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# WFP Lebanon Research, Assessment & Monitoring Unit

## National FSSWG – Food Security and Markets Situation Analysis

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# Decreasing trend (- 14 percent) in food imports continue in the first nine months of 2022

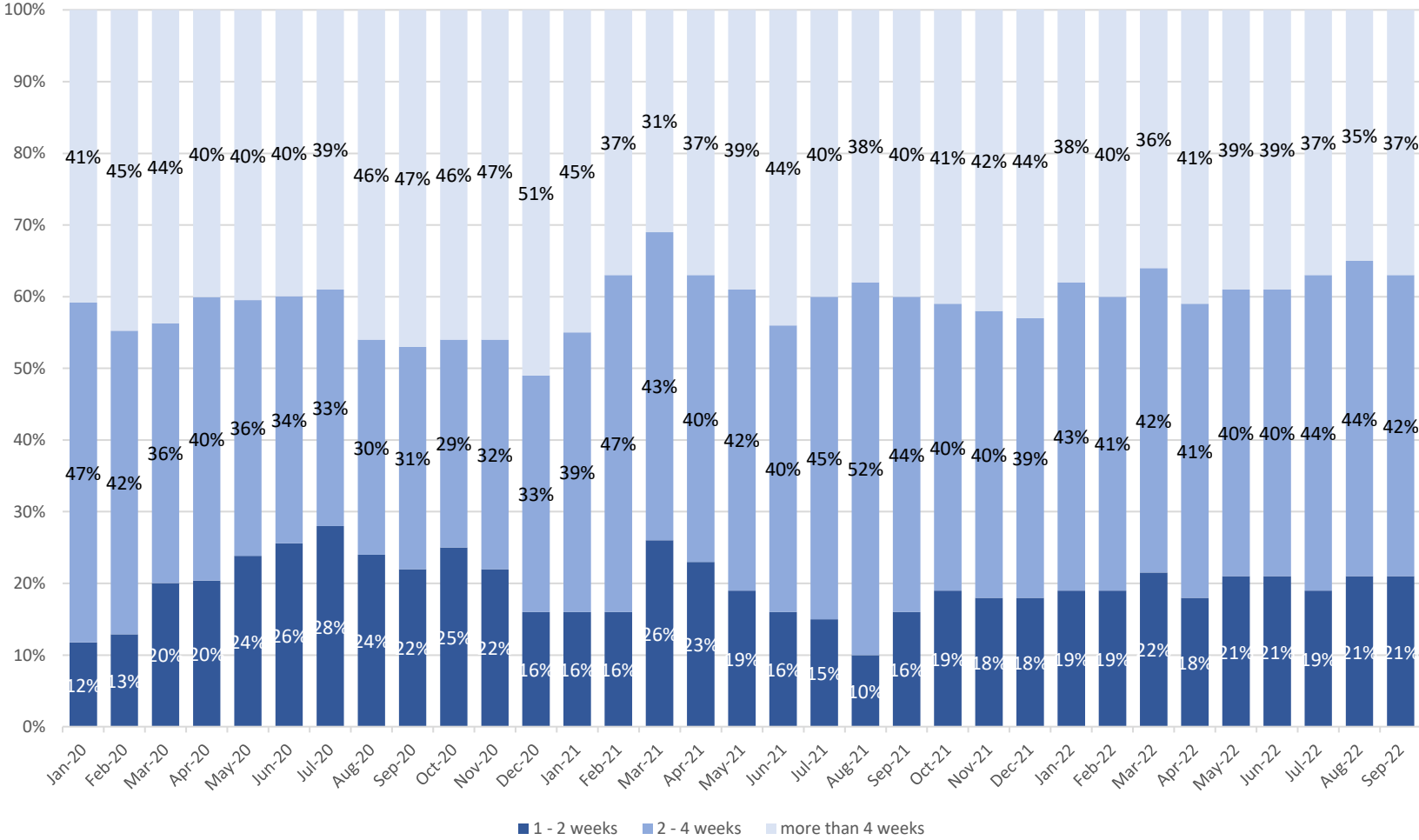
Port of Beirut Unloaded Food Weight (metric tons)



- A decrease of 14 percent is registered when comparing the first nine months of 2022 to 2021, 23 percent to 2020, and 36 percent to 2019;
- Import in September 2022 lower by 17 percent than those in September 2021;
- Decrease in 2022 versus 2021 led by the following imports categories decreases:
  - 28 percent in live animals;
  - 46 percent in coffee, tea, matte and spices;
  - 29 percent in animal or vegetable fats.

