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Juba Bi-Weekly Price Watch – August 2016, Week 4

Market Highlights

- There are some marginal drops in prices of some food commodities in Juba markets when compared to the previous two weeks. Sorghum flour dropped the most by 16% because of its increased supply in the market following its harvest in neighbouring counties. Prices of both white wheat flour and sugar also dropped by 13% because of improved flows of imports from Nimule to Juba. Maize flour has also seen a 9% drop in price, equally attributed to the availability of dry maize harvests in Juba markets.
- Traders are still facing challenges in accessing hard currency, which continues to hamper their importation of goods from neighbouring counties. However, with a stable security situation in Juba, a number of the traders have started occupying and stocking their abandoned shops. This situation is also likely to be contributing to a drop in the prices above.
- The cost of living, measured by the Cost of Minimum Expenditure Basket (CMEB), showed a slight decrease in the 4th week of August compared with the 2nd week of the same month (SSP 10,141.2 vs SSP 9,972.9 respectively) due to a decrease in the prices of staple commodities, especially maize and sorghum flour. The CMEB is more than four times its level in August 2015 and ten times the level two years ago (SSP 996.75).

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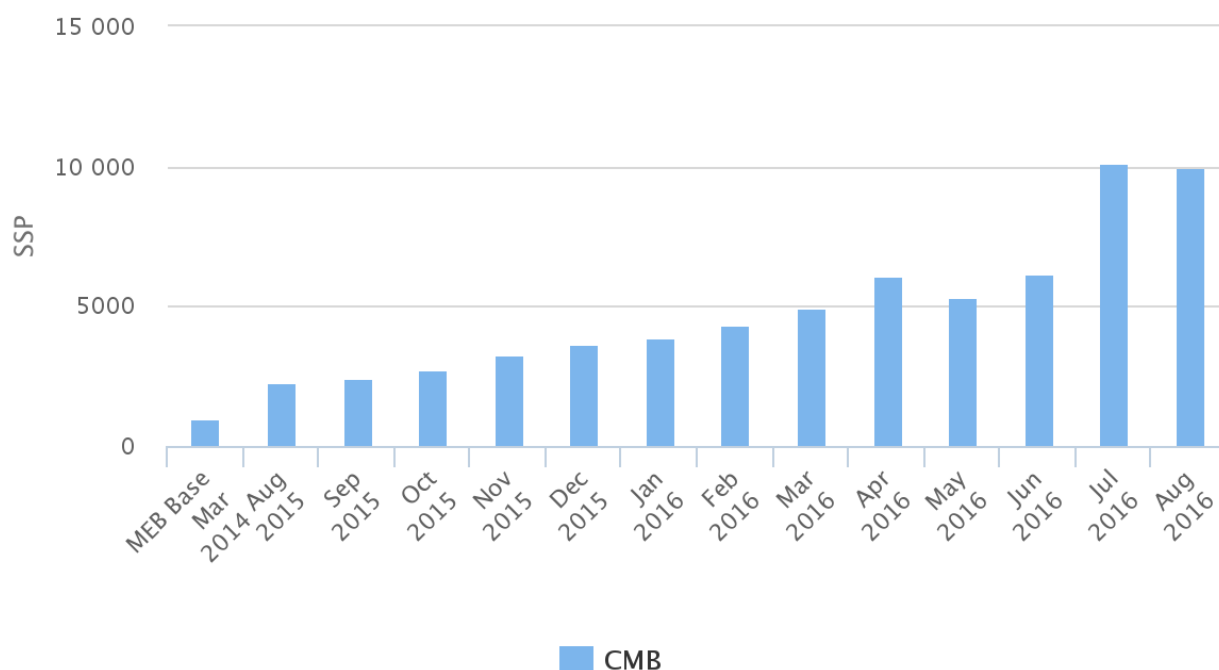
Commodities sold and monitored in Juba, Custom, Nyakuron and Gudele markets	Units of Sale	Price (SSP) in Week 4, August 2016	% change from Previous week	% change from Previous month	% change from 3 months ago	% change from Previous year	% change from 4-year average
White sorghum (feterita) grain	Malwa (3.5Kg)	202	1 %	-3%	122%	494%	1247%
White maize grain	Malwa (3.5Kg)	176	-3 %	-17%	120%	418%	935%
White wheat flour	1Kg	86	-13 %	-8%	161%	438%	856%
Beans (Janjaro)	1Kg	81	-5 %	8%	84%	326%	479%
Vegetable Oil	1litre	91	2 %	8%	117%	355%	550%
Rice	1Kg	81	0 %	47%	125%	406%	800%
Sugar	1Kg	71	-13 %	-14%	109%	318%	689%
Maize flour	1Kg	89	-9 %	20%	178%	536%	1013%
Sorghum flour	1Kg	87	-16 %	-5%	172%	480%	867%

+/-5% stable ↑increase ↓decrease

The Cost of Minimum Expenditure Basket (CMEB)

Cost of Minimum Basket Expenditure

State: Central Equatoria



The CMEB outlines the minimum items needed for survival of a household for one month where the staple foods such as sorghum and maize weigh more than other commodities. The CMEB was derived using data from the National Baseline Household Survey (2009) which provides dis-aggregated rural/urban data on household food and non-food consumption. The basket comprises the basic energy food requirements of 2,100 kilocalories per person per day, fuel for cooking and lighting and other non-food items like clothing, housing, water etc.

Weight Distribution of Staple Commodities in the Basket:

Commodity	Amount per Household per Month	Unit of Measurement	% Weight of the total basket
Sorghum	52.0	Kg	28.9 %
Maize	26.0	Kg	14.4 %
Rice	3.3	Kg	1.83 %
Beans	6.5	Kg	3.6 %
Sugar	3.3	Kg	1.83 %
Vegetable Oil	3.3	Litre	1.83 %