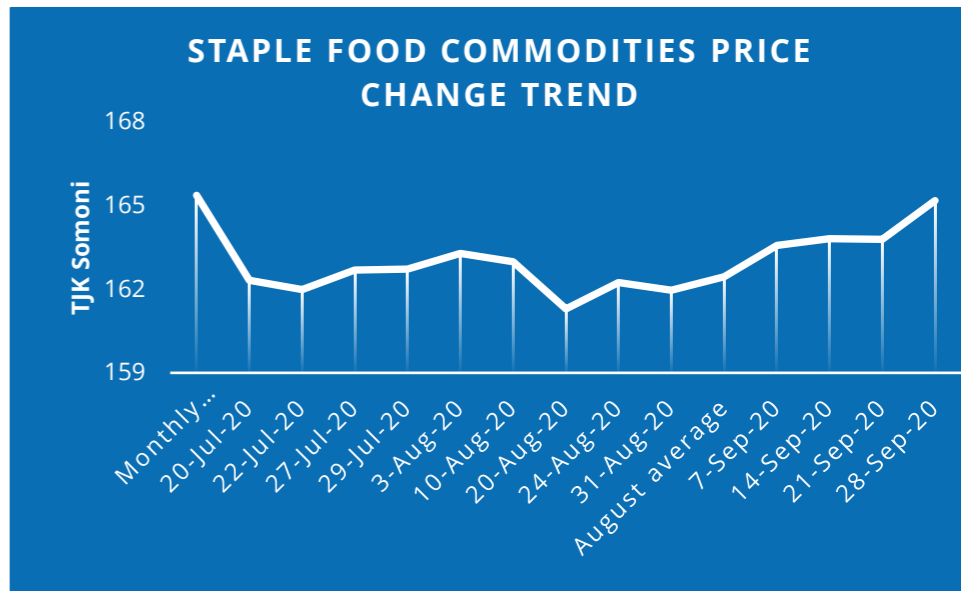


Tajikistan Market Situation Update, #26

14-29 September 2020

Highlights

- Staple food commodities were available in all monitored food markets during the reporting period.
- There are many day labourers (i.e., *mardikors*) in Bokhtar market, but there are few jobs available for them. Unskilled wage in Bokhtar remained low at 50 somoni, lowest among the monitored markets and compare to last year during the same period it decreased by 33 percent.