# Food stocks availability levels in September 2022 remains stable

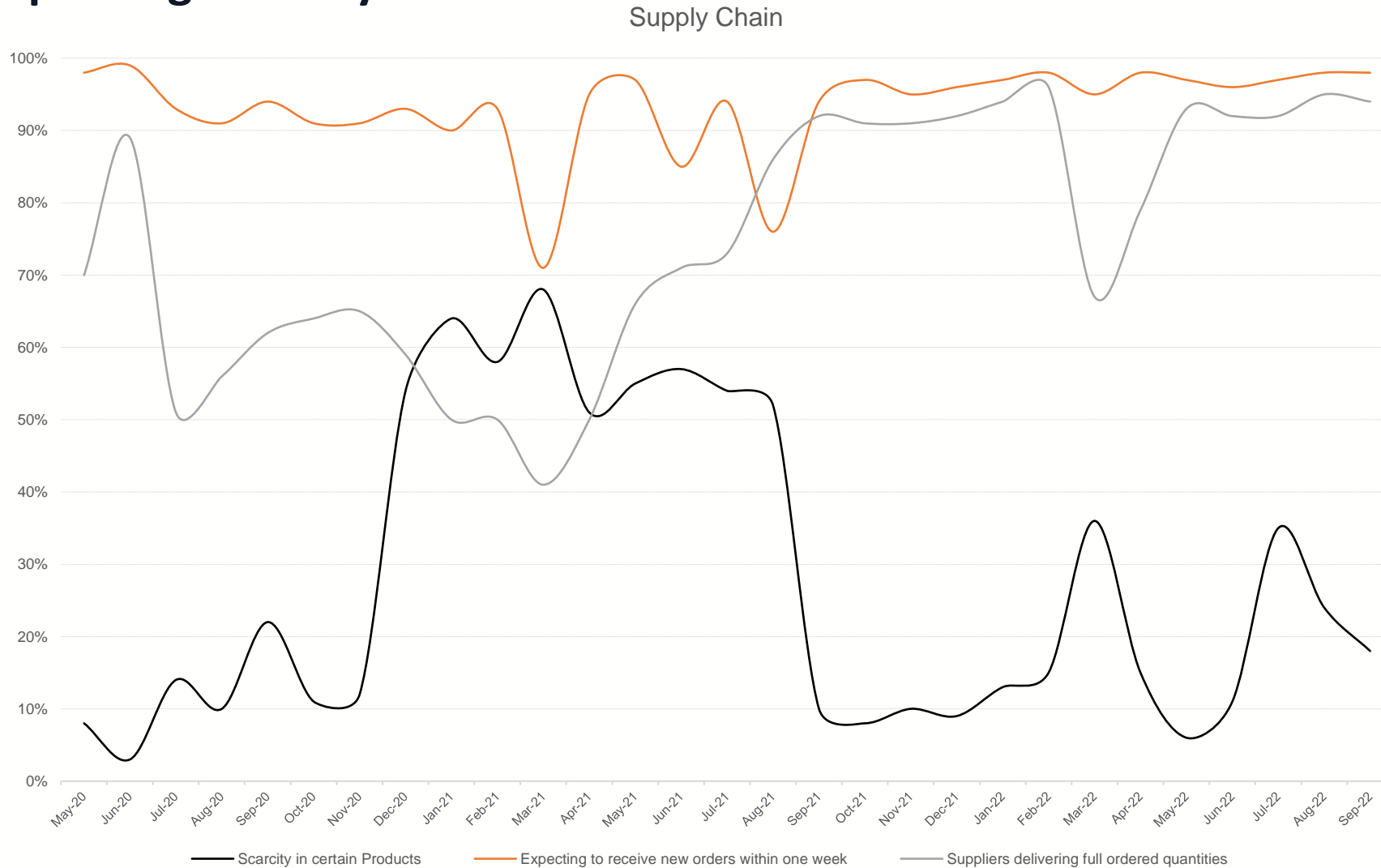
Stock Coverage of WFP Contracted Shops



- Stock levels in September 2022 remain stable;
- Shops with more than 2 weeks of stock coverage at 80 percent;
- 4 percent of shops reported disruptions in receiving new orders in September 2022 (versus 5 percent in August, 7 percent in July, 4 percent in May, and 33 percent in March);
- Disruptions related to wheat products;
- 44 percent of shops reported electricity outages (both generator and EDL), nearly similar to last month. However, 97 percent of those shops had contingency measures: own generator, UPS, etc.

