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Summary

Our monthly Food Security Monitor is one way that AGRA makes data available to key stakeholders to underpin evidence-based decision-making. Highlights from the October Food Security Monitor are summarised below:

Global Market Update

Global grain prices are generally low amidst increased supplies. The International Grain Council (IGC) Grains and Oilseeds Index (GOI) declined by 1.32% in October compared to September. Fertilizer prices are also generally low due to suppressed offseason demand.

Regional Food Security Updates

In East Africa, despite new harvests in most countries, food insecurity remains a concern except in Rwanda and Uganda. Many households in the region are experiencing IPC Phase 3 and 4 conditions driven by conflicts and past climatic shocks.

In Southern Africa, mostly IPC 2 and 3 conditions persist across the region as the lean season begins. However, Minimal (IPC Phase 1) conditions prevail in parts of Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe.

In West Africa, food insecurity concerns remain in Burkina Faso and Nigeria (mostly IPC Phase 3 and 4). Meanwhile, IPC Phase 2 and 3 conditions prevail in Niger and Mali.

Food Trade

Intra-East African trade dropped by over 33% (\$1.8 billion) from \$5.4 billion in 2021 to \$3.6 billion in 2022. This was partly attributed to the application of a 35% EAC Common External Tariff (CET) on imports a year ago, which has driven up the cost of inputs and fuel imported from outside the region, coupled with other trade challenges.

In Southern Africa, the African Development Bank (AfDB), Africa Finance Corporation (AFC), the US, and the EU have signed an MOU with Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), to develop the Lobito Corridor and the new Zambia-Lobito line.

In West Africa, the EU and ECOWAS have signed seven agreements worth €212.4 million for the promotion of trade and regional integration, energy interconnectivity and renewable energy.

Commodity Prices

In East Africa, lower food price trends are observed due to increased supplies from recently completed harvests, except in Ethiopia where food commodities prices remain high despite the ongoing harvests.

In Southern Africa, the prices of food commodities are largely higher as the region enters its lean season.

In West Africa, mixed trends persist, with Mali and Togo showing price stability, as Niger and Nigeria experience higher prices.

Introduction

The AGRA Food Security Monitor reviews and discusses changes in selected variables and their implications on food trade, and food and nutrition security. The discussions presented here focus on selected countries of interest to the AGRA Regional Food Trade and Resilience Initiative: East Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda), Southern Africa (Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe), and West Africa (Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Togo).

Food Security Dashboard

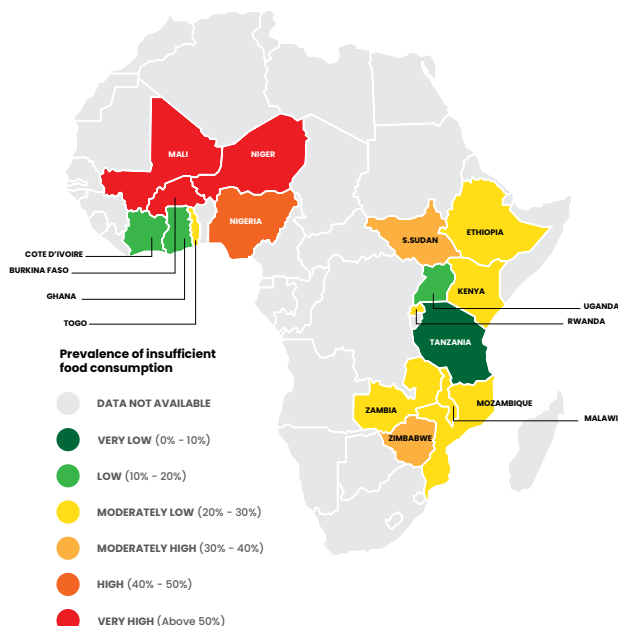
The Food Security Dashboard (Table 1 and Figure 1) offers a concise overview of fluctuations in the number of people experiencing Insufficient Food Consumption (IFC)¹, snapshots of hunger hotspots, and average changes in food prices² over the past two years. **Figure 1** displays the prevalence of IFC in October across 17 countries selected from East, Southern, and West Africa. During this month, three food insecurity hotspots, defined as countries where over 50% of the total population has IFC, were identified viz., Burkina Faso (56.6%), Mali (69.1%), and Niger (81.9%). South Sudan, Zimbabwe, and Nigeria are also inching towards this mark. Notably, the number of people with IFC decreased, compared to previous month, in Uganda, Mozambique, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, and Nigeria, but remained unchanged in Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Togo. On the other hand, the average national maize prices, compared to the past six month declined in Burkina Faso, Kenya, Tanzania, Togo, and Uganda. In Mali, the national prices of millet, a dominant staple, also declined. Similarly, compared to the last one year, there was a decline in the prices of maize in Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Rwanda, Togo, and Uganda, as well as of millet in Mali.