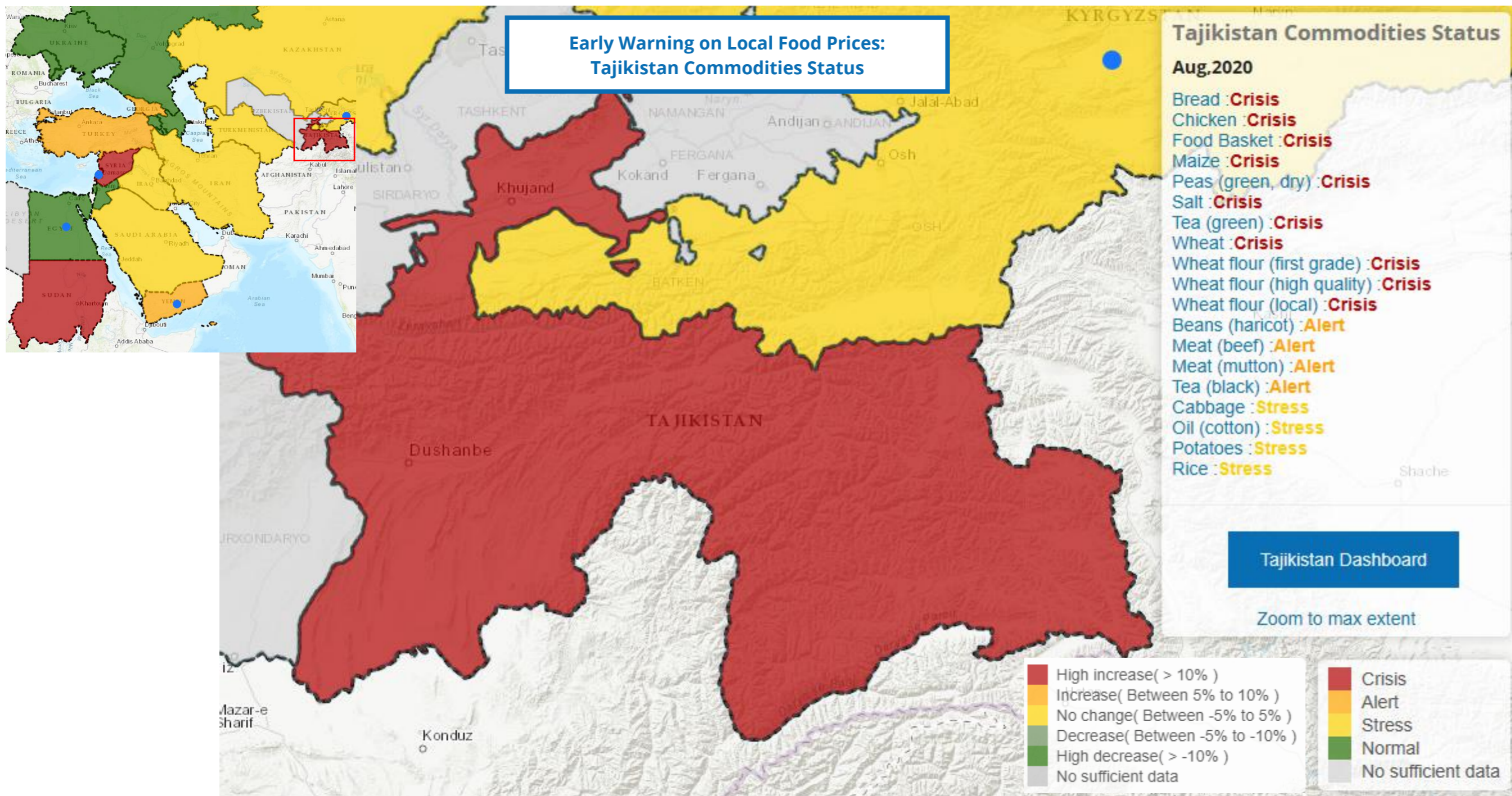
Wheat flour (first grade)	Rice	Potatoes	Onion	Vegetable & Cotton Oil
<p>Prices for wheat flour first grade remained stable in most markets while decreasing in Khorog and Murghab by 0.5-2 percent and increasing in Kulob by 1 percent compared to previous weeks.</p> <p>Comparing the current reporting period to the monthly averages of August 2020, prices for wheat flour decreased in Khujand, Bokhtar, Gharm, Murghab and Istaravshan markets in the range of 0.5 - 3 percent. Meanwhile, prices for this commodity increased in Khorog, and Kulob markets in the range of 1-2 percent.</p>	<p>Compared to previous weeks, rice prices remained stable in most monitored markets. Increases were reported in Khujand, Bokhtar and Kulob markets in the range of 2-16 percent.</p> <p>Compared to August 2020 monthly averages, prices for rice increased in Khujand, Bokhtar, Istaravshan and Kulob markets in the range of 2-15 percent but decreased by 10 percent in Dushanbe market, while the rest of the markets remained stable compared to previous weeks.</p>	<p>Compared to previous weeks, potatoes prices increased in Isfara market by 16 percent. A decrease was reported in Khorog, Bokhtar, Murghab and Kulob markets, ranging from 2-15 percent. All other monitored markets had stable prices.</p> <p>Compared against monthly averages of August 2020, all mentioned markets reported decreases in prices of potatoes ranging from 2-24 percent.</p>	<p>Onion prices increased in Khujand, Dushanbe, Isfara and Kulob markets in the range of 11-30 percent, while decreased in Murghab by 8 percent and remained stable in all other monitored markets, compared to previous weeks.</p> <p>Compared to the monthly averages of August 2020, prices for onions increased in most monitored markets in the range of 7-77 percent, while remained stable in Istaravshan market.</p>	<p>Compared to previous weeks, prices for vegetable oil increased in Khujand, Gharm and Istaravshan markets ranging from 8-9 percent, while decreased in Bokhtar market by 1 percent and stayed stable in the remaining markets. Cotton oil prices decreased in Murghab market by 7 percent, while increases were reported in Khujand, Gharm, Isfara and Istaravshan ranging from 2-7 percent and stayed stable in the remaining markets.</p> <p>Compared with the monthly average of August 2020, vegetable oil prices decreased in Murghab, Kulob and Bokhtar in the range of 2-6 percent while increasing in Khorog, Khujand, Gharm, Dushanbe, Istaravshan and Isfara markets in the range of 2-8 percent. Prices for cotton oil decreased in the range of 1-15 percent in Khorog, and Murghab, while increasing in most monitored markets in the range of 2-9 percent.</p>