Sources: WFP Retail Unit Shop Phone Survey – as of 30 September 2022

# Supply chain delivery system levels similar to previous months – uptick in shops reporting scarcity

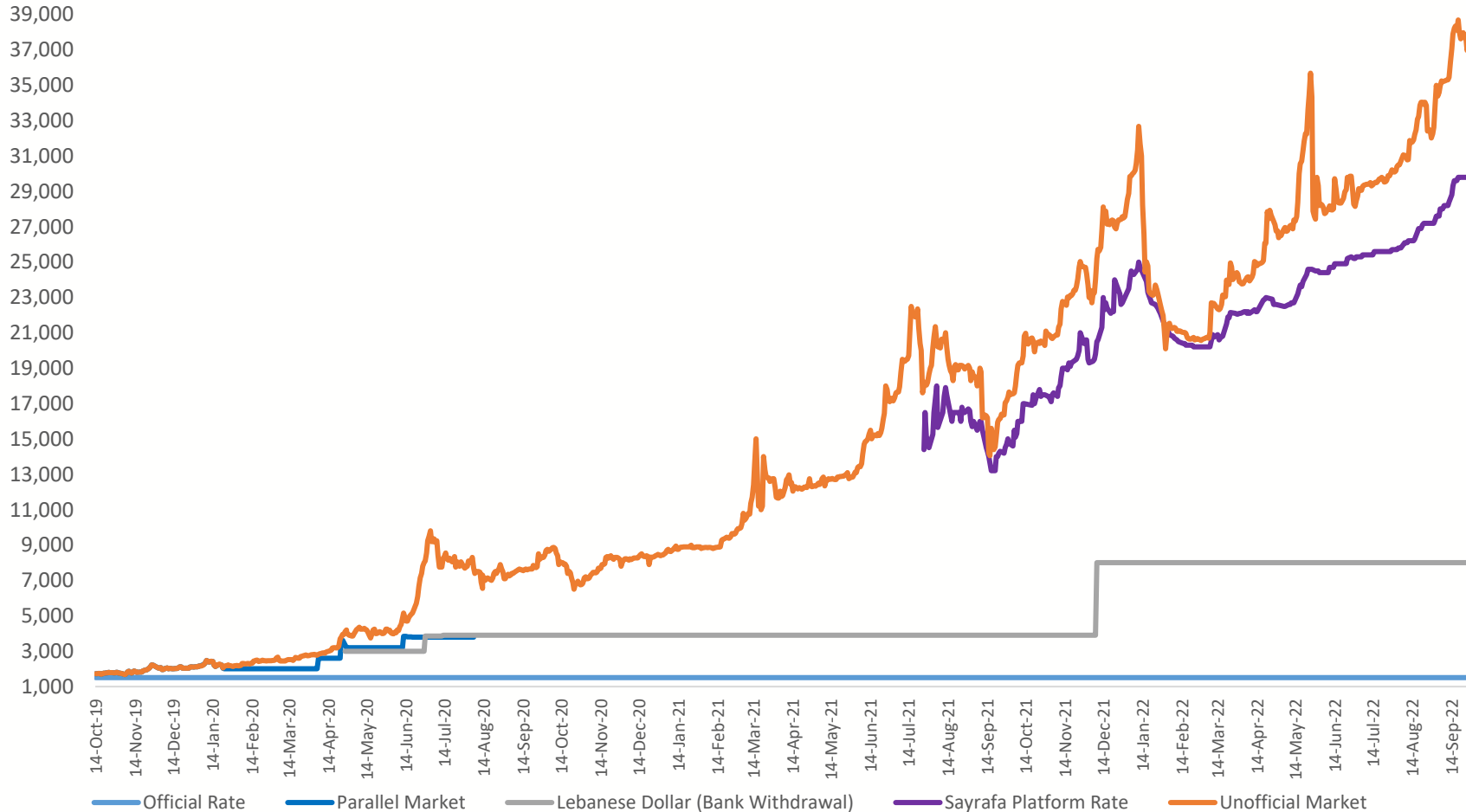


- Scarcity in products decreased to 18 percent, compared to 24 percent in August and 35 percent in July 2022, due to bread availability issues;
