SOUTH SUDAN JOINT MARKET MONITORING INITIATIVE (JMMI)

INTRODUCTION

In an effort to inform cash-based interventions and better understand market dynamics in South Sudan, the Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI) was created by the South Sudan Cash Working Group (CWG) in August 2019. The initiative is guided by the JMMI Technical Working Group (JMMI-TWG), led by REACH and supported by the CWG members. The initiative is funded by World Food Programme.

Marketplaces across South Sudan are assessed on a monthly basis. In each location, field teams record prices and other market indicators through trader interviews.

This factsheet presents an overview of prices for key foods and non-food items (NFIs) in the assessed areas, as well as the costs associated with key elements of the Multi-Sector Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (MSSMEB).

21 participating agencies§

36 assessed locations[†]

52 assessed marketplaces

892 key informants

assessed commodities

Cost of MSSMEB1 60.591 SSP 97.53 USD*

Cost of food basket² 43.149 SSP

+5.190 SSP ▲ 14%

USD/SSP 621

+6 SSP ▲ 1%

USD/SSP

178 +1 SSP ▲ 1% **PARTICIPATING AGENCIES**

ACTED

CAFOD-Trócaire

CARE

Caritas

Church & Development

Concern

Cordaid

DCA

DRC

ICPDO

GOAL

HARD

IOM Malteser Int.

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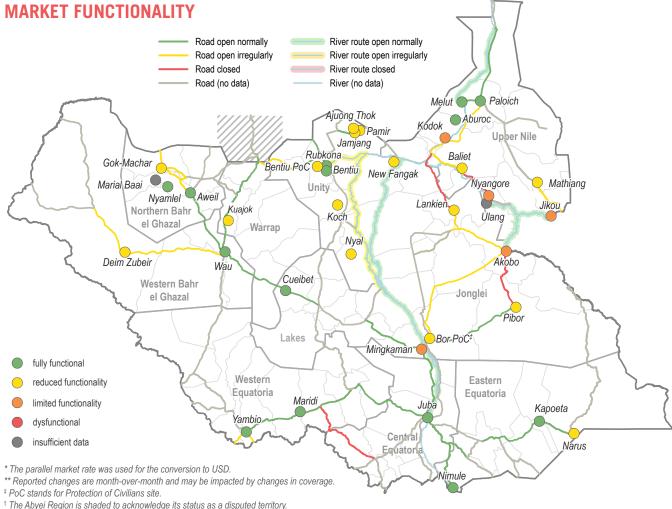
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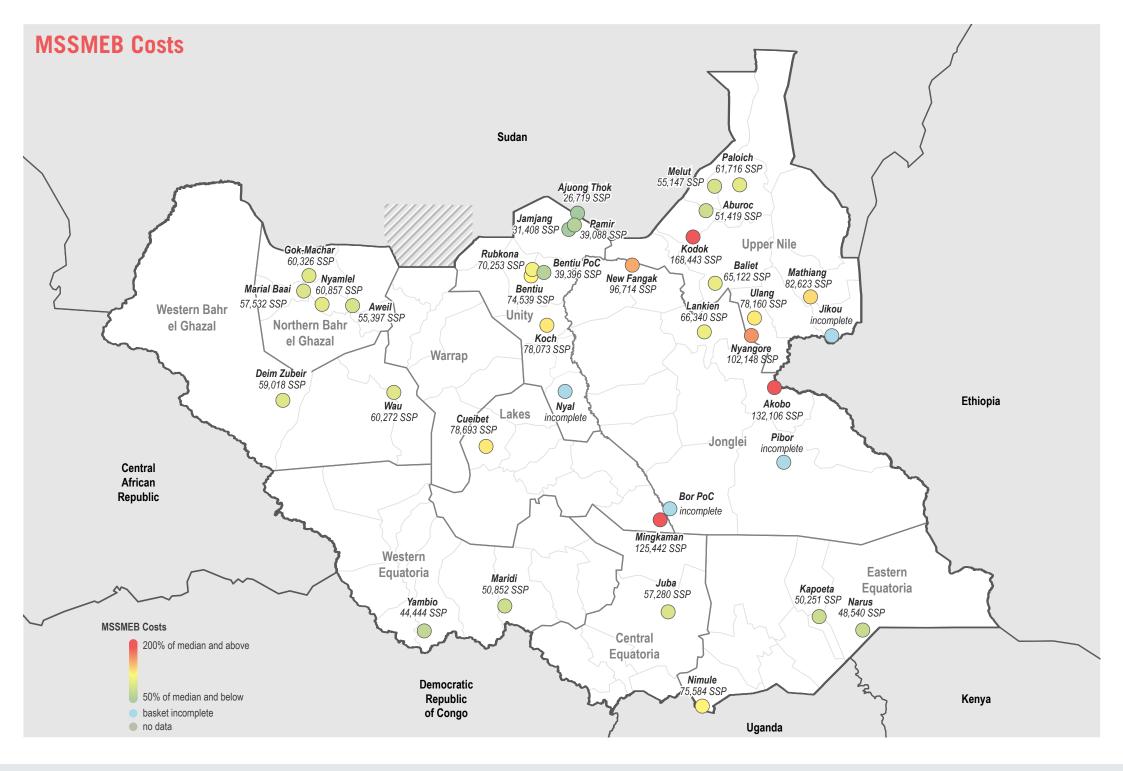


§ The number of participating agencies indicates the total number of partner organisations that collected data in September









MSSMEB CONTENTS

Food Items

Cereals90 kgVegetable oil6 LPulses9 kgSalt1 kg

Non-Food Items (monthly)

Charcoal	50 kg	School fee	3 USD
Milling cost	30 kg	Exercise book	12 pcs
Bar soap	6 pcs	Pencil*	6 pcs
Bleach*	1.5 L	Pen*	6 pcs
Human drugs	10 USD	Rubber*	3 pcs
Airtime	30 min	Sharpener*	3 pcs
Transport	3 USD		

Non-Food Items (one-off)*

Blanket	2 pcs	Sanitary pad	4 pcs
Mosquito net	2 pcs	Underwear	4 pcs
Kitchen set	1 pc	Kanga**	2 pcs
Jerrycan	2 pcs		

The Multi-Sectoral Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (MSSMEB) represents the minimum culturally adjusted group of items required to support a six-person South Sudanese household for one month. The cost of the MSSMEB can be used as a proxy for the financial burdens facing households in different locations. The MSSMEB's contents were defined by the CWG in consultation with relevant sector leads.