<h3>Milk & Eggs</h3> <p>Milk prices remained stable in most monitored markets, while an increase was reported in Gharm market by 9 percent. Increased prices were reported for eggs in Isfara by 27 percent and remained stable in the rest of the monitored markets.</p> <p>Compared to the August 2020 monthly averages, prices for milk decreased in Bokhtar, Murghab and Istaravshan in the range of 4-15 percent, while increasing in Gharm and Dushanbe ranging from 4-25 percent. Prices for eggs decreased in Bokhtar, Dushanbe, Istaravshan and Kulob markets ranging from 1-7 percent but increased in Khorog and Murghab ranging from 2-10 percent. In the remaining markets, prices for both commodities stayed stable.</p>	<h3>Meat Beef & Mutton</h3> <p>Compared to the previous weeks, mutton prices decreased in Dushanbe and Kulob markets by 1 percent, while increased in Istaravshan by 2 percent. Prices for beef decreased in Kulob by 1 percent and increased in Dushanbe and Murghab by 1 percent, while remaining stable for both commodities in all other monitored markets.</p> <p>Compared against August 2020 monthly averages, prices increased for mutton in Khujand, Murghab and Istaravshan markets ranging from 1-9 percent while decreasing in Dushanbe and Kulob markets ranging from 1-2 percent. Beef prices increased in Khujand, Bokhtar, Murghab and Istaravshan markets ranging from 1-9 percent and decreased in Kulob by 4 percent.</p>	<h3>Petrol & Diesel</h3> <p>Decreases in prices for petrol were reported in Khujand by 3 percent while its prices increased in Murghab and Istaravshan in the range of 1-3 percent and remained stable in all other monitored markets. Diesel prices increased in Bokhtar by 1 percent, and decreased in Khujand, Murghab and Istaravshan ranging from 2-7 percent, while remained stable in all other monitored markets</p> <p>Compared to August 2020 monthly averages, prices for petrol increased in most monitored markets in the range of 1-9 percent and stayed stable in Khorog, Murghab and Isfara markets. Prices for diesel increased in Murghab, Isfara and Kulob markets by a range of 1-8 percent and decreased in Khujand, Bokhtar, Dushanbe and Istaravshan ranging from 2-4 percent.</p>	<h3>STAPLE FOOD COMMODITIES PRICE CHANGE TREND</h3>  <p>This graph analyses the average aggregate change of prices for ten commodities in the nine monitored markets, comparing the reporting weeks against the previous weeks and monthly average prices of August 2020. The food commodities included here are wheat flour (first grade), potatoes, onion, milk, eggs, vegetable and cotton oil, beef, mutton and rice.</p>	



