



Maize grain sourced from Grain Marketing Board (GMB) within the district was mainly being sold by formal general dealers and local grain millers.

### Small Grains Grain Price and Availability

The most common small grains available on the markets were sorghum and pearl millet.



Photo 1: ZimVAC – Informal Trader

However only 23% of the interviewed traders reported availability. Sorghum had an average price of \$0.46/kg a 10% increase from the previous week's \$0.42/kg and pearl millet average price remained unchanged at \$0.43/kg.

Small grains in Zimbabwe are a perfect substitute for maize grain. Consumption of small grains mainly depends on the unavailability of maize grain. The source of small grains was from farmer-to-farmer sales and farmers selling to traders/ assemblers

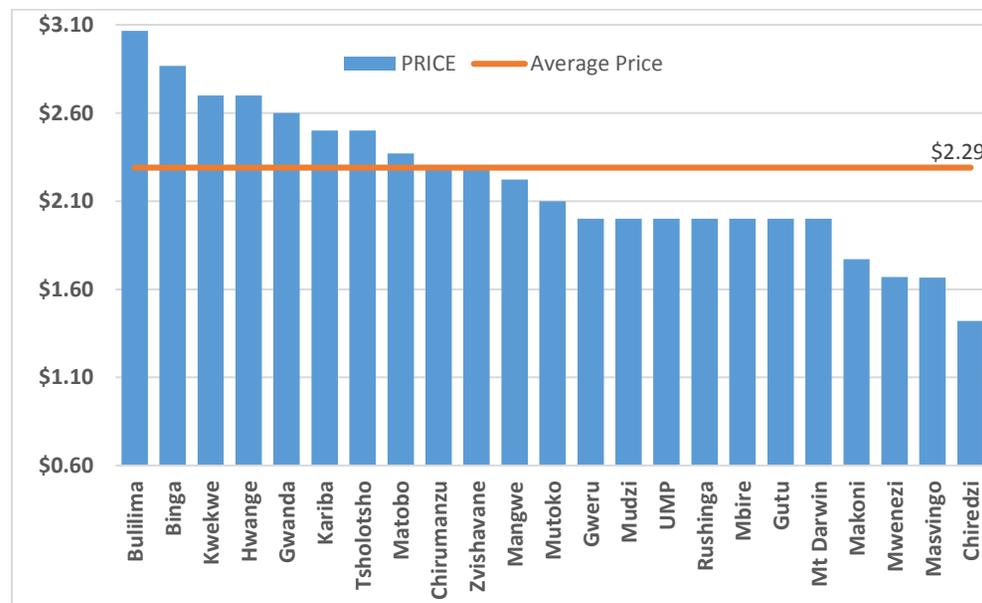
### Basic Commodities Prices and Availability

for resale in other districts.

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. In most

urban markets that are the main source of cooking, big and medium traders were demanding cash for cooking oil while other commodities could be purchased using mobile/ plastic money. Pulses were readily available in all markets monitored with cowpeas going for an average price of \$0.97/kg and sugar beans costing an average of \$2.29/kg across all assessed districts.

Figure 3: Average Sugar Bean Prices/ Kg



### 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