Table 1: IFC and Commodities Price Changes

Country	Change in people with IFC from last 1 year	Change in people with IFC from last 2 years	Commodity Price Changes in the last 6 months	Commodity Price Changes in the last 1 year
Burkina Faso	-5.08 ↓	0.00 ●	-0.74 ↓	-9.37 ↓
Cote d'Ivoire	-6.38 ↓	-15.38 ↓	0.88 ↑	-24.07 ↓
Ethiopia	17.77 ↑	74.44 ↑	30.86 ↑	47.71 ↑
Ghana	-20.29 ↓	-6.78 ↓	20.88 ↑	58.72 ↑
Kenya	6.72 ↑	47.67 ↑	-14.11 ↓	9.97 ↑
Malawi	54.55 ↑	155.00 ↑	0.07 ↑	113.80 ↑
Mali*	-1.49 ↓	20.00 ↑	-0.74 ↓	-30.21 ↓
Mozambique	-11.11 ↓	-17.76 ↓	2.95 ↑	32.45 ↑
Niger	26.19 ↑	103.85 ↑	42.31 ↑	24.63 ↑
Nigeria	55.71 ↑	33.74 ↑	130.64 ↑	133.81 ↑
Rwanda	13.33 ↑	36.00 ↑	15.20 ↑	-3.66 ↓
South Sudan	-46.97 ↓	-49.28 ↓	63.55 ↑	79.39 ↑
Tanzania	-41.43 ↓	-12.77 ↓	-13.09 ↓	11.99 ↑
Togo	-26.92 ↓	-9.52 ↓	-7.73 ↓	-4.43 ↓
Uganda	-46.98 ↓	-46.98 ↓	-20.14 ↓	-26.58 ↓
Zambia	136.84 ↑	95.65 ↑	10.53 ↑	67.10 ↑
Zimbabwe	-20.34 ↓	-18.97 ↓		

Key: ● No Change ↑ = increase ↓ = decrease

Figure 1: Hunger Hotspots Snapshot, September 2023



Source: Own analysis based on data from WFP (2023)

- People with insufficient food consumption refers to those with poor or borderline food consumption, according to the Food Consumption Score (FCS).** The Food Consumption Score (FCS) is a proxy indicator for food security that measures the diversity of household diets, and how frequently food is consumed. The FCS is calculated using the frequency of consumption of eight food groups by a household over 7 days before the survey, using standardized weights for each of the food groups reflecting its respective nutrient density. It then classifies households as having 'poor', 'borderline' or 'acceptable' food consumption. **Poor food consumption** typically refers to households that do not consume staples and vegetables every day, and never, or very seldom, consume protein-rich food such as meat and dairy (FCS of less than 28). **Borderline food consumption** typically refers to households that consume staples and vegetables every day, accompanied by oils and pulses a few times a week (FCS of less than 42). **Acceptable food consumption** typically refers to households that consume staples and vegetables every day, frequently accompanied by oils and pulses, and occasionally meat, fish and dairy (FCS greater than 42).
- Maize is the main commodity being tracked on this dashboard, except in Mali, where we use millet. It should be noted that the price changes presented here are average price changes over a number of selected markets, which implies that in certain markets, the prices may actually be higher or lower.

Global Market Update

Global Food Prices

The FAO Food Price Index (FFPI) went down in October by 0.5% driven by declines in the price indices for sugar, cereals, vegetable oils and meat, but index for dairy products went up by 2.2%. The trend of cereal prices were driven by increased supplies and strong competition among exporters.³ Similarly, International Grain Councils (IGC) Grain and Oilseeds Index (GOI) fell by 1.32% in October driven by the fall in sub-indices of maize, rice, soyabeans, and barley. Compared to the same period last year, only rice saw an increase by 34.83%.

Figure 2: FAO Food Price Index (FFPI)⁴



Table 2: IGC GOI Commodity Price Indices⁵

Jan 2000 = 100	30-Oct	% Change 1M	% Change 1 Yr
GOI	254.35	-1.32	-18.09
Wheat	225.74	0.96	-25.25
Maize	233.23	-3.83	-27.43
Rice	242.25	-1.11	34.83
Soyabeans	251.87	-1.19	-17.48
Barley	222.59	-1.84	-28.92

Global Fertilizer Prices

The prices of all fertilizer types continued to decline over the past one month with MAP prices falling the most by 6.2%. Compared to one year ago, the prices of all fertilizer types are lower, with Potash reporting the greatest drop of 41.1% followed by Urea, DAP and MAP at 30.7%, 24.2% and 19.8%, respectively.

Table 3: Global Fertilizer Prices⁶

Date Range	DAP	MAP	POTASH	UREA
Oct 24-28 2022	930	986	862	827
Nov 21-25 2022	927	972	841	802
Dec 19-Dec 23 2022	890	909	790	757
Jan 16-Jan 20 2023	859	865	721	712
Feb 13-Feb 17 2023	838	857	692	686
Mar 13-Mar 17 2023	825	821	655	638
Apr 10-14 2023	821	809	642	625
May 8-12 2023	828	826	627	664
June 5-9 2023	822	832	618	622
July 3-7 2023	824	827	619	615
July 10-14 2023	811	823	614	609
Aug 7-11 2023	758	764	566	576
Sept 4-8 2023	738	745	518	563
Oct 2-6 2023	705	791	508	573
% Change Sept-Oct 2023	-4.5	6.2	-1.9	1.8
% Change Oct 2022 - Oct 2023	-24.2	-19.8	-41.1	-30.7

Source: DTN

³ <https://www.fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex/en/>

⁴ FAO, 2023. Accessed at <https://www.fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex/en/>