* Only the MSSMEB's key elements (food and monthly non-food items, excluding bleach, pencils, pens, rubbers and sharpeners) were incorporated into the calculations in this factsheet. See appendix for more detail on the calculation of the MSSMEB.

Cost of median MSSMEB (key items)

60,591 SSP

97.53 (at parallel market rate) **340.45** (at official rate)

Change since Feb 2021

+2.823 SSP ▲ 5%

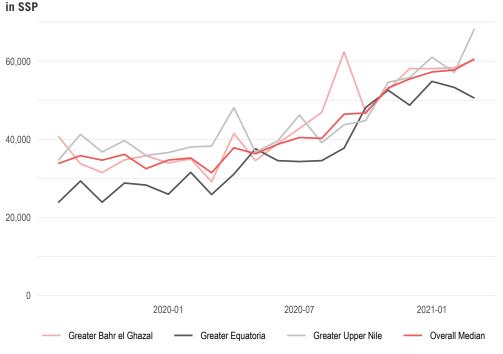
Change since March 2020

+29,133 SSP ▲ 92%

MSSMEB PER LOCATION

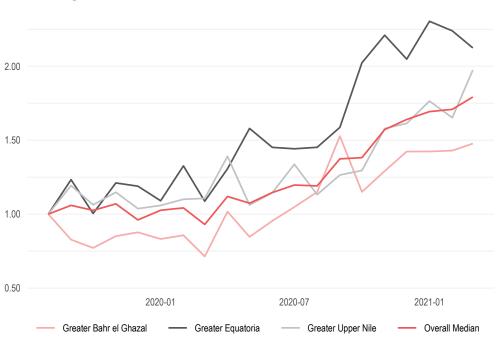
	key items in SSP	Feb 2021	Mar 2020	key item in USD†
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Juba Town	57,280	▼ 4%	na	89.33
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Narus	48,540	▼ 16%	▲ 87%	82.62
Kapoeta Town	50,251	▼ 42%	▲ 56%	79.13
Nimule	75,584	▲ 47%	▲ 193%	120.45
Akobo Town	132,106	▲ 43%	na	214.81
Bor PoC §	na	na	na	na
New Fangak	96.714	▲ 43%	▲ 3%	154.74
	,	na	▲ 35%	108.31
				na
	776	770	776	770
Mingkaman	125 442	▲ 58%	▲ 159%	201.92
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	-			62.92
	,			119.74
				63.41
Rubkona Town	70,253	▼ 9%	▲ 17%	113.08
Baliet Town	65,122	▲ 81%	na	106.32
Aburoc	51,419	▼ 10%	▲ 83%	84.29
Kodok	168,443	▲ 271%	▲ 443%	275.01
Mathiang	82,623	▶ 0%	▼ 7%	132.99
Jikou ‡	na	na	na	na
Melut Town	55,147	▲ 20%	▲ 75%	90.04
Paloich	61,716	na	▲ 102%	99.54
Nyangore	102,148	na	na	164.42
Ulang Town	78,160	na	▲ 66%	125.81
Deim Zubeir	59.018	▲ 14%	na	95.00
Wau		▲ 25%	▲ 137%	95.48
	JU,212		01/0	55.10
	50.852	▲ 9%	▲ 117%	80.72
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Yambio	44,444	▲ 3%	▲ 115%	71.40
	Juba Town Oria Narus Kapoeta Town Nimule Akobo Town Bor PoC § New Fangak Lankien Pibor Town § Mingkaman Cueibet Town el Ghazal Aweil Town Gok-Machar Marial Baai Nyamlel Town Koch Town Nyal § Ajuong Thok RC Jamjang Pamir RC Bentiu Bentiu PoC Rubkona Town Baliet Town Aburoc Kodok Mathiang Jikou ‡ Melut Town Paloich Nyangore Ulang Town el Ghazal Deim Zubeir	Dria Juba Town 57,280 Oria Narus 48,540 Kapoeta Town 75,584 Akobo Town Bor PoC \$ na New Fangak Lankien Pibor Town \$ 96,714 Lankien Pibor Town \$ 78,693 Pilor Town Filor Town Okapitation Aweil Town Gok-Machar Ajuong Thok RC Jamjang Pamir RC Jamjang Pamir RC Sentiu For S	Dria Juba Town 57,280	Dria Juba Town 57,280 ▼ 4% na

MSSMEB OVER TIME⁵



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Indexed to August $2019 = 1.00^6$

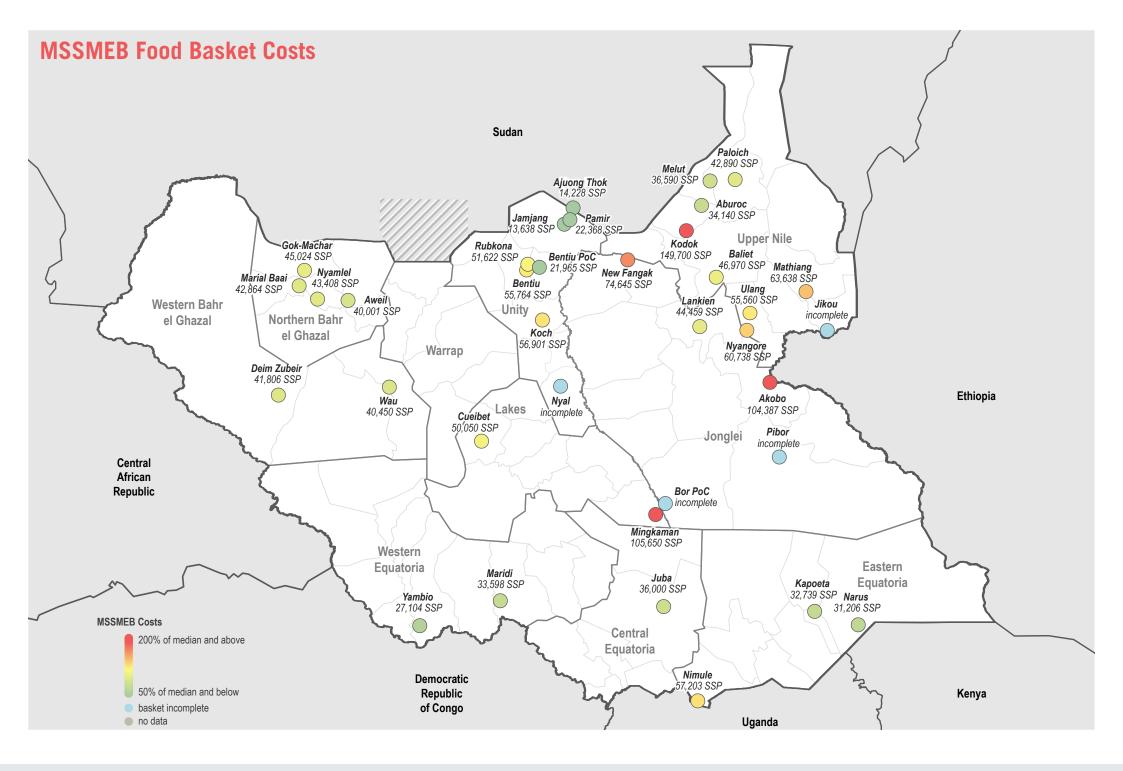


^{**} Traditional piece of garment

[†] The parallel market rate was used for the conversion to USD.

