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### Highlights

- The national average retail price of sorghum was SDG103.64/kg, which is an increase by 3.64% compared to the previous month.
- The national average retail price of Wheat flour was SDG299.25/kg, which is an increase by 9.93% compared to the previous month.
- The national average retail price of goat was SDG11,864/head, which is an increase by 22.97% compared to the previous month.
- The national average retail price of groundnut was SDG10,655/sack, which is an increase by 12.49% compared to the previous month.
- The national average cost of local food basket was SDG175.25, which is an increase by 15.14% compared to the previous month.

### Food Security Outlook

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In May 2021, the average price of sorghum in El-Gadarif Auction market was **SDG 7.271/90Kg sack**, which is an increase by **9.0 percent** compared to the previous month and **94 percent** higher compared to the same month of the previous year (May 2020). The total supply to the auction from the last season harvest (November 2020 – May 2021) was around **MT 336,238** compared to **MT 198,359** for the same period of the previous season, which is an increase by **70.0 percent**.
In May 2021, the average retail price of wheat flour was 299.25 Sudanese pound per Kg, which is an increase by 9.93 percent compared to April 2021. This is mainly due to the devaluation of Sudanese currency during the previous month. In addition to that, most of wheat are imported from abroad (estimated at 70 - 80%); i.e. wheat prices are directly linked to the exchange rates. The average retail price of wheat was 219.48 percent higher than the same period of the previous year.

By States

In May, the wheat flour retail prices were increased in most states, except Central Darfur, where it decreased by 8 percent, while it remained stable in Kassala and North Darfur compared to the previous month. It is mainly attributed to the slight deterioration in the Sudanese currency during the previous month.

During May 2021, the prices of wheat flour is higher by 133 to 295 percent in all states compared to the May 2020.
The average retail price of sorghum reached **103.64 Sudanese pound per Kg** in May 2021, which is an increase by **3.64 percent** compared to April 2021.

This slight increase of sorghum prices during last month is due to decrease in the supply of sorghum from the previous season production and slight deterioration in the Sudanese currency. Sorghum prices are expected to slightly increase during the coming few months (lean season). The average retail price of sorghum is higher by **111.75 percent** compared May 2020, while it was **517 percent** higher than the average of the past five years of May.

**By States**

In May 2021, sorghum retail prices were stable in six out of 12 states compared to the previous month. It was stable in Kassala, White Nile, Blue Nile, South Kordofan, North Darfur and South Darfur. It significantly increased in West Kordofan (**11.6 percent**), Central Darfur (**7.7 percent**), East Darfur (**6.3 percent**), North Kordofan (**6.3 percent**), West Darfur (**6.5 percent**) and Red Sea (**3.2 percent**).

The retail prices of sorghum increased by **56 to 168 percent** in all states compared to the same period of the previous year (see the chart in Annex 1 on page 8). It also has increased in all states by **386 to 688 percent** compared to the average price for the past five years of May.
In May, the average retail price of goat was **11,864 Sudanese pound per head**, which is an increase of **22.97 percent** over the previous month. The high prices of goat is mainly attributed to the high production cost and high demand of livestock for export markets. The average retail price of goat increased by **170.86 percent** compared to the same month of the previous year. It was higher by **568 percent** compared to the five years average of May. Goat prices are expected to increase over the coming months, due to the onset of the rainy season and continuous demand for export market.

**By States**

In May, the retail prices for goat increased in all states compared to the previous month, except Kassala, where it remained stable. It sharply increased in Red Sea (**67.0 percent**), South Darfur (**37.4 percent**), West Darfur (**33.6 percent**), West Kordofan (**23.0 percent**), Blue Nile (**20.4 percent**), Central Darfur (**18.7 percent**), South Kordofan (**16.8 percent**), White Nile (**13.1 percent**), North Kordofan (**13.0 percent**), North Darfur (**10.5 percent**) and East Darfur (**26.4 percent**).

In May, retail prices of goat increased by **71 to 296 percent** in all states compared to the same month of the previous year (see the chart in Annex 1 on page 8). It also increased by **303 to 996 percent** in all states compared to the five years average of May.
The average price of raw groundnut was **10,655 Sudanese pound per Kantar**, which is an increase by **12.49 percent** compared to the previous month (April). This increase is due to the low supply from previous season and high cost of inputs, accompanied by large demand from local and export markets. The average price of raw groundnut was higher by **373.14 percent** compared to the same month of the previous year. The average price of raw groundnut was higher by **1116 percent** compared to the five years average of May.