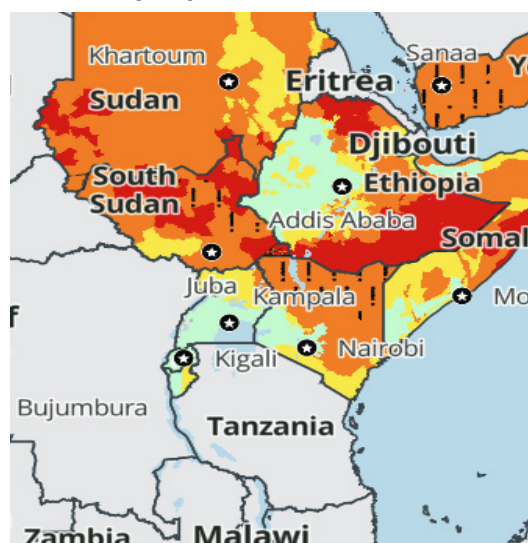
⁵ Author's construction based on data from IGC GOI, 2023. Accessed at <https://www.igc.int/en/markets/marketinfo-goi.aspx>

⁶ <https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/crops/article/2023/09/20/anhydrous-price-climbs-retail-prices>

Food Insecurity Updates

East Africa Food Security Update

Figure 3: East Africa countries Food Security Outlook, July–September 2023



Ethiopia: There is increased availability of foods from the 2023 belg harvest. However, high food insecurity concerns remain, particularly in the pastoral south/southeast and Tigray regions. IPC Phase 4 outcomes persist in most northern, southern, and southeastern areas.⁷

Kenya: IPC Phase 2 and 3 outcomes persist due to high food prices partly due to an increase in transaction cost from high fuel prices.

Rwanda: Minimal (IPC Phase 1) outcomes persist in most parts of the country due to the increased availability of food stocks from seasonal and interseason harvests, and increased incomes from hired labour and livestock sales, except in refugee settlements and some rural households, where higher food inflation are driving food insecurity concerns.⁸

South Sudan: Despite the increased availability of food from the green harvest, IPC 3 and 4 outcomes persist across South Sudan, due to ongoing conflict, underlying poor macro-economic conditions. Approximately⁹ 5.83 million people are expected to face Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above) levels of acute food insecurity. This includes an estimated 35,000 people who are in Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5) and 1.64 million people who are in Emergency (IPC Phase 4)

Uganda: In most parts of the country, IPC phase 1 and 2 conditions persist. However, in the Karamoja area and refugee settlements IPC 3 conditions exist due to below average harvests.

Prevalence of insufficient food consumption

As of October 31, 54.8 million people across six selected East African countries did not have enough food for consumption, which is about a 0.9% increase from the previous month (54.3 million), suggesting that the food security situation across the monitored countries deteriorated, with Kenya, South Sudan, and Tanzania being worst affected. The number of food insecure people in the region was, however, lower in October 2023 than the same time last year (63.1 million), but higher than in 2021 (50.9 million). *Table 4* below provides updates on variations in the prevalence of insufficient food consumption across the selected East African countries in October 2023.

Table 4: Prevalence of insufficient food consumption across selected East African countries (October 2023)¹⁰

Country	Total Population (millions)	People with insufficient food consumption (millions)*	People with insufficient food consumption (millions)**	Percentage of total population with insufficient food for consumption (%)	Change in people with insufficient food consumption from previous month (%)	Change in people with insufficient food consumption from 1yr ago	Change in people with insufficient food consumption from 2yrs ago
Ethiopia	101.10	23.20	23.20	22.95	0.00	17.77	74.44
Kenya	51.40	12.70	12.50	24.71	1.60	6.72	47.67
Rwanda	12.30	3.40	3.40	27.64	0.00	13.33	36.00
South Sudan	11.00	3.50	3.20	31.82	9.37	-46.97	-49.28
Tanzania	56.30	4.10	4.00	7.28	2.50	-41.43	-12.77
Uganda	42.70	7.90	8.00	18.50	-1.25	-46.98	-46.98

*Current month and **Previous month

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 ↘ = Low decrease (0-10%); ↘ = Moderate decrease (10-30%); ↘ = High decrease (>30%)

⁷ <https://fews.net/east-africa/ethiopia>

⁸ <https://fews.net/east-africa/rwanda>

⁹ The Food Security and Nutrition Working Group (FSNWG) report dated 6th November 2023.

¹⁰ <https://hungersmap.wfp.org/>

Commodity Prices

Key drivers of commodity prices in East Africa¹¹

	Conflicts	Conflicts and insecurity persist particularly in South Sudan and Ethiopia which is preventing price recovery from its high levels despite ongoing harvests.
	Seasonal Dynamics	Seasonal harvests are increasing supplies in most markets and causing declines in prices.
	Macroeconomic Shocks	Poor macro-economic conditions, influx of returned refugees, and localized poor harvests have sustained higher prices in South Sudan particularly.

Ethiopia

The prices of food commodities in Ethiopia were generally elevated in October despite declines over the past one month largely driven by on-going harvests.¹² Compared to September, maize and wheat prices mostly declined or had marginal increases of under 5%. Conflicts continued to affect food prices in the affected areas driving many households to maize, which is a less preferred food commodity.¹³