[‡] The food basket was incomplete, or no SSP conversion rate was available. The MSSMEB index is therefore incomplete in Jikou.

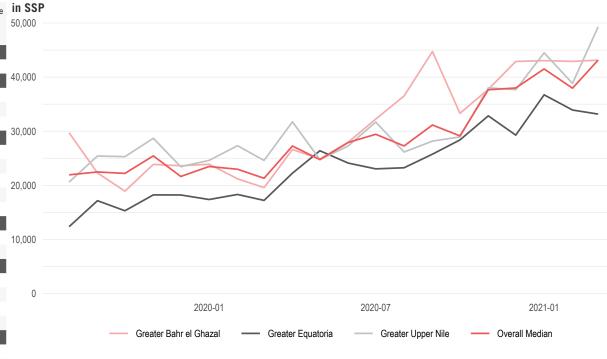
[§] No sorghum nor maize prices were available. No alternate cereal prices were available for Bor PoC, Pibor and Nyal, therefore the MSSMEB has been left



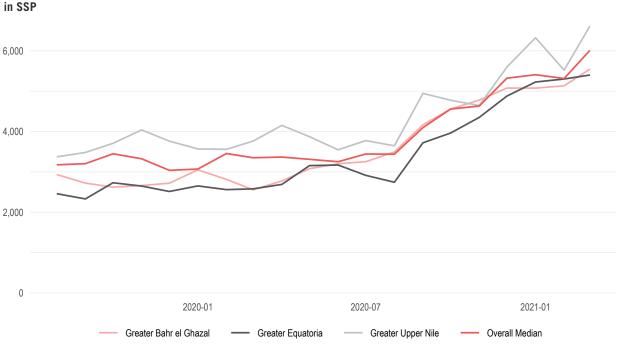
INDICES PER LOCATION

Location MSSMFB Change since Food price Change since Change since County Change food basket since Mar 2020 index* Feb 2021 Mar 2020 in SSP Feb 2021 in SSP Central Equatoria Juba Juba Town 36.000 5.045 na na ▼ 8% na Eastern Equatoria Kapoeta East Narus 31,206 **▼** 16% **▲** 104% 7,907 ▲ 51% **▲** 202% 32.739 **44%** 4.833 **¥** 44% **▲** 94% Kapoeta South Kapoeta Town **¥** 49% Magwi Nimule 57.203 **49% ▲** 218% 5.651 **▲** 5% **▲** 94% Jonglei 104,387 Akobo Akobo Town **▲** 57% 7,401 **▼** 13% na na Bor PoC 4.024 **▲** 21% **40%** Bor South na na na Fangak **New Fangak** 74.645 **46% ▼** 10% 8.134 **▲** 47% **▲** 116% Nyirol Lankien 44,459 na ▲ 20% 8,043 na **▲** 90% Pibor Pibor Town 6,642 na na na na na Lakes Awerial Mingkaman 105,650 **▲** 73% ▲ 300% 6.587 **▼** 6% **▲** 99% 50,050 **▲** 45% **A** 28% Cueibet **Cueibet Town** na 6,150 na Northern Bahr el Ghazal Aweil Centre Aweil Town 40,001 **▼** 7% na 5,097 **¥** 4% na Gok-Machar 45,024 **4**% 5,574 **▲** 1% na na Aweil West Marial Baai 42,864 5,519 na na na na **Nyamlel Town** 43,408 ▶ 0% 5,609 **▲** 2% na na Unity **Koch Town** 56.901 **▲** 14% 8.153 **▲** 51% Koch **▲** 102% ▼ 8% Nyal 5,155 **▲** 2% ▲ 54% Panyijiar na na na Pariang AjuongThok RC 14,228 **▼** 15% **▼** 7% 5,260 **7**% **▲** 98% 13,638 **▼** 17% **▲** 17% **▲** 16% **▲** 61% Jamjang 4,748 Pamir RC 22.368 **▲** 114% **A** 25% **▲** 39% 6.011 **▲** 15% Rubkona Bentiu 55,764 **A** 2% **▲** 213% 6,170 ▼ 13% **▲** 70% Bentiu PoC 21,965 4,042 na na na na 51.622 **▼** 18% Rubkona Town ▼ 8% **▲** 259% 5.535 **▲** 63% Upper Nile Baliet **Baliet town** 46,970 **▲** 149% na 7,327 ▲ 33% na Fashoda Aburoc 34,140 **V** 13% ▲ 80% 6.612 **▲** 2% **▲** 77% 149.700 **449%** 6.718 **▲** 32% **▲** 74% Kodok **▲** 602% Mathiang **▲** 64% **▼** 19% **▼** 11% **▼** 17% Longochuk 63.638 4.404 Maiwut Jikou ¹ na na na na na na Melut **Melut Town** 36,590 ▲ 39% **▲** 79% 6,956 ▲ 35% ▲ 85% Paloich 42.890 na **▲** 120% 7.418 na **▲** 127% Ulang Nyangore 60,738 na na 10.856 na na 55,560 **Ulang Town** ▲ 56% 6,588 ▲ 28% na na Western Bahr el Ghazal Raja 41.806 **▲** 20% Deim Zubeir **A** 20% na 5.215 na Wau 40,450 Wau ▲ 37% **▲** 155% 4,875 ▲ 34% ▲ 107% Western Equatoria Maridi Maridi 33.598 **▲** 10% **▲** 123% 6.167 **▲** 4% **▲** 129% Yambio Yambio 27,104 **▼** 2% ▲ 109% 5.152 **▲** 15% ▲ 103% 43,149 **▲** 14% **▲** 79% Overall **▲** 102% 6,011 **▲** 13%

