WFP MONTHLY MARKET UPDATE
SUDAN, MARCH 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

- **In El Gadarif Auction Market**, the monthly average wholesale price of sorghum and millet significantly increased (15%) in March compared to February 2019. The prices increased by 125% and 95%, respectively compared to March 2018.

- **In March 2019**, the national average retail price of sorghum increased by 3.5 percent compared to February 2019. It increased in all states except in four states where it decreased in two and remained stable in two.

- **The national average retail price of goat increased by 5.2 percent in March compared to February 2019**, it increased in all states except in South Kordofan and Blue Nile.

- **The national average retail price of groundnut significantly increased by 6.0 percent in March compared to previous month. It increased in 9 out of 11 states; it decreased in West Darfur and Blue Nile.**

**CEREAL PRICES IN THE MAIN PRODUCTION AREA - GADARIF AUCTION MARKET**

The average wholesale price of sorghum for March 2019 was SDG1377/sack (=90Kg); it increased by 15 percent compared to February 2019 and it is higher by 125 percent compared to the same month of the previous year (see chart 1 - annex 1 in page 8).

The average wholesale price of millet for March 2019 was SDG2258/sack (=100Kg); it increased by 15 percent compared to February 2019 and it is higher by 95 percent compared to the same period of the previous year (see chart 2 - annex 1 in page 8).
Summary of Market Prices in WFP Areas

The national average price of sorghum increased by 3.5 percent compared to February 2019. Although the supply from the last season production is ongoing, the sorghum price is steadily increasing during the last two months. This increase is mainly attributed to the high cost of production and scarcity of cash. Partial lifting of wheat subsidy and devaluation of Sudanese currency (increase the prices of imported inputs and encouraged border trading and export) contributed to the increase.

The current national retail price of sorghum is higher by 70 percent compared to the same period of the previous year (March 2018). The national average price of sorghum was 224 percent higher than the five-year average of the same month (March). Without solving the inherent problem of cash, the price is expected to remain high at least until September 2019.

The national average price of goat increased by 5.2 percent, compared to the previous month (February 2019). This is attributed to the high cost of production. The national retail price of goat increased by 103 percent compared to the same month of the previous year. It is also higher by 296 percent compared to the five-year average of the same month.

This high variation in the national average price of goat compared to previous years is mainly attributed to the inflationary increase in the cost of inputs as the result of devaluation of the Sudanese currency, which also increased the demand for the export markets.
The national average price of groundnut increased by 6 percent compared to the previous month. The price of groundnut has increased this month due to the diminishing supply of the groundnut from the last season harvest and it’s expected to increase until the onset of the new production in October. This increase is also attributed to inflationary increase in the cost of production and the prices of substitute (sesame) and due to shortage of cash. This sharp increase in the price of oilseed crops (sesame and groundnut) expected to increase the prices of vegetable oil.

The national average price of groundnut was higher by 40 percent compared to the previous month. This is due to the high cost of production and growing demand in the export market.

The national average price of groundnut was higher by 163 percent compared to the five-year average of March.

Additional price data of the three commodities for 2017, 2018 and 2019 by states is available in annex 2 (page 9).
Sorghum

In March 2019, sorghum retail prices increased in all states compared to the previous month, except Kordofan states. It sharply increased in Central Darfur (15.7 percent), Kassala (14.7 percent), significantly in North Darfur (6.9 percent), West Darfur (6.1 percent), White Nile (4.9 percent), South Darfur (4.1 percent) and increased slightly in East Darfur (1.9 percent) and Red Sea (1.4 percent).

It significantly decreased in North Kordofan (5.1 percent) and slightly in West Kordofan (1.3 percent) while it remained unchanged in South Kordofan.

The highest sorghum price was recorded in East Darfur (SDG17.0/Kg) while the lowest was observed in White Nile (SDG13.1/Kg).

The sorghum prices sharply increased in all states by 49 to 176 percent compared to the same period of the previous year.