Table 5: Changes in prices in Ethiopia¹⁴

Region	Country	Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
East Africa	Ethiopia	NPS 19-38-0 + 7S	National Average, USD/50KG	33.79	0.63 ▲	-0.27 ▼	-0.71 ▼	
East Africa	Ethiopia	NPSB 18.9-37.7-0 + 6.95S + 0.1B	National Average, USD/50KG	33.92	0.80 ▲	-0.09 ▼	-0.62 ▼	
East Africa	Ethiopia	Sorghum (Quintal)	Bale Robe, Retail, ETB/100kg*	3,937.50	-6.25 ▼	-4.26 ▼	15.81 ✖	
East Africa	Ethiopia	Sorghum (Quintal)	Hawassa , Retail, ETB/100kg*	6,500.00	19.27 ✖	54.76 ✖		
East Africa	Ethiopia	Sorghum (Quintal)	Hosaena, Retail, ETB/100kg*	4,666.67	3.70 ▲	33.33 ✖	33.33 ✖	
East Africa	Ethiopia	Sorghum (Quintal)	Nekemte Town, Retail, ETB/100kg*	4,436.25	-0.08 ▼	19.58 ✖	58.44 ✖	
East Africa	Ethiopia	Sorghum (Quintal)	Shashemene Town, Retail, ETB/100kg*	5,200.00	4.00 ▲	12.43 ▲	48.57 ✖	
East Africa	Ethiopia	Urea	National Average, USD/50KG	34.25	1.12 ▲	0.23 ▲	-0.06 ▼	
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Maize (Quintal)	Bahir Dar kebele 04, Retail, ETB/100kg*	5,000.00		11.11 ▲	66.67 ✖	72.41 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Maize (Quintal)	Bale Robe, Retail, ETB/100kg*	3,900.00	-1.27 ▼	-16.67 ▼	12.23 ▲	25.81 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Maize (Quintal)	Hawassa , Retail, ETB/100kg*	5,400.00	2.86 ▲	22.73 ✖		56.07 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Maize (Quintal)	Hosaena, Retail, ETB/100kg*	4,600.00	-8.91 ▼	4.55 ▲	35.29 ✖	57.26 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Maize (Quintal)	Nekemte Town, Retail, ETB/100kg*	3,710.00	-14.02 ▼	1.78 ▲	37.41 ✖	55.93 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Maize (Quintal)	Shashemene Town, Retail, ETB/100kg*	3,800.00	-20.83 ▼	-20.42 ▼	2.70 ▲	18.75 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Teff (Quintal)	Bahir Dar kebele 04, Retail, ETB/100kg*	12,000.00		25.00 ✖	71.43 ✖	119.18 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Teff (Quintal)	Hawassa , Retail, ETB/100kg*	10,375.00	3.75 ▲	21.58 ✖		85.93 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Teff (Quintal)	Hosaena, Retail, ETB/100kg*	11,050.00	6.51 ▲	27.01 ✖	38.13 ✖	102.75 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Teff (Quintal)	Nekemte Town, Retail, ETB/100kg*	11,925.00	2.21 ▲	35.90 ✖	44.55 ✖	110.13 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Teff (Quintal)	Shashemene Town, Retail, ETB/100kg*	10,003.33	-3.19 ▼	28.66 ✖	23.50 ✖	84.39 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Wheat (Quintal)	Bahir Dar kebele 04, Retail, ETB/100kg*	8,000.00		45.45 ✖	45.45 ✖	70.21 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Wheat (Quintal)	Bale Robe, Retail, ETB/100kg*	6,175.00	-1.20 ▼	26.34 ✖	37.22 ✖	52.94 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Wheat (Quintal)	Hawassa , Retail, ETB/100kg*	8,000.00	-11.11 ▼	23.08 ✖		54.34 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Wheat (Quintal)	Hosaena, Retail, ETB/100kg*	6,333.33	-10.80 ▼	18.75 ✖	21.79 ✖	54.47 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Wheat (Quintal)	Nekemte Town, Retail, ETB/100kg*	5,281.00	-3.54 ▼	14.31 ▲	16.01 ✖	27.01 ✖
East Africa	Ethiopia	White Wheat (Quintal)	Shashemene Town, Retail, ETB/100kg*	6,600.00	-1.00 ▼	10.46 ▲	14.78 ▲	38.95 ✖

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¹¹ <https://fews.net/east-africa/>

¹² <https://fews.net/east-africa/ethiopia/>

¹³ *Ibid*

¹⁴ Author's construction based on Ethiopia's Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency data. <http://www.nmis.et/#/>

Kenya

The prices of food commodities were generally low in selected Kenyan markets (Table 6). Overall, all prices were below those of the last 6–12 months. However, compared to the past one month, the average national maize price went up by 43.55%, while the prices of beans (Wairimu) and wheat declined 20.62% and 18.5%, respectively. The Government of Kenya has projected substantial increases in the production of major staples such as maize, wheat, Irish potatoes, beans, sorghum, and millet due to the sufficient rains received this year.¹⁵ Meanwhile, maize farmers in the North Rift region are demanding that the government sets the producer price for the current maize harvests at KSh5,500 per 90kg bag against a proposed KSh4,000 for the same quantity as an incentive to meet the costs of planting in the next season.¹⁶

Table 6: Changes in prices in Kenya¹⁷

Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
Beans (Yellow-Green)	National Average, Retail, KES/KG	188.98	2.96 ▲	-3.97 ▾	-5.73 ▾	8.40 ▲
Beans Red Haricot (Wairimu)	National Average, Retail, KES/KG	155.94	-20.62 ▾	4.82 ▲	-0.34 ▾	-1.83 ▾
Fertilizer (CAN)	National Average, Retail, KES/KG	99.50	-33.10 ▾	0.17 ▲	-38.75 ▾	-11.88 ▾
Fertilizer (DAP)	National Average, Retail, KES/KG	218.21	14.15 ▲	86.54 ✖	73.40 ✖	78.62 ✖
Fertilizer (NPK)	National Average, Retail, KES/KG	99.23	11.58 ▲	4.31 ▲	-12.33 ▾	-24.16 ▾
Finger Millet	National Average, Retail, KES/KG	123.46	-14.98 ▾	0.89 ▲	-3.83 ▾	-7.25 ▾
Rice	National Average, Retail, KES/KG	152.90	0.15 ▲	-0.04 ▾	-6.67 ▾	-18.32 ▾
Wheat	National Average, Retail, KES/KG	51.00	-18.50 ▾	-38.48 ▾	-48.14 ▾	-53.82 ▾
White Irish Potatoes	National Average, Retail, KES/KG	73.39	0.15 ▲	33.83 ✖	-41.57 ▾	-4.67 ▾
White Maize	National Average, Retail, KES/KG	90.38	43.55 ✖	-9.28 ▾	-14.11 ▾	9.97 ▲

