Tajikistan Weekly Market Situation Update

Week of 25 - 29 MAY 2020

Highlights

- Staple food commodities were available in most monitored markets during the reporting week. The current week's market monitoring observations are as follows:
 - 1. Central markets are operating at 30-40 percent capacity to provide access to staple food for the population
 - 2. Prices in several monitored markets increased for onions (7-32 percent), potatoes (10-38 percent) and bread (33.3-67 percent)
- Compared to April 2019, prices remain high though this week's prices were stable or slightly lower against monthly averages of April 2020
- The demand for skilled and unskilled labour in the market has been declining and wages decreased by 10% from May to April 2020.

Wheat flour (first grade)

Compared to previous week, wheat flour prices increased in Khujand by 7 percent, and decreased in Gharm by **5.7 percent**. Remaining of the markets remained stable.

Comparing the current reporting week to the monthly average of April 2020, prices for wheat flour increased in most monitored markets ranging from **6-17 percent.** Meanwhile, prices decreased in the range or 0.1 - 0.5 percent in Gharm and Dushanbe.

Rice

Rice prices remained stable in most monitored markets compared to the previous week, except in Khujand, where the price decreased by 8 percent.

Compared to the April 2020 monthly average, price increase was reported in Gharm, Bokhtar and Dushanbe markets ranging from 4.2-7.1 percent and it decreased in Khujand by 8 percent.

Potatoes

Markets in Khorog, Gharm and Bokhtar reported increases in prices for potatoes by a range of **10-37.5 percent** compared to the previous week, except in Khujand market where prices decreased by 27 percent.

Prices against monthly average of April 2020 in most monitored markets reported decrease in prices ranging from 13-19.4 percent. While Gharm price of potatoes increased by 29.4 percent.

Onion

Prices for onions remained stable in **Dushanbe** while an **increase** in prices was observed in Khorog, Gharm and Bokhtar markets in the range of 6.1-38 percent and decreased by 25 percent in Khujand.

Comparing to the monthly average of April 2020, prices for onion decreased in all markets in the range of **41.4-65 percent**.

Vegetable & Cotton Oil

During the reporting week, prices for vegetable oil decreased in Khorog and Gharm market ranging from 4.4-13.3 percent and increased by 7.1 percent in Bokhtar. Prices for cotton oil increased in Khujand and **Gharm** ranging from **2-8.3 percent**.

Compared with the monthly average of April 2020, prices increased in Khujand and Bokhtar markets in the range of **0.2-7.1 percent** for both commodities. Meanwhile price for cotton oil increased in Gharm by 4percent and it decreased for both commodities in **Dushanbe and Khorog** ranging from **7-12.4 percent**.

Milk & Eggs

Milk prices were stable in most monitored markets while prices for eggs increased in **Khujand by 10 percent** and price for milk decreased in Khorog and Khujand by a range of 13-17percent compared to the previous week.

Compared to the April 2020 monthly average, milk price decreased by the range of 1-17 percent in Khujand, Khorog and Gharm, while for eggs increased prices was observed in all monitored markets ranging from 5.3 -22.2 percent.

Meat Beef & Mutton

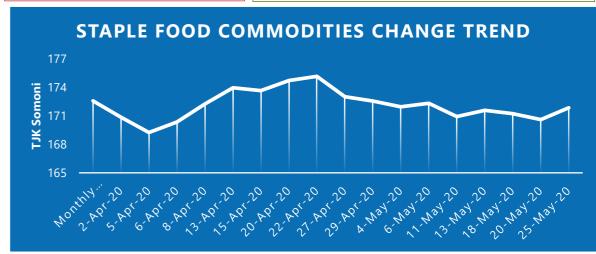
Compared to previous week, prices for beef were stable in most monitored markets. Increase in prices was reported for mutton in Khorog and Khujand markets by 2.2 - 9.1 percent while its price decreased in Gharm market by 2 percent.

Compared against April 2020 monthly averages, prices increased for mutton in Khujand and Dushanbe markets ranging from 8 - 9 percent, while it decreased in Khorog and Gharm market by the range of 1-8.1 percent. Prices for beef decreased in Khujand, Gharm and Dushanbe by the range of 2-6.3 percent, while in Khorog market its price **decreased** by **1 percent**

Petrol & Diesel

Prices for petrol in Khorog, Bokhtar and Gharm markets increased in the range of 7-13 percent compared to previous week, while in Khujand and **Dushanbe** markets price increased in the range of **2-13 percent.** Prices for diesel decreased in most markets by the range of 3-9.3 percent, while in Gharm its price increased by 13

Compared to the April 2020 monthly averages, a decrease was observed in all markets for both commodities by a range of 9-38.4 percent.