The sorghum prices were higher by 169 to 266 percent in all states compared to the 5-year average of March.
Goat

The retail price of goat increased in all states except South Kordofan and Blue Nile states where it decreased by 19 and 10 percent, respectively, compared to February 2019. It sharply increased in White Nile (11.4 percent), North Darfur (11.4 percent), South Darfur (10.3 percent), East Darfur (10.0 percent), Kassala (9.6 percent), and significantly in Central Darfur (8.3 percent), West Darfur (7.3 percent), North Kordofan (7.0 percent), Red Sea (6.1 percent), and slightly increased in West Kordofan (3.8 percent).

Kassala showed the highest price among all states (SDG3532/head) while East Darfur recorded the lowest (SDG 1721/head).

This significant increase in most states is mainly attributed to the good pasture condition, high export demand, in addition to inflationary increase in the cost of production.

The prices of goat increased by 25 to 248 percent in all states compared to the same month of the previous year. The current retail prices of goat are higher by 170 to 442 percent in all states compared to the 5-year average of March.
Groundnut

The retail prices of groundnut increased in nine out of eleven states compared to the previous month, while it decreased in two states: West Darfur (6.9 percent) and Blue Nile (2.2 percent). It sharply increased in Kassala (31.7 percent), West Kordofan (13.7 percent), and slightly in South Kordofan (5.4 percent), North Kordofan (5.1 percent), Central Darfur (4.0 percent), South Darfur (3.6 percent), White Nile (3.1 percent), East Darfur (1.1 percent) and North Darfur (0.8 percent).

The highest groundnut price was recorded in Kassala (SDG1317/Kantar) while the lowest was recorded in West Darfur (SDG648/Kantar).

The groundnut prices are higher by 11.0 to 91.0 percent in all states compared to the same period of the previous year (March 2018).

Groundnut prices are higher by 96 to 244 percent in all states compared to the five-year average of March.
The percentage change of sorghum, goat and groundnut prices compared to the February 2019 and March 2018

States’ ranking according to the level of variation in the prices of commodities

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Key: Increase in price = (+), Decrease in price = (-), Steady price = (0)
Annex 1: Gadarif Auction Market – Prices and Supplies: *

Chart 1: Daily Sorghum (feterita) Wholesale Prices

Chart 2: Daily Millet Wholesale Prices
Chart 3: Total Supply of Sorghum and Millet _ December 2018 - March 2019

Chart 4: Average prices of Sorghum and Millet _ December 2018 - March 2019

* Data source: Gadarif Auction Market
Annex 2: The Sorghum, Goat and Groundnut prices for 2017, 2018 and 2019 by States:

Red Sea

Sorghum Prices in Port Sudan

Goat Prices in Port Sudan

Kassala

Sorghum Prices in Kassala

Goat Prices in Kassala
Blue Nile

Sorghum Prices in Damazine

Goat Prices in Damazine

Groundnut Prices in Damazine

North Kordofan

Sorghum Prices in ElObeid

Goat Prices in ElObeid

Groundnut Prices in ElObeid
South Kordofan

Sorghum Prices in Kadugli

Goat Prices in Kadugli

Groundnut Prices in Kadugli

West Kordofan

Sorghum Prices in El Fula

Goat Prices in El Fula

Groundnut Prices in El Fula
North Darfur

Sorghum Prices in AlFashir

Goat Prices in AlFashir

Groundnut Prices in AlFashir

East Darfur

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South Darfur

Sorghum Prices in Nyala

Goat Prices in Nyala

Groundnut Prices in Nyala

West Darfur

Sorghum Prices in ElGenaina

Goat Prices in ElGenaina

Groundnut Prices in ElGenaina
Central Darfur

**Sorghum Prices in Zalengai**

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White Nile

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National Average

Sorghum Prices National Average

Goat Prices National Average

Groundnut Prices National Average