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Rwanda

The prices of food commodities were generally low in select Rwandan markets due to increased availability of food stocks from seasonal and interseason harvests (Table 7).¹⁸ Compared to September, the prices of beans and maize were only higher in Kigeme, by 0.33% and 1% respectively, while the price of sorghum rose by 8.64% in Kabuga. The current prices, however, remain majorly higher than a year ago.

¹⁵ <https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/tea/business/kenya-inflation-stays-high-amid-improved-food-production-4390396>. Maize projected to increase by 29.3% to 44.6 million bags; wheat by 62.6% to 4.9 million bags; Irish potatoes to 25.3 million bags, beans 56.3% to 11.7 million bags, sorghum 150% to 3.3 million bags, and millet by 62% to 1.1 million bags.

¹⁶ <https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/rift-valley/article/2001484154/maize-farmers-reject-sh4000-per-bag-want-state-to-buy-at-sh5500>

¹⁷ Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Co-operatives, Kenya (2023)

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Table 7: Changes in prices in Rwanda¹⁹

Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
Bean (dry)	Kabuga, Retail, RWF/KG*	1,075.00	-10.42 ↓	3.20 ▲	-0.18 ↘	-1.36 ↘
Bean (dry)	Kigeme, Retail, RWF/KG*	1,252.27	0.33 ▲	7.48 ↑	-13.07 ↓	16.40 ×
Bean (dry)	Mugera, Retail, RWF/KG*	966.67	-3.33 ↘	0.51 ▲	-22.15 ↓	11.54 ↑
Bean (dry)	Nyabiheke (Camp), Retail, RWF/KG*	1,029.89	-6.73 ↓	-6.19 ↓	-22.03 ↓	12.42 ↑
DAP	National Average USD/50KG***	54.08	-7.51 ↓	-10.14 ↓		
Maize (white)	Kabuga, Retail, RWF/KG*	616.67	0.00 ●	-9.25 ↓	30.97 ×	2.78 ▲
Maize (white)	Kigeme, Retail, RWF/KG*	672.73	1.00 ▲	11.49 ↑	16.36 ×	2.19 ▲
Maize (white)	Mugera, Retail, RWF/KG*	524.44	-7.45 ↓	16.45 ×	2.33 ▲	-11.73 ↓
Maize (white)	Nyabiheke (Camp), Retail, RWF/KG*	563.11	-6.35 ↓	12.15 ↑	11.14 ↑	-7.88 ↓
NPK 17-17-17	National Average USD/50KG***	54.68	-5.04 ↓	-4.56 ↘		
Sorghum	Kabuga, Retail, RWF/KG**	733.33	8.64 ↑	4.76 ▲	10.00 ↑	22.22 ×
Sorghum	Kigeme, Retail, RWF/KG**	616.67	-2.63 ↘	-5.13 ↓	-5.13 ↓	7.25 ↑
Sorghum	Mugera, Retail, RWF/KG**	575.00	-4.17 ↘	4.55 ▲	2.68 ▲	35.29 ×
Urea	National Average USD/50KG**	41.62	-17.67 ↓	-20.01 ↓		

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South Sudan

Compared to the past 1-3 three months, the prices of food commodities – recorded in August and September – remained fairly low. For instance, only Yambio recorded an increase of 19.19% in maize prices, with all other markets reporting increments of below 3%. Nonetheless, the current prices of these commodities remained substantially higher than their levels from the last 6-12 months due mainly to ongoing conflicts and underlying poor macro-economic conditions which continued to undermine price recoveries from high levels despite new harvests. However, in Aweil maize prices remain significantly below what they were 1, 6, and 12 months ago.

Table 8: Changes in prices in South Sudan²⁰

Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
Cassava	Juba, RWF/KG	958.10	2.35 ▲	0.00 ●	3.81 ▲	27.09 ×
Groundnuts	Juba, RWF/KG	1,950.00	-1.71 ↘	-0.31 ↘	18.90 ×	93.26 ×
Maize (white)	Aweil, SSP/KG	285.71	-54.07 ▼	0.00 ●	-26.76 ↓	-24.09 ↓
Maize (white)	Gogrial, SSP/KG**	858.00	2.28 ▲	62.16 ×	118.18 ×	200.00 ×
Maize (white)	Juba, RWF/KG	868.87	2.64 ▲	-1.81 ↘	10.59 ↑	26.58 ×
Maize (white)	Rumbek, RWF/KG	1,058.20	-2.63 ↘	19.35 ×	109.87 ×	64.44 ×
Maize (white)	Torit, SSP/KG	619.76	-17.45 ↓	-38.09 ↓	8.35 ↑	35.44 ×
Maize (white)	Wau, SSP/KG**	837.55	-2.38 ↘	17.14 ×	31.74 ×	28.16 ×
Maize (white)	Yambio, SSP/KG**	732.88	19.19 ×	9.04 ↑	192.86 ×	225.19 ×
Sorghum (Feterita)	Aweil, SSP/KG	491.06	-37.70 ↓	-23.42 ↓	-0.75 ↘	21.77 ×
Sorghum (Feterita)	Gogrial, RWF/KG**	264.55	-7.50 ↓	-41.68 ↓	-26.99 ↓	22.35 ×
Sorghum (Feterita)	Juba, RWF/KG	940.37	0.86 ▲	-2.58 ↘	6.03 ↑	11.99 ↑
Sorghum (Feterita)	Rumbek, RWF/KG	1,015.30	-2.07 ↘	12.70 ↑	83.65 ×	18.33 ×
Sorghum (Feterita)	Wau, SSP/KG**	786.50	0.00 ●	10.00 ↑	31.45 ×	14.58 ↑
Wheat (flour)	Juba, RWF/KG	1,575.00	1.81 ▲	0.00 ●	25.00 ×	69.90 ×

