**FOOD SECURITY**

- In response to a **significant increase in COVID-19 cases**, the Government announced stricter containment measures on July 21, in particular restricting all movements except essential services. This is expected to limit household income and access to food among low-income households. (FEWSNet July FS Outlook.)

- The impact is expected to be harder on urban populations, as they rely heavily on income from sources such as street vending, trading, casual labour and market gardening. The number of **urban food insecure is expected to rise to 3.3 million people** for the October to December 2020 period, up from 2.2 million at the same time in 2019. (WFP FS Projections, May 2020)

- In rural areas, the number of food-insecure people is estimated by WFP internal analysis to climb to **5.3 million** for the October to December 2020 period, up from 3.58 million at the same time in 2019 according to IPC analysis. This is due to stocks dwindling following the recent drought-hit harvest and the reduction of remittances. (WFP FS Projections, May 2020)

**AGRICULTURE**

- Zimbabwe is expected to have above-average **deficits of about 1.1 million MT of cereals** and atypically high import volumes from South Africa. (FEWSNet Regional Maize Supply Outlook)

- Due to below-normal grain supplies, **formal and informal imports continue, which is atypical in the post-harvest period**. Some farmers mainly from surplus-producing areas continue to deliver grain to the Grain Marketing Board (FEWSNet July FS Outlook.)

- The Government announced new producer prices for maize for the 2020/21 marketing season, at approximately **USD 202 per tonne (ZWS$16,153 per tonne)**, down from **389 USD per tonne last season**. (FAO)

- **African Migratory Locusts (AML) were reported** in Chiredzi district. This poses a serious threat of severe crop destruction if swarms form during the rainy season. FAO has developed a response strategy in support of the government. The government will set up Locust contrc Units and Community Surveillance Committees with the support of FAO (FAO)
MACROECONOMIC SITUATION

- Zimbabwe is facing one of the worst economic crises in its history. Annual inflation was estimated at 737% in June, down from 787% in May, although month-on-month inflation increased from 15% in May to 32% in June 2020. (WFP July FS Outlook)

- Food remains the main driver of inflation, with overall annual price increases estimated at 836% in June 2020, down from 956% in May 2020. Prices of basic food commodities increased by an average of 19% over the month of July 2020. (WFP July FS Outlook)

- The depreciation of the ZWL to USD exchange rate on the parallel market slowed following the introduction of the auction system; however, parallel market rates remain at least 20 percent above the official rate. (FEWSNet July FS Outlook)

Highlights

- WFP projections indicate that by year’s end, the number of food-insecure people in Zimbabwe will have surged by almost 50% compared to the same period last year, rising to 8.6 million = 60% of the population.

- Year-on-year inflation of basic food commodities was estimated at 836% in June 2020.

- COVID-19 cases, in Zimbabwe increased from 985 cases on July 12 to 5,643 cases and 150 deaths by August 19, 2020.

- Zimbabwe’s major Food Security Assessment, ZimVAC, data collection has been finalized and the final report is expected in September.

FSC Funding Requirements

- FSC Funding Requirements
  - $15.9 M
  - $490.5 M

  - Food Security
  - C19

  - Funds Received
    - $114.5 M (22.6%)
  - Gap
    - $391.9 M (77.4%)

Key Documents Released in July

- FSL Cluster July Map Atlas
- FSL Cluster July Dashboard
- FSL Cluster Online Partners Presence Map
- FSL - Nutrition June Map
- FAO-WFP Early Warning Analysis of Acute Food Insecurity Hotspots conducted in July 2020
- WFP July FS Outlook
- FEWSNet July FS Outlook

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