MSSMEB FOOD BASKET OVER TIME⁵

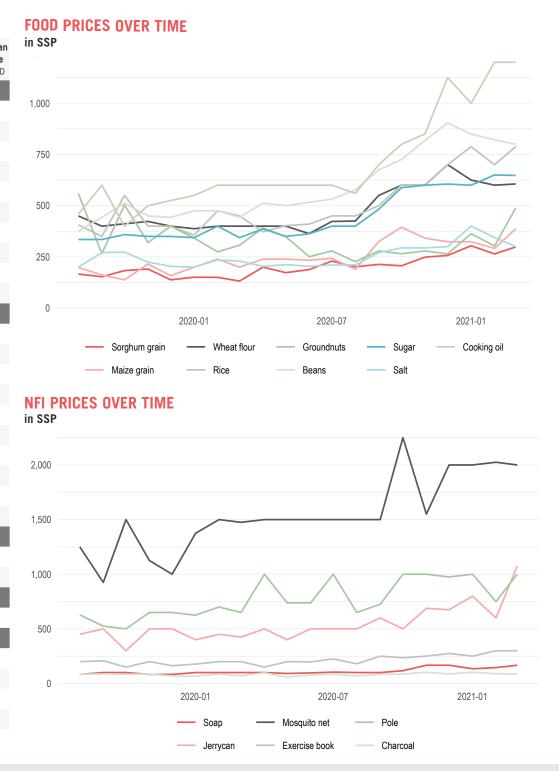


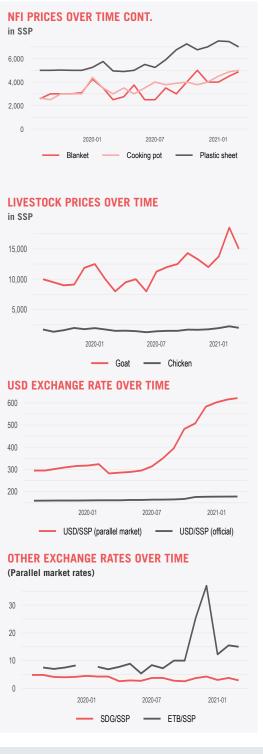
FOOD PRICE INDEX OVER TIME⁵

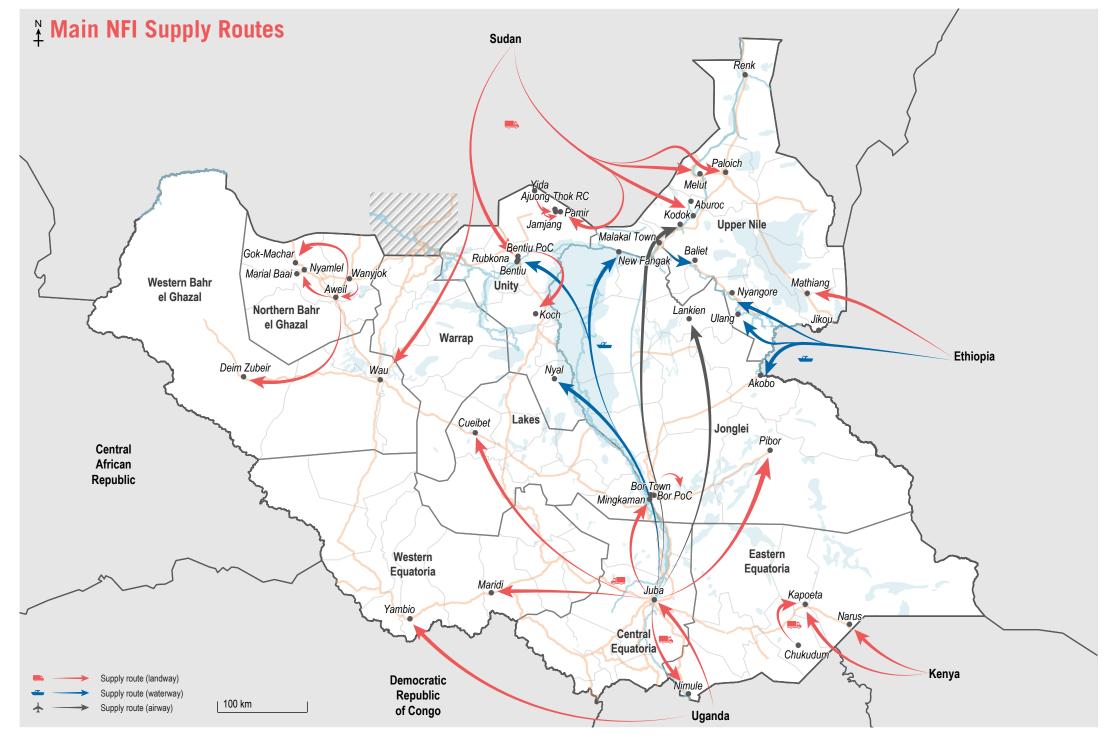


The food price index was calculated by adding up the median prices of one unit of each assessed food item. Where the median value is not available, the median price across all locations was used for the calculation of the index