WEEKLY FOOD MARKET PRICE UPDATE – PERCENT CHANGE BY REGIONAL MARKETS

Commodity	Khorog, GBAO			Khujand, Sughd			Bokhtar, Khatlon			Gharm, DRS			Dushanbe			Murghab, GBAO								
	Current price in TJS	Change from previous period			Current price in TJS	Change from previous period			Current price in TJS	Change from previous period			Current price in TJS	Change from previous period			Current price in TJS	Change from previous period						
		1 week	1 month	1 year		1 week	1 month	1 year		1 week	1 month	1 year		1 week	1 month	1 year		1 week	1 month	1 year				
Meat (mutton)	45.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	60.0	0.0	6.7	2.3	55.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	49	0.0	0.0	12.8	54.0	-0.9	-1.8	17.5	43.0	0.0	1.2	
Meat (beef)	45.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	49.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	53.0	0.0	1.0	7.6	49	0.0	0.0	14.5	50.0	1.0	0.0	8.5	42.5	1.2	2.4	
Chicken	24.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	21.5	4.9	-4.4	12.5	25.0	-5.7	1.0	-1.0	35	0.0	0.0	25.4	23.0	0.0	0.0	21.1	30.0	-4.8	2.6	
Vegetable oil	15.1	0.0	4.0	11.7	14.0	7.7	7.7	-8.5	13.2	-1.1	-1.9	-4.3	13.5	3.8	8.0	-10.4	13.0	0.0	8.3	-14.7	14.5	0.0	-5.7	
Cotton Oil	14.2	0.0	-1.1	4.1	12.7	7.7	7.7	-6.7	14.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	12.5	4.2	2.0	-5.3	12.5	0.0	8.7	-4.2	14.5	-6.5	-15.9	
Potatoes	4.3	-15.0	-24.1	33.3	2.5	0.0	-23.1	-1.5	3.1	-3.2	-10.9	37.0	4	0.0	-17.9	76.6	3.3	0.0	-17.5	18.3	7.1	-11.1	-9.4	
Cabbage	3.1	1.7	-16.2	-20.9	2.5	6.4	-23.1	35.4	3.1	-14.4	-6.0	66.3	3	0.0	0.0	17.6	3.0	0.0	0.0	-39.0	5.5	-8.3	0.0	
Carrots	3.5	-7.9	-0.6	-39.3	1.5	-9.1	0.0	-42.3	2.3	-4.2	-9.8	-29.2	2.0	0.0	-3.6	-39.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	-37.5	6.0	0.0	-7.7	
Onion	2.8	0.0	23.9	-43.5	1.5	20.0	23.7	-59.6	1.6	0.0	6.7	-55.0	2.5	0.0	25.0	-40.3	1.6	10.7	37.8	-67.1	3.0	-7.7	26.3	
Milk	6.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	-15.4	-2.5	3.0	9.1	4.3	-28.1	5.0	0.0	25.0	-20.0	6.0	0.0	-4.0	
Eggs	11.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	8.6	0.0	-0.9	2.1	8.0	0.0	0.0	-20.0	7.0	0.0	-6.7	-27.2	14.0	0.0	1.8	
Sugar	7.9	1.3	2.9	-4.0	7.5	7.1	15.4	0.0	7.8	10.7	14.8	-3.6	7.5	15.4	15.4	-4.4	7.7	0.0	24.4	-11.4	8.0	-5.9	-9.9	
Tea black	33.0	0.0	3.8	44.5	35.0	-4.1	-2.1	-28.5	46.2	0.3	0.3	91.7	32.0	0.0	0.0	35.9	38.0	0.0	-5.0	19.0	33.0	-5.7	1.5	
Tea green	31.8	1.6	3.8	22.4	35.0	-10.3	-8.5	9.3	36.6	1.7	-3.7	58.3	35.0	0.0	0.0	40.6	38.0	0.0	-5.0	32.9	35.0	2.9	0.0	
Rice	11.2	0.0	0.0	-25.3	11.0	2.3	2.3	-10.4	11.6	15.5	15.5	-7.4	13.0	0.0	0.0	11.2	14.0	0.0	-9.7	24.4	18.0	0.0	0.0	