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Tanzania

The national average prices of food commodities (recorded in September) in Tanzania showed downward trends attributed to increased stocks from recent harvests (table 9). The prices were particularly lower than the past 3-6 months, except maize prices which had low increases (under 0.5%). Compared to the previous month, prices were only up for finger millet, maize, and sorghum by 4.65%, 0.07%, and 3.41% respectively. The national average prices were also generally moderately higher than a year ago for most staples except beans, rice, and wheat.

¹⁹ Author's construction based on data from WFP (2023).

²⁰ Author's construction based on data from WFP (FAO (2023)).

Table 9: Changes in prices in Tanzania²¹

Region	Country	Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
East Africa	Tanzania	Beans (Maharage)	National Average, Wholesale, TZS/100KG	161,000.00	-1.77	-16.62	-22.11	-17.35
East Africa	Tanzania	Finger Millet (Ulezi)	National Average, Wholesale, TZS/100KG	132,800.00	4.65	-9.41	-16.69	7.62
East Africa	Tanzania	Irish Potato (local)	National Average, Wholesale, TZS/100KG	260,100.00	-0.50	-3.27	-9.40	12.40
East Africa	Tanzania	Maize (Mahindi)	National Average, Wholesale, TZS/100KG	45,170.00	0.07	0.20	0.41	0.81
East Africa	Tanzania	Rice (Mchele)	National Average, Wholesale, TZS/100KG	95,300.00	-1.85	-6.48	-20.45	-0.42
East Africa	Tanzania	Sorghum (Mtama)	National Average, Wholesale, TZS/100KG	258,100.00	3.41	-1.64	-12.45	10.58
East Africa	Tanzania	Wheat (Ngano)	National Average, Wholesale, TZS/100KG	161,500.00	-4.27	-2.48	-7.08	-2.06

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Uganda

Overall, the current prices of beans, maize and millet (recorded in September) were significantly lower than they were in the past 1-12 months in Uganda following the first season harvest, which ended in August (Table 10).²² Compared to the previous month, only Lira had an increase in commodity prices, with beans and millet rising about 14% each. In addition, beans prices remained above their 6-12-month levels. Prospects for the next 3-6 months project a sustained decline in the prices of all the monitored commodities.

Table 10: Changes in prices in Uganda²³

Region	Country	Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Next 3 Months*	Next 6 Months*
East Africa	Uganda	Beans	Gulu, Wholesale, UGX/KG	6,000.00	0.00	-10.15	5.49	21.21	-49.42	-46.60
East Africa	Uganda	Beans	Lira, Wholesale, UGX/KG	4,575.00	14.38	1.67	12.35	12.96	-61.03	-47.69
East Africa	Uganda	Beans	Mbale, Wholesale, UGX/KG	4,250.00	-5.56	-19.05	-5.56	17.24	-41.83	-52.49
East Africa	Uganda	Beans	Mbarara, Wholesale, UGX/KG	5,000.00	0.00	-9.09	11.11	11.11	-55.90	-38.67
East Africa	Uganda	Maize	Gulu, Wholesale, UGX/KG	1,414.00	-7.52	-26.85	-13.65	-29.30	-4.49	-4.60
East Africa	Uganda	Maize	Lira, Wholesale, UGX/KG	1,100.00	-5.74	-32.31	-27.63	-37.75	-27.48	2.32
East Africa	Uganda	Maize	Mbale, Wholesale, UGX/KG	1,275.00	-12.07	-36.25	-39.29	-39.29	-27.31	-24.99
East Africa	Uganda	Maize	Mbarara, Wholesale, UGX/KG	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-55.48	-38.22
East Africa	Uganda	Millet	Gulu, Retail, UGX/KG	2,371.00	-19.05	-59.28	-20.97	-5.16	-13.40	12.71
East Africa	Uganda	Millet	Lira, Retail, UGX/KG	2,200.00	13.81	-52.69	-17.91	-12.00	-45.56	-43.88
East Africa	Uganda	Millet	Mbarara, Retail, UGX/KG	3,000.00	0.00	-25.00	0.00	0.00	-24.78	-10.90

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Seasonal Monitor and Crop Yield Forecasts

In **Kenya**, the above-average rainfall in October to December is expected to support crop production in the marginal agricultural areas. In **Uganda**, the second-season agricultural activities, including land preparation, plowing, and planting have begun supported by predictions of strong El Niño conditions and above-average rainfall. In **Rwanda**, a bumper Season A harvest is anticipated by the end of the year driven by above-average rainfall. In **Ethiopia**, maize harvests have begun in the northern areas of Amhara and Tigray while other crops have reached or are approaching maturity. However, cropping conditions have been hindered by drought conditions in many areas that rely on the June to September rains.