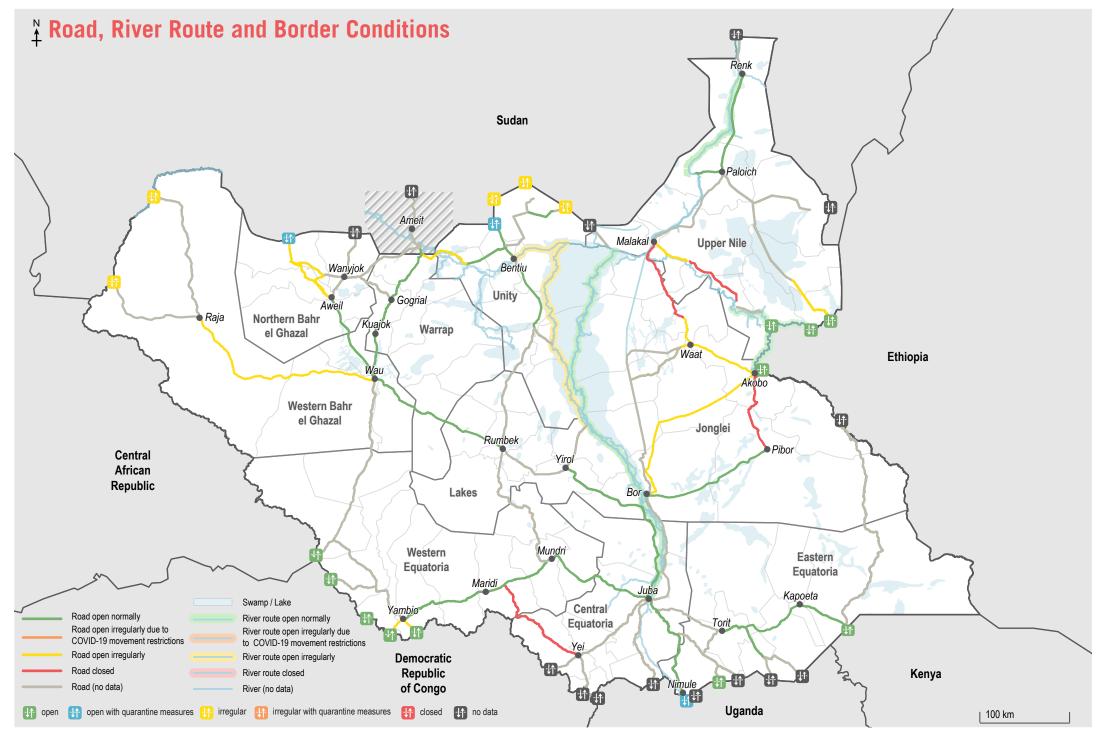
PRICES OF MONITORED ITEMS Item Median Change Change Median price price since since Feb 2021 Mar 2020 in SSP in USD Food Items **▲** 13% **▲** 127% 0.48 300 Sorghum grain 1 kg 0.62 387 ▲ 33% **▲** 94% Maize grain 1 kg 606 **▲** 1% ▲ 52% 0.98 Wheat flour 1 kg 1.27 Rice 788 **▲** 13% **▲** 75% 1 kg 1 kg 445 **▲** 47% **▲** 45% 0.72 Groundnuts (shelled) ▲ 81% 1.29 Beans 1 kg 800 ▼ 3% 1 kg ▶ 0% 1.04 Sugar 648 ▲ 88% Salt 1 kg 300 **▼** 13% ▲ 31% 0.48 1.93 Cooking oil 1 L 1,200 ▶ 0% **▲** 100% Water* 1 L 30 na na 0.05 Non-Food Items Soap 200 g 167 **▲** 15% **▲** 67% 0.27 Jerrycan 1,075 **▲** 79% **▲** 153% 1.73 1 pc ▲ 36% 3.22 Mosquito net 2,000 **▼** 1% 1 pc ▶ 0% ▲ 50% 0.48 Exercise book 1 pc 300 Blanket 4,875 ▲ 8% ▲ 95% 7.85 8.05 Cooking pot 5,000 **▲** 3% **▲** 67% 1 pc **▲** 41% 11.27 Plastic sheet 1 pc 7.000 **▼** 6% Pole ▲ 33% ▲ 54% 1.61 1 pc 1,000 ▼ 5% ▼ 5% 0.76 Firewood 1 bundle 475 0.14 Charcoal 1 kg 87 ▼ 3% **▲** 22% Livestock Items 15,000 ▲ 88% 24.14 Goat 1 goat **▼** 19% 3.22 Chicken 1 chicken 2.000 **▼** 11% **▲** 33% Services 0.08 Milling costs 1 kg 50 **▼** 7% **▲** 72% Currencies US dollar 1 USD 621 **▲** 1% **▲** 120% Sudanese pound 1 SDG 2.9 **▼** 23% ▼ 32% Ethiopian biir 1 ETB 15.0 ▼ 3% **▲** 118% 1 UGX Ugandan shilling na na na 1 KES Kenyan shilling na na na * Prices only collected for Juba Town







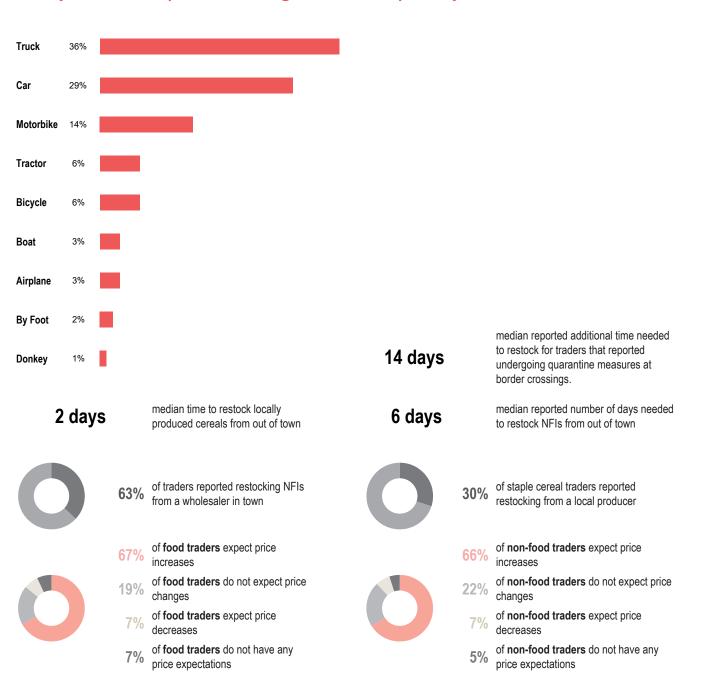
This map illustrates where vendors reported their market location to be supplied from with NFIs. Only the most frequently reported non-food supply market connection is shown for each location. Additional linkages and supply routes may exist.



The map illustrates the reported road, river route and border crossing conditions at the time of data collection. The results are indicative of trade activity only.

Additional Indicators

Primary modes of transport for restocking local cereals reported by traders



Reported restocking constraints*

No constraints	34%	
High taxation in marketplace	30%	
High checkpoint costs	27%	
Poor road conditions	15%	
Insecurity along supply route	13%	
No access to foreign currency	10%	
Lack of capital	10%	
Lack of storage	10%	
Movement restrictions	9%	
Border quarantine measures	9%	
Insecurity in the marketplace	8%	
High fuel prices	7%	
Poor river conditions	6%	(
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Border closed	5%	

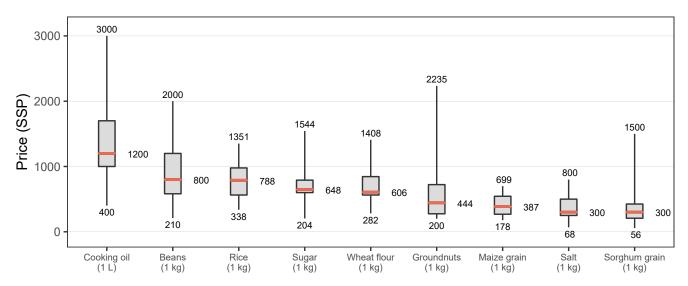
Accepted payment modalities*

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Cash (SSP)	94%						
Cash (USD)	10%	(
Cash (other currency)	8%	(
Credit	4%	《					
Mobile money	1%	(
Bartering	0%	\					

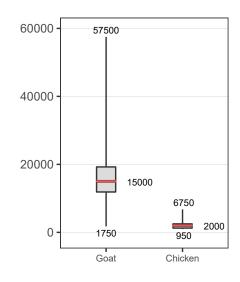
^{*} Values do not add up to 100% as traders were allowed to select multiple options.

