Kano Market Monitoring Update

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The data collected for markets monitoring includes retail and wholesale prices of staple food commodities, sources of supply, factors affecting market demand and supply.

The data used was from WFP remote price collection, FEWSNET, CH Task force reports in covering April to May.

WFP remote prices were collected on a weekly basis in the month of April.
Highlights in April

- Prices of key staples in Kano (Dawanu market) and across most markets have **increased in the past 3 months**, likely to a large extent due to **COVID-19 lockdowns**.

- Month-on-month price differences from March showed that Cowpeas-white (22%), local rice (32%), Cowpeas-white (22%), Sorghum-brown (18%) and Millet (14%) saw marked wholesale price increases among the 10 main traded commodities.

- Most staple and cash crop markets in Kano are closed (97%) and the remaining markets witness low levels of activity due to the movement restriction.
Staple food commodities with highest retail price increases when compared to 3 months ago were Sorghum-brown (25%) and Cowpeas-brown (22%) as projected in figure 1.
COVID Impact on markets & livelihoods

- Non-seasonal spikes in food prices translate into reduced food access for households, particularly the most vulnerable ones. Without assistance, they may resort to extremely nutrient-poor diets and start using more and more coping strategies.

- Traders in Dawano market cited their impediments to increase trade to be unstable prices due to the lockdown, too much credit sales and disrupted trade flows due to inter-state movement restrictions.

- 87% of income generating activities such as petty trading, agricultural wage labour has been halted in Kano according to the CH taskforce COVID-19 food security and nutrition monitoring report of 6th May.

- In addition to which over 60 percent of the state’s residents engaged in agricultural activities report little or no access to inputs (land, inputs and workforce).
Thank You

Questions

Answers