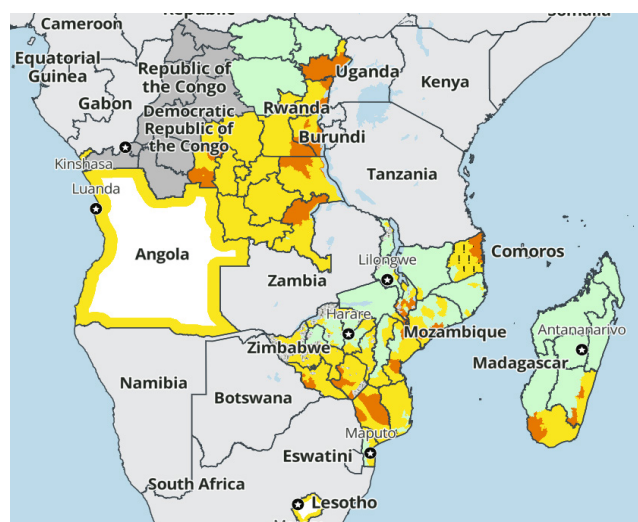
²¹ Author's construction based on data from the Ministry of Agriculture, Tanzania, September 2023 Monthly Market Bulletin.

²² <https://fews.net/east-africa/uganda>

²³ Author's construction based on data from WFP (2023).

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Figure 4: East Africa countries Food Security Outlook, July-Sep 2023



IPC v3.0 Acute Food Insecurity Phase
 Presence countries: 1: Minimal 2: Stressed 3: Crisis 4: Emergency 5: Famine National Parks/Reserves
 Remote monitoring countries: 1: Minimal 2: Stressed 3+: Crisis or higher

Malawi: IPC Phase 2 and 3 conditions are expected in the Southern and Northern areas, which were affected by Tropical Cyclone Freddy and dry spells, respectively as the country enters its lean season in October. However, most parts of the Central and northern regions are expected to continue experiencing Minimal (IPC Phase 1) conditions.

Mozambique: IPC Phase 1 and 2 outcomes are expected in most rural areas as well as the southern and central regions, supported by the second-season and post-flood production, and food reserves from the main 2023 harvest, market food purchases, and normal access to income. Nonetheless, Crisis (IPC Phase 3) outcomes are expected in the areas affected by drought induced by El Niño events.

Zimbabwe: IPC Phase 3 outcomes are expected early 2024 in the deficit producing areas due to depleted own-produced food stocks, constrained access to income, and high food prices. However, in the productive surplus-producing resettlement areas in the north, Minimal (IPC Phase 1) conditions are anticipated through May 2024.²⁴

Prevalence of insufficient food consumption

In the four selected Southern African countries, 23.1 million people had insufficient food for consumption as of 31st October 2023, representing a 2.7% increase from the previous month indicating a deterioration of the region's food security situation. All, except Mozambique, contributed to this upward trend during this period. The number of food insecure people in the region during the current month is also higher than the same time last year (21 million) and 2021 (20.8 million).

Table 11: Prevalence of insufficient food consumption in selected Southern African Countries (October 2023)²⁵

Country	Total Population (millions)	People with insufficient food consumption (millions)*	People with insufficient food consumption (millions)**	Percentage of total population with insufficient food for consumption (%)	Change in people with insufficient food consumption from previous month (%)	Change in people with insufficient food consumption from 1yr ago	Change in people with insufficient food consumption from 2yrs ago	Region
Malawi	18.10	5.10	4.90	28.18	4.08	↑	54.55	↑ Southern Africa
Mozambique	29.50	8.80	9.10	29.83	-3.30	↓	-17.76	↓ Southern Africa
Zambia	17.40	4.50	4.20	25.86	7.14	↑	95.65	↑ Southern Africa
Zimbabwe	15.20	4.70	4.30	30.92	9.30	↑	-18.97	↓ Southern Africa

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Commodity Prices

Key drivers of prices in the Southern Africa region²⁶

	Seasonality Patterns	Most Southern African countries are experiencing seasonal declines in grain supplies putting upward pressure on prices.
	Weather Shocks	The aftermath of the cyclone, drought shocks, and heavy flooding early in the planting season led to below average harvests from the just ended season resulting in higher food prices.
	Macroeconomic Shocks	Poor macroeconomic conditions, driven by forex shortages, high food inflation, and high fuel and transport costs, particularly in Malawi, are driving high food prices.

²⁴ <https://fews.net/southern-africa/zimbabwe>

²⁵ <https://hungersmap.wfp.org/>

²⁶ FEWSNET, 2023. <https://fews.net/southern-africa>. Accessed 5th August 2023

Malawi

Despite the winter harvests in certain areas, maize grain prices (September) remained elevated across the country compared especially to the past 6 and 12 months (Table 12). However, maize and rice prices only experienced low increases (0-5%) compared to August, in most monitored markets. The prices of cassava and maize declined in Lilongwe and Liwonde, while rice prices declined in Mzuzu.