Distribution of Prices

Food Items



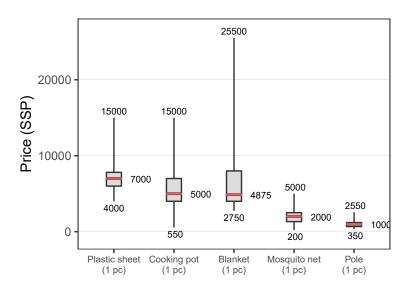
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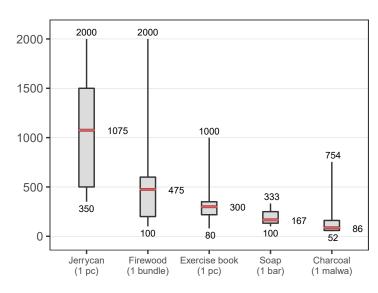
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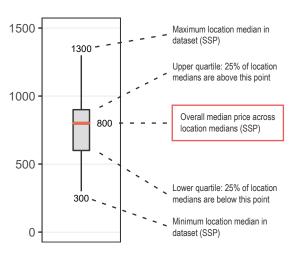
NFIs



NFIs cont.



How to read a boxplot



^{*} The 'location median' is calculated by first finding the median price of a given item in each assessed location, then taking the median of the resulting set of median prices.

MEDIAN ITEM PRICES PER LOCATION (in SSP)

County	Location	Sorghum grain (1 kg)	Maize grain (1 kg)	Wheat flour (1 kg)	Rice (1 kg)	Groundnuts (shelled) (1 kg)	Beans (1 kg)	Sugar (1 kg)	Salt (1 kg)	Cooking oil (1 L)	Water (1 L)	Soap (200 g)	Jerrycan (1 pc)	Mosquito net (1 pc)	Exercise book (1 pc)	Blanket (1 pc)	Cooking pot (1 pc)	Plastic sheet (1 pc)	Pole (1 pc)	Firewood (1 bundle)	Charcoal (1 kg)	Goat (1 unit)	Chicken (1 unit)	Milling costs (1 kg)
Central Equato	oria																							
Juba	Juba Town	245	250	400	800	650	800	600	300	1,000	30	117	500	1,700	350	3,000	2,550	6,800	1,200	800	174	41,000	6,750	30
Eastern Equator	oria																							
Kapoeta East	Narus	182	na	500	1,014	2,235	914	1,075	600	1,000	na	133	350	5,000	200	2,750	3,500	7,000	1,500	1,250	126	57,500	2,000	43
Kapoeta South	Kapoeta Town	224	215	500	901	279	665	645	204	1,200	na	133	500	2,000	300	5,000	5,000	8,000	1,500	1,000	69	25,000	2,500	29
Magwi	Nimule	251	478	563	789	838	887	645	200	1,000	na	133	900	3,250	225	4,500	3,250	7,750	475	550	131	na	na	35
Jonglei																								
Akobo	Akobo Town	942	450	704	845	na	na	764	407	2,000	na	333	na	2,000	500	na	11,000	14,500	1,000	200	166	15,000	1,500	500
BorSouth	Bor PoC	na	na	563	450	559	665	430	271	400	na	133	na	na	500	na	na	na	na	200	145	na	na	43
Fangak	New Fangak	546	699	845	788	na	na	662	305	3,000	na	233	na	na	na	na	na	na	450	100	166	14,500	1,650	171
Nyirol	Lankien	352	300	1,408	1,351	na	210	1,544	689	1,700	na	309	na	1,400	na	na	3,900	6,800	875	500	172	10,000	950	100
Pibor	Pibor Town	na	na	1,000	1,000	na	1,000	1,000	800	667	na	267	600	na	na	na	15,000	na	1,000	100	212	20,000	2,500	135
Lakes																								
Awerial	Mingkaman	1,000	na	750	550	550	800	600	650	1,300	na	167	450	1,250	300	5,500	4,750	7,500	1,000	200	138	11,500	4,000	57
Cueibet	Cueibet Town	300	300	500	1,200	200	2,000	600	250	800	na	133	1,500	3,500	1,000	5,000	5,500	6,500	1,200	600	86	11,000	3,250	70
Northern Bahr	el Ghazal																							
Aweil Centre	Aweil Town	262	na	600	600	227	1,000	600	221	1,200	na	117	1,500	na	80	12,000	4,000	7,000	na	na	na	10,500	2,500	50
	Gok-Machar	297	na	600	700	246	1,200	650	294	1,200	na	133	1,500	na	150	na	na	na	500	300	64	na	na	26
Aweil West	Marial Baai	273	na	600	700	265	1,200	600	294	1,200	na	133	na	na	100	na	na	na	650	300	62	na	na	29
	Nyamlel Town	288	na	600	800	246	1,100	600	388	1,200	na	133	2,000	na	na	na	550	na	550	300	64	na	na	36
Unity																								
Koch	Koch Town	330	na	1,220	978	na	1,923	932	294	1,600	na	267	1,500	2,000	300	na	8,000	na	na	100	166	na	na	na
Panyijiar	Nyal	410	na	500	500	na	300	1,019	350	1,200	na	209	500	2,500	na	4,500	4,250	na	1,000	2,000	86	na	na	na
Pariang	Ajuong Thok RC	na	na	600	1,000	na	222	625	500	1,400	na	167	na	na	300	na	na	na	2,550	200	58	na	na	43
	Jamjang	56	na	na	na	na	222	600	600	1,000	na	200	na	na	325	na	na	na	na	na	58	25,000	na	43
	Pamir RC	113	na	750	1,200	na	222	650	600	1,600	na	125	na	na	275	na	na	na	na	na	58	na	na	43
Rubkona	Bentiu	436	598	662	450	796	665	524	339	1,700	na	100	2,000	1,550	350	25,500	15,000	5,000	1,250	550	58	16,500	2,750	193
	Bentiu PoC	185	na	381	414	1,515	240	221	200	500	na	184	1,950	1,500	300	na	6,000	na	1,000	100	58	na	na	na
	Rubkona Town	414	526	606	450	698	499	471	271	1,600	na	100	1,800	1,500	350	18,000	8,500	6,000	950	475	58	19,000	2,250	179
Upper Nile																								
Baliet	Baliet Town	303	324	750	750	1,200	na	700	500	2,000	na	184	500	500	na	na	na	na	350	165	87	11,000	1,000	50
Fashoda	Aburoc	136	na	600	800	na	na	700	300	2,400	na	200	na	2,500	na	na	6,500	na	400	na	52	12,000	1,000	64
	Kodok	1,500	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	233	na	2,500	na	na	7,000	15,000	700	200	na	15,000	1,000	86
Longochuk	Mathiang	523	500	282	338	na	1,500	204	68	500	na	300	na	200	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1,750	1,000	na
Maiwut	Jikou ‡	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Melut	Melut Town	191	na	1,000	1,200	378	na	800	200	2,000	na	284	500	2,000	300	8,000	5,000	8,000	1,000	500	na	15,000	2,000	29
	Paloich	191	na	800	1,200	340	1,500	800	200	2,000	na	267	500	2,000	300	8,000	5,000	8,000	1,000	500	na	12,000	1,500	57
Ulang	Nyangore	454	648	858	901	na	na	1,165	678	2,000	na	300	1,200	1,000	500	4,000	4,000	6,000	na	500	754	12,000	1,000	na
M. (Ulang Town	454	648	1,144	450	na	na	1,103	na	na	na	300	1,300	1,000	na	3,000	na	6,000	800	2,000	207	15,000	1,500	na
Western Bahr		000		700	700		4.000	700	400	000		407						4.000	4.500		50	40.500	4.500	
Raja	Deim Zubeir	303	na	700	700	na	1,200	700	136	600	na	167	na	na	na	na	na	4,000	1,500	na	52	16,500	1,500	57
Wau	Wau	300	275	550	700	400	800	600	250	1,000	na	133	1,000	700	350	4,750	4,000	7,250	800	300	116	13,500	2,250	72
Western Equat		445	405	4 400		400	4.075		070	252		450		0.050	400	4.000	7.000	7.500			110			00
Maridi	Maridi	145	185	1,408	755	489	1,275	688	373	850	na	159	na	3,650	160	4,000	7,000	7,500	na	600	116	na	na	23
Yambio	Yambio	na	178	1,200	563	391	776	645	500	600	na	117	1,150	na	200	na	5,000	6,000	1,300	1,500	79	30,000	3,500	150
Overall median	1 to ovojloblo † ETP prid	300	387	606	788	445	800	648	300	1,200	30	167	1,075	2,000	300	4,875	5,000	7,000	1,000	475	87	15,000	2,000	50