In May, the groundnut prices were increased in all states compared to the previous month, except Kassala and North Darfur, where it remained stable. It sharply increased in Red Sea (53.3 percent), White Nile (37.1 percent), Central Darfur (20.8 percent), East Darfur (12.6 percent), West Kordofan (10.9 percent), South Darfur (9.5 percent), West Darfur (8.6 percent), North Kordofan (8.5 percent), Blue Nile (8.4 percent) and slightly in South Kordofan (3.9 percent).

During **May 2021**, groundnut prices increased by **276 to 443 percent** in all states compared to the same month of the previous year (see the chart in Annex 1 on page 8). Groundnut prices have shown sharp increases by **924 to 1,981 percent** compared to the average prices for the past five years of May.
In May 2021, the average cost of WFP local food basket is slightly decreased by 15.14 percent compared to the previous month and increased to 175.25 Sudanese pounds. The cost of WFP local food basket increased by 167.2 percent compared to the same month of the previous year.

In May 2021, the highest cost of local food basket was recorded in East Darfur (SDG 201.2) followed by South Darfur (SDG 198.4), while the lowest cost was recorded in West Darfur (SDG 155.2).
Annex 1: The Percentage Change of Sorghum, Goat and Groundnut Prices Compared to the April 2021 & May 2020
Annex 2: Change in the retail prices of the cash-based transfer (CBT) food Items:

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<tr>
<th>Commodity</th>
<th>Unit</th>
<th>May-21</th>
<th>Apr-21</th>
<th>May-20</th>
<th>Change of retail price compare to previous month</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sorghum</td>
<td>SDG/Kg</td>
<td>103.36</td>
<td>94.01</td>
<td>50.58</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Onion</td>
<td>SDG/Kg</td>
<td>113.33</td>
<td>129.17</td>
<td>51.92</td>
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<td>Vegetable Oil (groundnut)</td>
<td>SDG/litre</td>
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<td>861.58</td>
<td>236.58</td>
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<td>Cow Meat</td>
<td>SDG/Kg</td>
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<td>1,088.75</td>
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<td>Sugar</td>
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<td>276.04</td>
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<td>Wheat Flour</td>
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<td>272.21</td>
<td>94.00</td>
<td>10%</td>
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Increase if % > +2
Stable if % between -2 and +2
Decrease if % < -2

Annex 3: Casual Labor Wage - Daily Rate (SDG/Day)

[Graph showing the changes in casual labor wage across different regions and months.]
Annex 4: Terms of Trade

Casual Labor Wage - Daily Rate versus VAM LFB

Groundnut (1 sack of 45Kg) versus VAM LFB

Goat (one medium size) versus VAM LFB

May 2021
Annex 5: Sudan Inflation Rate - Consumer Price Index (CPI1):
(Source: SUDAN CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS)

The monthly percentage change of Consumer Price Index (CPI):
In April 2021, the amount that consumer paid for a basket of goods and services increased by 18.00 percent compared to what he paid for the same basket in March 2021.

Inflation Rate:
In April 2021, the amount that consumer paid for a basket of goods and services increased by 363.1 percent compared to what he paid for the same basket in April 2020.

1 Consumer Price Index (CPI): The Consumer Price Index measures the average change in prices over time that consumers pay for a basket of goods and services.
Annex 6: Sorghum, Goat and Groundnut Price Trends by States

Red Sea

Sorghum Prices in Port Sudan

Goat Prices in Port Sudan

Kassala

Sorghum Prices in Kassala

Goat Prices in Kassala

Groundnut Prices in Kassala
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

- **Sorghum Prices in EdDein**
- **Goat Prices in EdDein**
- **Groundnut Prices in EdDein**
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

Goat Prices in Zalengai

Groundnut Prices in Zalengai

White Nile

Sorghum Prices in Kosti

Goat Prices in Kosti

Groundnut Prices in Kosti
National Average Prices

Sorghum Prices National Average

Goat Prices National Average

Groundnut Prices National Average