Wheat flour first grade	5.1	-0.5	0.5	26.9	4.8	0.0	-3.0	47.3	4.7	0.0	-0.5	18.1	4.7	-1.1	-2.1	30.4	4.5	0.0	0.0	21.6	5.5	-1.8	-1.4	
Salt	1.5	0.0	0.0	-25.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.5	-16.7	-28.6	-30.0	4.0	-11.1	0.0	
Bread middle size (150 gr.)	4.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	2.5	0.0	0.0	-16.7	2.3	0.0	9.5	75.0	2.5	0.0	-4.8	101.9	2.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	5.0	0.0	-9.1	
Dried green peas (mosh)	15.2	0.0	-1.4	37.3	14.5	5.5	10.5	115.9	14.0	7.7	-2.3	40.6	15.0	3.4	7.1	27.3	15.0	0.0	-6.3	31.6	16.0	-5.9	-5.9	
Haricot bean (lobiyo)	17.0	-1.2	-3.3	18.8	19.0	22.6	-20.0	-2.1	13.6	-11.7	-19.4	-19.2	16.0	6.7	6.7	28.8	16.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	23.0	-8.0	76.9	
Chickpeas (nakhud)	19.1	0.5	0.5	-5.0	17.0	0.0	44.7	-21.7	12.6	18.3	3.9	-6.7	17.0	-2.9	-5.6	0.0	12.0	0.0	-20.0	3.4	13.5	-3.6	3.8	
Petrol	6.4	0.0	0.0	-14.7	5.8	-3.3	0.4	-21.1	6.1	0.0	7.1	-19.3	6.3	0.0	9.6	-21.2	5.9	0.0	2.6	-19.2	7.8	3.3	0.0	
Diesel	8.0	0.0	0.0	-17.4	6.2	-2.0	-2.0	-20.9	6.4	0.8	-3.1	-19.1	6.5	0.0	0.0	-21.7	6.2	0.0	-3.1	-22.8	8.4	-6.7	8.4	
Skilled labour	110.0	0.0	7.8	-27.1	100.0	0.0	5.3	35.7	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	85.0	0.0	0.0	80.9	70.0	0.0	0.0	-21.3	120.0	0.0	47.7	
Unskilled labour	90.0	0.0	9.8	2.5	60.0	0.0	6.7	87.5	55.0	0.0	10.0	-33.3	60.0	14.3	33.3	136.8	60.0	0.0	0.0	-16.7	90.0	0.0	71.4	
Anti-bacterial wipes	3.0	0.0	0.0		1.5	0.0	0.0		1.5	0.0	0.0		1.5	0.0	0.0		4.0	0.0	0.0		4.0	0.0	-3.0	
Face masks	2.8	-8.3	-5.8		2.5	0.0	-4.8		3.0	0.0	4.3		3.0	0.0	0.0		3.0	0.0	0.0		4.0	0.0	-5.9	
Hand sanitizer	0.0	0.0	0.0		22.0	0.0	12.5		20.2	11.9	11.9		20.0	0.0	0.0		18.0	0.0	-5.3		19.0	5.6	-8.4	
Soap	4.8	0.0	0.8		4.0	0.0	0.8		3.3	0.0	0.0		5.0	0.0	0.0		3.3	0.0	-5.7		6.0	0.0	0.0	





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

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 across the country. The monitoring is conducted once a week in six major markets including Murghab, Khorog, Khujand, Bokhtar, Gharm, and Dushanbe, and three minor markets, Isfara, Istaravshan, and Kulob. The focus is on the main commodities that are consumed by the average population of the country.

Prices changed greatly during the height of the global pandemic (March to August 2020), thus were collected twice per week for a weekly reporting. With relative stabilization, as of September 2020, prices are collected on weekly basis to issue biweekly updates.

For information regarding COVID-19 situation, please access the update through online map at: <http://unwfp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/2a8a0d7799684f0bb78f6118a7477f1f>