na: no price data available, ‡ ETB price reported as no SSP trading rate available

MEDIAN STOCK LEVELS PER LOCATION (in days)

County	Location	Sorghum grain	Maize grain	Wheat flour	Rice	Groundnuts (shelled)	Beans	Sugar	Salt	Cooking oil	Soap	Jerrycan	Mosquito net	Exercise book	Blanket	Cooking pot	Plastic sheet	Median time to restock local staple cereals	Median time to restock imported food items	Median time to restock NFIs
Central Equate	oria																			
Juba	Juba Town	7	14	21	28	14	21	28	21	25	25	14	60	60	60	21	28	3	10	8
Eastern Equat	toria																			
Kapoeta East	Narus	14		14	14	14	22	10	13	5	14	60	60	90	60	30	37	3	5	4
Kapoeta South		30	21	30	26	45	26	26	45	26	26	30	45	60	45	30	45	1	3	1
Magwi	Nimule	25	26	6	45	26	21	7	14	11	14	11	75	210	90	135	60	na	1	3
Jonglei		0.0	00	00	00			00	00	0.4	00		00	100		00	45		_	_
Akobo	Akobo Town	30	30	60	60	na -	na 04	60	60	21	28	na	30	120	na	60	45	2	5	7
BorSouth	Bor PoC	na	na	14	7	7	21	14	21	11	21	na	na	330	na	na	na	na	1	1
Fangak	New Fangak	22	11	18	14	na	na	14	36	14	26	na	na	na	na	na	na	8	8	9
Nyirol	Lankien	18	14	22	26	na	14	26	30	21	26	na	30	na	na	22	18	na	15	14
Pibor	Pibor Town	na	na	50	17	na	30	52	90	42	19	135	na	na	na	270	na	na	9	8
Lakes	Minakanan	00		20	20	105	CO.	105	105	45	75	70	00	255	CO.	00	100	1	4	1
Awerial	Mingkaman	90	na	30	30	105	60	105	165	45	75	79	90	255	60	90	180	1	1	
Cueibet	Cueibet Town	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	45	30	30	30	30	60	30	30	30	na	ı	6
Northern Bahr Aweil Centre	Aweil Town	60	no	49	40	28	32	48	75	29	105	48	no	60	180	122	63	35	42	35
Aweii Cerilie	Gok-Machar	33	na	21		35	7	58	36	29	60	14	na	90				35 35		35
Aweil West	Marial Baai	18	na	26	25 28	18	35	28	45	28	58		na	60	na	na	na	35	42 42	35
Aweii west	Nyamlel Town	18	na	21	33	18	29	39	30	25	30	na 14	na	na	na	na 60	na na	35	42	35
Unity	Nyaimer rown	10	na	21	33	10	23	39	30	23	30	14	na	11d	na	00	Ha	33	42	33
Koch	Koch Town	30	na	60	45	na	60	60	60	30	60	45	30	150		90	na	na	1	1
Panyijiar	Nyal	60	na	30	30	na	60	30	30	21	45	60	60	na	60	60	na	na	14	13
Pariang	Ajuong Thok RC	28	na	21	33	na	23	29	18	28	18	na	na	25	na	na	na	IIa	18	15
1 allalig	Jamjang Tiok Ro	11	na	na	na	na	21	21	30	21	21	na	na	29	na	na	na	8	na	7
	Pamir RC	17	na	21	30	na	21	21	29	21	21	na	na	26	na	na	na	1	na	7
Rubkona	Bentiu	21	15	14	21	14	21	18	14	14	14	21	18	28	25	25	14	na	6	10
Rubkona	Bentiu PoC	22	na	14	41	30	30	45	30	22	18	14	7	16	20	30	na	1	5	7
	Rubkona Town	21	14	21	18	21	21	18	13	14	14	14	14	29	14	21	14	2	7	6
Upper Nile					10			10	10					20				_	,	
Baliet Town	Baliet Town	22	na	18	30	21	na	11	26	14	18	11	45	na	na	na	na	14	5	22
Fashoda	Aburoc	60	na	21	4	na	na	49	31	6	3	na	146	na	na	270	na	na	na	4
	Kodok	285	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	270	na	330	na	na	270	300	na	5	5
Longochuk	Mathiang	71	52	60	60	na	21	14	18	21	60	na	21	na	na	na	na	13	12	10
Maiwut	Jikou	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Melut	Melut Town	30	na	41	60	21	na	60	29	30	60	21	60	60	75	60	60	1	na	na
	Paloich	60	na	28	60	26	75	60	41	60	41	21	25	75	75	60	60	1	na	na
Ulang	Nyangore	7	3	3	1	2	na	21	7	5	14	14	75	120	180	150	180	na	na	na
5	Ulang Town	60	14	2	7	na	na	14	na	na	3	60	60	na	90	na	90	na	4	4
Western Bahr																				
Raja	Deim Zubeir	21	na	30	30	na	14	45	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1	1
Wau	Wau	21	26	21	13	18	14	21	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	5	4	3
Western Equa																				
Maridi	Maridi	na	37	60	na	75	30	90	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Yambio	Yambio	na	na	14	10	1	18	11	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	19	30
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METHODOLOGY