- Delivery of products within one week affected mainly by fuel availability. Continue to register high levels, at 98 percent in September 2022;
- Suppliers delivering full ordered quantities remains high at 94 percent.



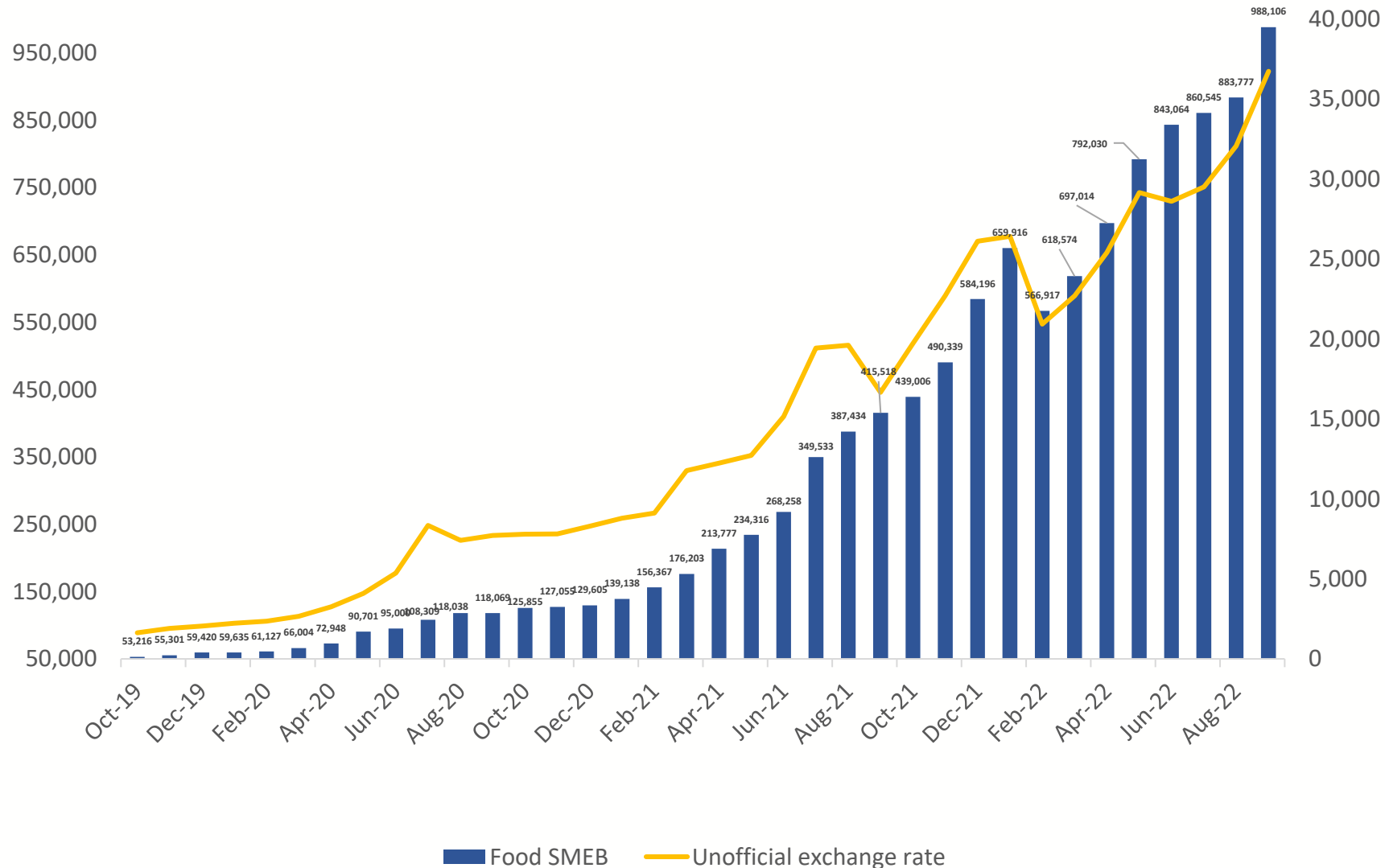
# Informal market rate broke the 30,000 level again

