



### Highlights

- 60% of traders confirmed availability of maize grain at an average price of \$0.37 /kg.
- Maize grain was not available in the markets monitored Binga, Bulilima, Gwanda, Hwange, Mangwe and Matobo.
- High maize prices were reported in Nyanga (\$0.40/kg), Makoni (\$0.41/kg) and Zvishavane (\$0.44/kg).
- Maize meal was reported to be available from 72% of the traders assessed at an average price of \$0.62/kg.
- Availability of small grains was reported by 39% of the traders at an average price of about \$0.40/kg for sorghum.
- Cash availability continues to be a challenge and mobile money agents were limiting the cash out amounts.

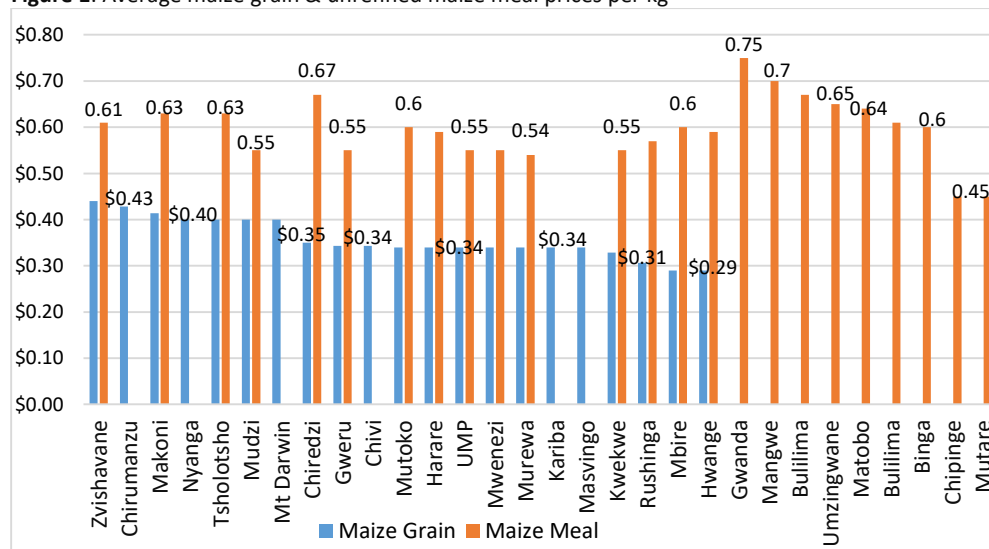
A total of 58 traders were interviewed from 55 markets in 25 districts.

### Maize Grain and Maize Meal Availability and Prices

Availability of maize grain was reported to have increased slightly evidenced by the increase in the percentage responses from the 51% in the previous week to the current 60%. There were no changes in the average price of maize grain both in the southern and northern districts at an average of \$0.38/kg and \$0.36/kg respectively. High maize grain prices were reported in Zvishavane (\$0.44/kg), Chirumhanzu (\$0.43) and Makoni (\$0.42/kg), (figure 1).

Wholesalers are still the major suppliers of maize meal and was reported to be available by 72% of the major traders interviewed.

Figure 1: Average maize grain & unrefined maize meal prices per kg



Maize grain prices remained the same at an average price of \$0.37/kg compared to the the previous week. Chivi District reported the highest price of maize grain at an average of \$0.60/kg which was mainly sourced from Karoi, Triangle Farms and through Zambia cross border traders. Unrefined Maize meal prices remained the same at \$0.62/kg compared to the previous week of reporting.

### Small Grain Prices and Availability

Small grains were reported to be available by 26% of the traders that were interviewed and this was mainly sorghum and pearl millet. The price of small grains continued to be very high in Rushinga at an average price of \$0.86/kg while in most districts the prices range from \$0.26/kg to \$0.46/kg. Sorghum reported an average price of \$0.46 and pearl millet reported an average price of \$0.49/kg.

### Availability and Prices of Basic Commodities

Cooking oil was readily available in all markets monitored with an average price of \$1.78/L. This price has been stable since the beginning of the year. Availability and prices of pulses continues to be stable. Sugar beans and cowpeas were the most common pulses found on the markets at an average price of \$2.19/kg and \$1/kg respectively.

### Recommendations

- To closely monitor availability and prices of cereals in all the district where WFP is providing cash assistance.