



FSAC Revised Minimum/ Survival Food Basket: **Effective 1st January 2018**

Food Item	Daily Ration	Energy kcal	Required Quantity for 7 persons per month (KGs)	Average Price /Kg	Cost of commodity /family per month (YER)	YER (20% Contingency)	TOTAL
	g/person/day						
WHEAT FLOUR, WHOLE GRAIN	312.0	1,123	75.0	192	14,418	2,884	17,302
BEANS, KIDNEY, ALL TYPES	45.0	150	10.0	544	5,437	1,087	6,524
OIL, VEGETABLE	38.0	336	8.0	478	3,825	765	4,590
SUGAR	14.0	54	2.5	274	686	137	823
SALT, IODISED	5.0	0	1.0	109	109	22	131
Total	414.0	1,663	80% kcal		24,475	4,895	29,370
						Rounded Off	29,500



Important Notes

1. Rationale for the minimum food basket revision;
 - The need for an efficient and acceptable food basket that takes into consideration feedback from beneficiaries, packaging available in local markets, and the deteriorating food security situation
 - The need to reinforce harmonization as much as possible across the board regardless of modality
 - The blockade of the Hudaydah and Saleef ports (for commercial imports) that led to noticeable price increments for key food staples
 - The continued depreciation of the YER
 - The rise of the living/food commodities costs
2. Wheat flour is the main source of cereals in the revised minimum food basket since it is cost-efficient, and the most consumed cereal in Yemen especially in rural areas where vulnerabilities are highest;
3. The food commodity price averages in the revised FSAC minimum food basket are based on data from 10 FSAC partner organizations/agencies, and are based on the November 2017 prices. The Countrywide/ National average market prices have been collected by (WFP and FAO/FSTS), while the area specific market prices were collected by NGOs from 15 Governorates (MC, OXFAM, SCI, YFCA, ACF, ACTED, NRC, NFDHR);
4. The FSAC Minimum/ Survival Food basket caters for all categories of Emergency Food Assistance activities (Relief Food/ General Food Assistance, Cash/Voucher transfers) regardless of modality;
5. Emergency food assistance should be given a minimum of three months to the same household in order to have any meaningful impact on improving households' food security status;
6. All agencies/organizations involved in Emergency Food Assistance (regardless of modality) are kindly encouraged to conform to the cost and composition of the food basket;



7. The revised ENDORSED FSAC Minimum/Survival Food basket is YER 29,500 (equivalent to 70 USD at the current floating exchange rate) per household of 7 members per month, and meets 80% of the monthly household food needs;
8. The food basket is in Yemeni Rials and remains YER 29,500 regardless of the prevailing USD to YER exchange rate. The USD value of the minimum food basket will be pegged at the official floating exchange rate. That notwithstanding, partners that can take advantage of a better exchange rate are kindly requested to increase their beneficiary numbers accordingly, in light of the high needs in the country;
9. The revised minimum food basket became officially operational as from 1st January 2018. Partners with ongoing or already signed project agreements to continue using the previous endorsed food basket values. Nonetheless, partners with projects that are not yet operational are kindly encouraged to use this revised values;
10. Considering the fluctuations in the floating exchange rate of the USD to YER, Partners are requested to document all USD to YER exchange rates utilized on a monthly basis.