



The main source of maize grain was from informal traders who sell their products in an open space. These informal traders are sourcing their grain surplus districts mainly from irrigation schemes. Some traders confirmed sourcing maize grain from local

### Small Grains Grain Price and Availability

farmers within their districts. Maize meal sourced from Grain Marketing Board (GMB) was mainly being sold by formal general dealers.



Photo 1: ZimVAC – Informal Trader

The most common small grains available from the markets were sorghum and pearl millet, however only 20% of the interviewed traders reported availability - a 3% increase from the previous week. Sorghum had an average price of \$0.42/kg and pearl millet had an average price of \$0.43/kg.

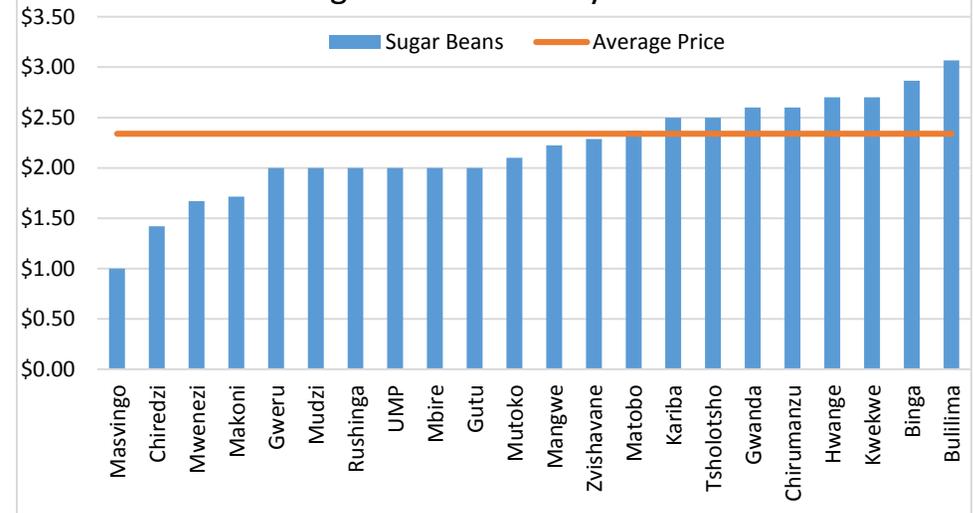
Small grains in Zimbabwe are a

perfect substitute of maize grain. Consumption of small grains depends on the unavailability of maize grain. The main source of small grains was mainly from other farmers selling to traders for resale in other districts.

### Basic Commodities Prices and Availability

Cooking oil was readily available in all markets monitored at an average price of \$1.84/L. Although traders reported an increase in the wholesale price, the retail price has remained stable. Pulses were readily available in all markets monitored with cowpeas going for an average price of \$1.16/kg and sugar beans costing an average of \$2.34/kg across all assessed districts.

#### Sugar Bean Prices by District



### Recommendations

- To continue monitoring availability and prices of cereals in all the district where WFP is providing cash assistance.
- To keep track of the source market availability of key commodities.
- To monitor cash availability in areas where WFP is providing assistance through mobile money cash transfers