The JMMI aims to inform market-based programming in South Sudan. Coverage depends on the interest of the partner organisations and their field teams' capacities to regularly collect market data. Locations are added once partners willing to cover them are identified, and their field teams are trained. As the initiative is currently being built up, coverage will likely be expanded in future data collection rounds.

In each assessed location, at least four prices per food, non-food, and livestock item need to be collected from different traders to ensure the quality and consistency of the collected data (2 for currencies and milling costs, 5 for casual labor). In line with the purpose of the JMMI, only the prices of the cheapest available types are recorded for each item.

Partner field teams identify traders to assess based on the following criteria:

- Traders are retailers selling directly to consumers.
- Traders with weight scales are prioritised when recording prices of dry food items.
- Traders need to be representative of the local price level.
- To the extent possible, the same traders are revisited in every data collection round

The data is collected by field staff familiar with the local market conditions. They are trained on methodology and tools by REACH. Data collection is conducted through the ODK Collect mobile application. The data collection tool is published alongside the dataset every month and disseminated to the humanitarian community.

Following data collection, REACH compiles and cleans all partner data, normalising prices, cross-checking outliers, and calculating the median cost of an MSSMEB in each assessed location.

The median item prices reported in this factsheet are 'location medians', designed to minimise the effects of outliers and differing amounts of data among assessed locations. First, the median prices of all assessed items are calculated within each assessed location; then, REACH calculates the median of this list of medians. All MSSMEB and price index calculations are created using this method.

MSSMFR Calculation

- The cost of the MSSMEB is calculated by multiplying the median price of each item in the respective location by the quantity listed in the table on page 2.
- Sorghum grain prices are used for the calculation of the cereal component, and maize grain prices for areas where maize is more commonly consumed. In areas where both cereals are consumed equally, the price of the cheaper item is used.
- Bean prices are used for the pulse component.
- Rather than the prices of vegetable oil, the prices of the cheapest locally available cooking oil is used.
- For airtime, a monthly cost of 1 USD is assumed, based on the rates of local telecom providers.
- All USD amounts are converted to SSP using the local parallel market exchange rates
- If a component of the MSSMEB is unavailable in a location, the overall median price is used for the calculation of the index.

More details on the methodology can be found in the JMMI terms of reference (ToR).

Challenges and Limitations

- Price data is only indicative for the time frame within which it was collected. Prices may vary between data collection rounds.
- The JMMI data collection tool requests the cheapest available type of each item to be recorded, as availability varies across regions. Therefore, price comparisons across regions may be based on slightly varying products.
- Standardising unit sizes of dry food items is inherently difficult in South Sudan, as many traders sell commodities by volume rather than weight. This may create a measurement error.
- With current coverage, data is mostly collected from main markets, which may not be representative of rural areas.
- As the JMMI continues to expand and is extended to additional locations, the reported changes in the overall median prices may be driven by shifts in coverage rather than actual price changes.

Participating Agencies

- ACTED Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development
- CAFOD-Trócaire Catholic Agency for Overseas Development & Trócaire
- CARE
- Caritas
- Church & Development
- Concern
- Cordaid
- DCA Danish Church Aid
- DRC Danish Refugee Council
- GOAL
- HARD Hope Agency for Relief and Development
- ICPDO Intergrated Community Peace & Development Organization
- IOM International Organization for Migration
- Maltester- International
- IRC International Rescue Committee

- NRDC National Relief and Development Corps
- Nile Hope
- Oxfam
- Plan international
- REACH Initiative
- Save the Children
- Solidarites International
- SPEDP Support for Peace and Education Development Programme
- Tearfund
- UNHCR- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee
- UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund
- UNKEA Universal Network for Knowledge & Empowerment Agency
- Welthungerhilfe (WHH)
- · Windle Trust International
- · World Vision

Endnotes

- ¹ The MSSMEB is calculated in each assessed location as described in the methodology box on the left and only includes key items. The overall MSSMEB is the median across all assessed locations.
- ² The food basket is composed of only the food items in the MSSMEB. The overall cost of the food basket is the median across all assessed locations.
- ³ The parallel market exchange rate (buy and sell rate) was collected from two traders in each assessed location. The overall rate is calculated by first finding the median in each assessed location, then taking the median of the resulting set of median rates.
- ⁴ Source: Central Bank of South Sudan (2021, March 1). Retrieved from <u>www.bankofsouthsudan.</u> <u>org</u>. The rates from 19 September were used for the calculation of the monthly change.
- ⁵ Greater Bahr el Ghazal includes the states of Lakes, Northern Bahr el Ghazal, Warrap and Western Bahr el Ghazal; Greater Equatoria includes the states of Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria

JMMI OUTPUTS

Factsheets Datasets

2021

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and Western Equatoria; Greater Upper Nile includes the states of Jonglei, Unity and Upper Nile.

⁶ The prices were normalised by setting August 2019 as the baseline and dividing each month's price by the price in August 2019.