Official and Unofficial USD/LBP Exchange Rate Development between 14 October 2019 and 30 September 2022



- Lebanese Lira (LBP) lost more than 94 percent of its values since start of crisis;
- LBP broke the 38,000, following increased demand on USD;
- Central Bank continues intervention through circular 161;
- Central Bank foreign currency reserve dropped by more than USD 2.5 billion since beginning of 2022;
- Withdrawal limits on both LBP & USD increasing in recent period;
- “Sayrafa” platform slowly depreciating and the average Sayrafa rate reached around USD/LBP 28,950 in September 2022.
- On September 28, Finance Minister reported that the official Lira rate will be increased to 15,000 LBP/USD.

# Food SMEB cost continue to increase. Increase of 12% percent between August and September 2022 – Since October 2019 increase of 1,757%



- Food SMEB recorded a 12 percent increase between August and September, at LBP 988,106 per person;
- The cost of the revised food SMEB in August 2022 is nearly 19 times the cost of the basket back in October 2019 (1,757% increase).

## Price increase continue across nearly all components of the food SMEB between August and September 2022 - Sunflower Oil registering the highest price increase since October 2019

Food SMEB Components (SMEB per Individual Weights)	Price		Monthly Variation
	Sep-22	Aug-22	
Bread (7.02 KG)	LBP 126,536	LBP 114,812	10%
Pasta (1.8 KG)	LBP 96,048	LBP 89,690	7%
Brown Bulgur (1.95 KG)	LBP 67,833	LBP 60,155	13%
Egyptian Rice (2.4 KG)	LBP 79,730	LBP 70,413	13%
Potatoes (2.1 KG)	LBP 29,270	LBP 22,319	31%
Lentils (0.75 KG)	LBP 43,172	LBP 38,811	11%
White Beans (0.3 KG)	LBP 18,128	LBP 15,644	16%
Chickpeas (0.9 KG)	LBP 47,895	LBP 45,343	6%
Powder Milk (0.6 KG)	LBP 137,779	LBP 120,930	14%
Sunflower Oil (0.51 L)	LBP 41,260	LBP 39,147	5%
Sugar (0.6 KG)	LBP 19,339	LBP 17,338	12%
Tomato Paste (0.6 KG)	LBP 39,240	LBP 33,594	17%
Eggs (0.45 KG)	LBP 33,166	LBP 27,060	23%
Cabbage (2.7 KG)	LBP 36,121	LBP 29,077	24%
Apples (1.5 KG)	LBP 26,067	LBP 29,202	-11%
Salt (0.12 KG)	LBP 826	LBP 765	8%
Tea (0.12 KG)	LBP 43,380	LBP 39,607	10%
Carrots (0.6 KG)	LBP 12,193	LBP 8,086	51%
Sardine (0.45 KG)	LBP 90,126	LBP 81,786	10%

- The price of all food items increased between August and September 2022, except the price of apples
- Carrots, potatoes and eggs registered the highest percentage price increase between August and September 2022;
- Since start of crisis, sunflower oil continue to register the highest price increase percentage;

# Gasoline prices

Date	Gasoline 95 Oct	Diesel	Cooking Gas
January 2021	26,000	18,400	22,200
September 29, 2022	691,000	811,000	412,000
<b>Price increase</b>	<b>665,000</b>	<b>792,600</b>	<b>389,800</b>
% increase	2558	4308	1756

- Central Bank lifted fuel subsidies on September 12, where fuel prices will be set based on the informal market rate.



A woman wearing a blue WFP cap and a blue t-shirt with the WFP logo and ".org" is working in a market stall. She is surrounded by various fresh produce, including large crates of red tomatoes, bunches of yellow bananas, and green beans. The background shows other people and market stalls under a covered structure.

# Thanks! Questions?

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