This graph analyses the average aggregate change of prices for ten commodities in the five monitored markets, comparing the reporting week against the previous weeks and monthly average prices of April 2020. The food commodities included here are wheat flour (first grade), potatoes, onion, milk, eggs, vegetable and cotton oil, beef, mutton and rice.

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WEEKLY FOOD MARKET PRICE UPDATE – PERCENT CHANGE BY REGIONAL MARKETS

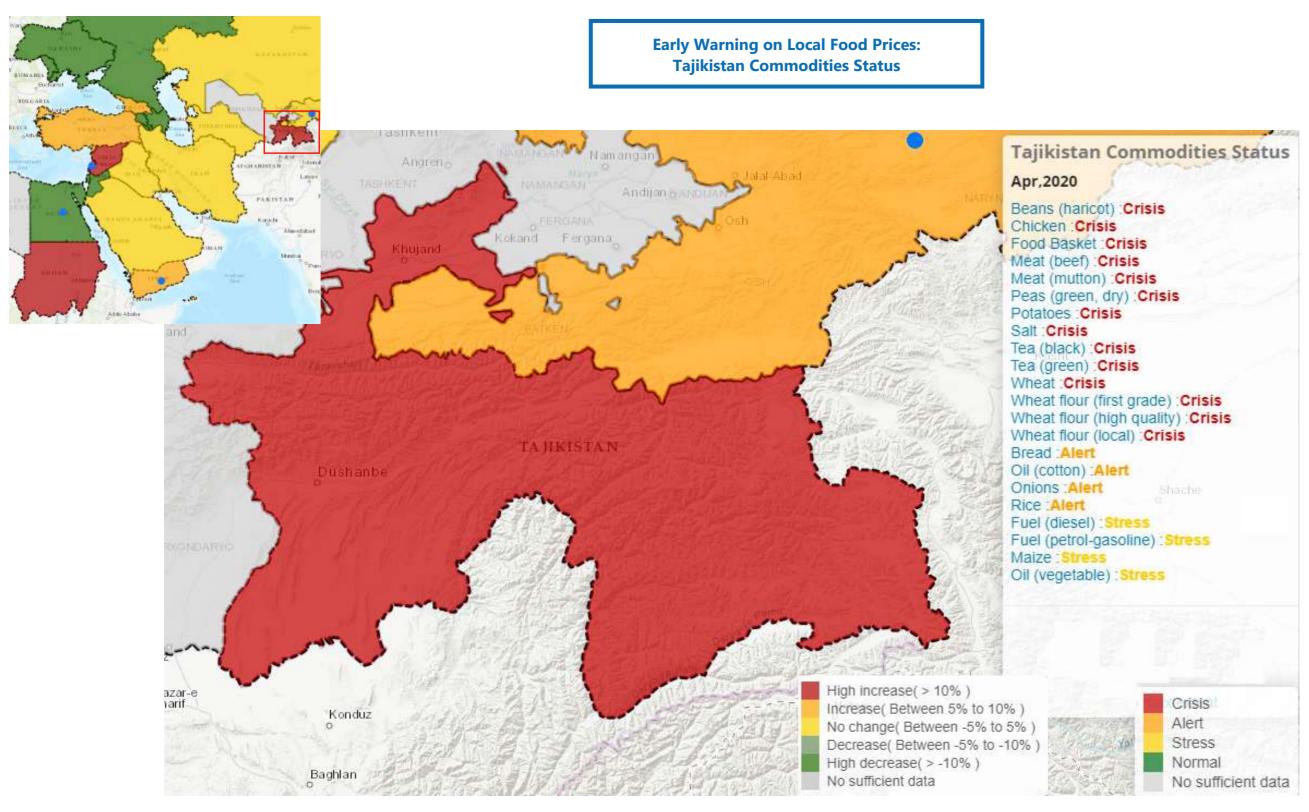
	Khorog				Khujand				Bokhtar				Gharm				Dushanbe			
	in TJS	Change from previous period			in TJS	Change from previous period			in TJS	Change from previous period			in TJS	Change from previous period			in TJS	Change from previous period		
Commodity	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year	Current price	1 week	1 month	1 year
Meat -mutton	46.0	2.2	-0.7	29.8	60.0	9.1	9.1	28.7	52.0	0.0	0.0	26.8	49	-2.0	-1.8	23.1	55	0.0	8.1	21.8
Meat-beef	45.0	2.3	1.0	27.7	45.0	0.0	-6.3	15.7	50.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	49	0.0	-1.6	24.0	50	0.0	-1.7	20.0
Chicken	24.0	-4.0	-5.3	15.6	19.0	-5.0	-5.0	11.1	25.0	-7.4	-3.8	30.0	35	7.7	9.4	26.5	20	0.0	-13.0	20.2
Vegetable oil	13.0	-13.3	-9.3	9.9	13.0	0.0	0.2	-8.6	15.0	7.1	7.1	0.0	13	-4.4	-4.0	-3.0	11	0.0	-12.4	-6.5
Cotton Oil	14.0	0.0	-0.8	8.8	13.0	8.3	9.3	7.7	14.0	0.0	7.7	18.2	13	1.6	3.9	-3.2	11	0.0	-6.8	2.8
Potatoes	5.5	10.0	-16.1	81.2	5.5	-26.7	-19.4	241.5	5.5	37.5	-13.5	202.2	7	25.0	29.4	181.6	5	0.0	-18.6	83.9
Cabbage	2.5	0.0	-33.8	-10.7	0.8	-20.0	-70.0	-30.6	2.0	0.0	0.0	-42.6	3	30.4	10.2	13.3	1	0.0	-72.0	-27.1
Carrots	2.5	0.0	-27.4	18.7	2.0	0.0	18.8	-32.8	2.0	0.0	5.3	-15.6	2	0.0	19.2	-33.9	1.5	0.0	-14.6	-32.7
Onion	2.5	25.0	-45.8	54.7	1.5	-25.0	-64.7	166.7	1.6	6.7	-58.4	116.3	2.5	31.6	-41.4	131.1	1.5	0.0	-62.5	114.5
Milk	5.0	-16.7	-16.7	20.0	3.5	-12.5	-6.0	6.3	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4	0.0	-0.8	-17.6	5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Eggs	11.0	0.0	5.3	5.7	10.0	0.0	11.1	28.6	11.0	10.0	22.2	15.3	11	0.0	10.0	0.0	9	0.0	9.5	-18.7
