3%	93.3%	104.0%	146.0%	94.0%	132.7%	133.3%	110.0%	114.0%	116.7%
Petrol YR/Lt	April	359	356	360	360	285	318	366	290	351	355	315	319	338
	March	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.8%	0.0%	-2.1%	-23.6%	-8.5%	-17.6%	-2.0%	-2.5%	0.0%	-1.8%	0.0%
	Pre-crisis	139.3%	137.3%	140.0%	140.0%	90.0%	112.0%	144.0%	93.3%	134.0%	136.7%	110.0%	112.7%	125.3%
Cooking gas YR/18Kg	April	5440	5500	6300	5440	1925	3575	5500	3250	6758	3000	2400	2000	2358
	March	-16.3%	-10.8%	-0.5%	-4.6%	0.0%	-13.3%	-3.3%	6.8%	31.0%	-11.8%	0.0%	0.0%	-11.9%
	Pre-crisis	NA	102.2%	36.9%	NA	28.3%	NA	120.0%	128.1%	251.1%	29.7%	32.4%	3.9%	65.5%

- Diesel:** Apart from Shabwa where the price remained unchanged compared to the previous month, the average price of diesel went down in April almost in all the targeted governorates. Price increased slightly only in Abyan by less than 2%. The highest price declined recorded in Taiz by 8.2%, followed by 7.3% in Aden 4.7% in Hodeidah and by less than 2% in Hajjah, Dhamar, Hadramout and Ad-Dale. Nevertheless, the current prices show significant increase when compared to the pre-crisis period by 137.3% in Sana'a city, 130% in Hodeidah, 134% in Hajjah, 146 % in Taiz, 93.3% in Hadramout and 116.7% in Abyan.
- Petrol:** The average price of petrol in April was unchanged when compared to March 2018 in Dhamar, Shabwa and Abyan. It followed the same trend of diesel and the price dropped in all other governorates. The highest sharp decreased reported in Lahej by 23.6%, followed by 17.6% in Aden and by 8.5% in Taiz. The price went down slightly by less than 1% in Sana'a City, Hodeidah, and Hajjah. Current prices are still much higher when compared to the pre-crisis prices by 139.3% in Sana'a city, 137.3%, by 140% in Hajjah and Dhamar, and exceeds 140% in Taiz, above 120% in Ibb, Al Baidha and Abyan.
- Cooking gas:** For the third consecutive month, the gas crisis continues, as the official stations are still not supplying the local market. It even disappeared in the parallel market in Sana'a City and Dhamar, what is supplied right now through the community leaders in the neighborhoods at the price of 3000 YR for Cylinder weighting 11 kg. Long queues were witnessed in the main cities of Sana'a, Dhamar, Ibb, Hajjah and Hodeidah. It should be mentioned here that, the scarcity of cooking gas started in the fourth week of February 2018 and its prices widely varied and went up sharply by many folds. Nationally, the average price of the single cylinder (18- 20 kg) is 4111 YR (206 YR/ Lt.). At governorates level, the monthly average price of the single cylinder (18- 20 kg) remained the same as in March in Shabwah and Ad-Dale. While it increased in Ibb by 31% compared to the previous month. The declined price shown in the table does not mean that, the real prices dropped, but it came out as a result for the comparison with the previous month that was calculated as the average between the official price and the parallel markets
- Note:** Please note that the price drop of cooking gas in Sanaa and Dhamar is due to the distribution by community leaders at a price of 3000YR/11 KG of a cylinder.

**Fig 3: Average Retail Price of Diesel, Petrol and Cooking gas (YR/LT) January 2015 - April 2018**



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