Sugar	7.0	-12.5	-13.1	0.9	6.5	0.0	-8.6	9.4	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	-1.5	-3.5	7.1	6.5	0.0	-7.1	3.4
Tea black	28.0	-30.0	-14.3	59.1	35.0	-30.0	-30.0	25.0	35.0	-30.0	-30.0	108.3	32	16.4	21.9	34.0	40	0.0	0.0	18.5
Tea green	28.0	-20.0	-14.3	40.0	35.0	-12.5	-12.5	14.3	35.0	-30.0	-30.0	108.3	35	29.6	37.9	31.8	40	0.0	14.3	16.7
Rice	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0	-7.7	-7.7	36.8	11.0	0.0	5.3	16.0	15	0.0	4.2	24.6	15	0.0	7.1	12.0
Wheat flour first grade	5.1	0.0	6.2	25.0	5.4	7.1	17.1	44.9	5.3	0.0	7.4	23.3	5	-5.7	-0.1	37.1	4.9	0.0	-0.5	31.6
Salt	1.5	-25.0	-25.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.7	-30.0	-30.0	0.0
Bread middle size (150 gr.)	4.0	0.0	2.9	16.7	3.0	0.0	0.0	80.0	2.0	66.7	66.7	33.0	2.5	56.3	59.6	20.0	2	33.3	33.3	15.4
Dried green peas (mosh)	19.0	11.8	36.8	18.2	15.0	-6.3	-4.3	0.0	16.5	3.1	9.2	41.5	13	-13.3	2.3	11.7	17	0.0	30.8	18.2
Haricot bean(lobiyo)	18.0	5.9	14.1	5.7	30.0	0.0	33.7	87.0	35.0	0.0	79.0	77.8	14	-15.2	9.1	9.8	18	0.0	26.6	101.3
Chick peas(nakhud)	19.0	5.6	-1.7	-1.5	14.0	-6.7	-2.3	-4.5	15.0	25.0	25.0	-27.3	18	5.9	2.3	-1.7	15	0.0	17.4	-10.3
Petrol	7.1	6.8	-8.7	4.7	5.2	-1.9	-24.0	-10.6	5.4	10.0	-23.8	10.3	6.3	12.5	-12.8	-2.9	4.5	-6.3	-38.4	8.6
Diesel	8.0	-2.7	-12.5	0.0	6.4	-9.3	-9.3	-13.7	6.8	0.0	-10.7	-11.2	7	12.5	-12.5	-2.5	6	-7.7	-25.9	-1.0

Decrease Increase PRICE CHANGE (%)

About the Update

For the purpose of assessing potential impacts of COVID-19 on the population's food security situation, WFP Tajikistan intensified its weekly price monitoring through its Field Offices across the country. The monitoring is conducted twice a week in four central markets including Khorog, Khujand, Bokhtar, Gharm as well as Dushanbe, and focuses on the main commodities that are consumed by the average population of the country.





Source: WFP Safety Nets Alert Platform; https://snap.vam.wfp.org/index1.php?country=Tajikistan&short=TJ

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