Table 12: Changes in prices in Malawi²⁷

Region	Country	Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
Southern Africa	Malawi	Cassava	Mzuzu, MWK/Kg	1,246.25	-8.30 ↓	2.21 ▲	-11.49 ↓	26.39 ⓧ
Southern Africa	Malawi	Maize	Lilongwe, MWK/Kg	665.00	-11.33 ↓	46.96 ⓧ	4.31 ▲	166.00 ⓧ
Southern Africa	Malawi	Maize	Liwonde, MWK/Kg	766.00	-0.71 ↘	35.04 ⓧ	0.52 ▲	120.75 ⓧ
Southern Africa	Malawi	Maize	Mzimba, MWK/Kg	589.75	4.29 ▲	28.35 ⓧ	-0.84 ↘	121.71 ⓧ
Southern Africa	Malawi	Maize	Mzuzu, MWK/Kg	595.25	4.66 ▲	23.11 ⓧ	-13.26 ↓	87.78 ⓧ
Southern Africa	Malawi	Maize	National Average, MWK/Kg	697.00	1.94 ▲	39.33 ⓧ	0.07 ▲	113.80 ⓧ
Southern Africa	Malawi	Maize	Nsanje, MWK/Kg	687.75	1.07 ▲	49.84 ⓧ	-14.25 ↓	98.77 ⓧ
Southern Africa	Malawi	Rice	Lilongwe, MWK/Kg	1,687.50	0.75 ▲	2.27 ▲	12.50 ▲	20.54 ⓧ
Southern Africa	Malawi	Rice	Mzuzu, MWK/Kg	1,702.50	-1.59 ↘	-1.16 ↘	-5.42 ↓	28.11 ⓧ

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Mozambique

Prices recorded in July have begun to show rising trends despite the second season harvest (Table 13). This is further confirmed by FEWSNET, which indicates a significant increase in maize grain prices in September, except in the Maputo and Maxixe markets, where the prices did not change, supported by above-average vegetable and maize production during the second season.²⁸ Most fertilizer prices remained stable or show low (0-5%) increases compared to 1-6 months.

Table 13: Changes in prices in Mozambique²⁹

Region	Country	Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Next 3 Months*	Next 6 Months*
Southern Africa	Mozambique	Maize (white)	Mandimba, Retail, MZN/KG***	17.14	14.27 ▲	0.00 ●	-7.40 ↓	66.57 ⓧ	0.21 ▲	54.31 ⓧ
Southern Africa	Mozambique	Maize (white)	Maputo, Retail, MZN/KG***	28.57	24.98 ⓧ	0.00 ●	24.98 ⓧ	27.66 ⓧ	3.96 ▲	-4.97 ↘
Southern Africa	Mozambique	Maize (white)	Mocuba, Retail, MZN/KG***	22.86	26.65 ⓧ	26.65 ⓧ	-4.99 ↘	58.31 ⓧ	-11.84 ↓	20.96 ⓧ
Southern Africa	Mozambique	Maize (white)	Montepuez, Retail, MZN/KG***	20.57	-16.92 ↓	-34.65 ↓	-2.19 ↘	17.41 ▲	52.06 ⓧ	78.89 ⓧ
Southern Africa	Mozambique	Maize (white)	Panda, Retail, MZN/KG***	34.29	50.00 ⓧ	0.00 ●	4.35 ▲	-7.67 ↓	-12.10 ↓	-10.24 ↓
Southern Africa	Mozambique	NPK 12-24-12	Nations Average, MZN/50KG**	3,116.00	0.00 ●	-0.16 ↘	1.88 ▲			
Southern Africa	Mozambique	NPK 23-10-5 +3S + 12Zn	Nations Average, MZN/50KG**	2,909.00	0.00 ●	0.00 ●	-2.71 ↘			
Southern Africa	Mozambique	Rice (imported)	Maputo, Retail, MZN/KG***	51.67	3.34 ▲	3.34 ▲	3.34 ▲	3.34 ▲	-6.48 ↓	-3.22 ↘
Southern Africa	Mozambique	Rice (imported)	Mocuba, Retail, MZN/KG***	56.25	2.27 ▲	-6.25 ↓	10.29 ▲	2.27 ▲	-7.16 ↓	-8.57 ↓
Southern Africa	Mozambique	Rice (imported)	Montepuez, Retail, MZN/KG***	60.00	0.00 ●	9.09 ▲	9.09 ▲	9.09 ▲	-28.23 ↓	-28.45 ↓
Southern Africa	Mozambique	Rice (imported)	Panda, Retail, MZN/KG***	52.92	-0.77 ↘	4.67 ▲	1.61 ▲	-18.58 ↓	-3.88 ↘	-3.77 ↘
Southern Africa	Mozambique	Urea	Nations Average, MZN/50KG**	3,361.00	0.30 ▲	0.30 ▲	3.03 ▲			

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Zambia

The national average price of maize, recorded in September, in Zambia remained higher than 1-12 months ago (Table 14). The current prices are higher by 10.76%, 21.37%, 10.53%, and 67.1% compared to the previous 1, 3, 6, and 12 months, respectively. All types of fertilizer prices were generally below those of 1-12 months ago.

Table 14: Changes in prices in Zambia³⁰

Region	Country	Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
Southern Africa	Zambia	Maize (white)	National Average, Retail, Kwacha/KG	6.01	10.76 ▲	21.37 ⓧ	10.53 ▲	67.10 ⓧ
Southern Africa	Zambia	NPK 10-20-10 + 6S	National, ZMW/50KG	806.67	-0.25 ↘	-8.54 ↓	-11.48 ↓	-11.87 ↓
Southern Africa	Zambia	Urea	National, ZMW/50KG	833.67	1.63 ▲	-1.92 ↘	-10.93 ↓	-9.90 ↓

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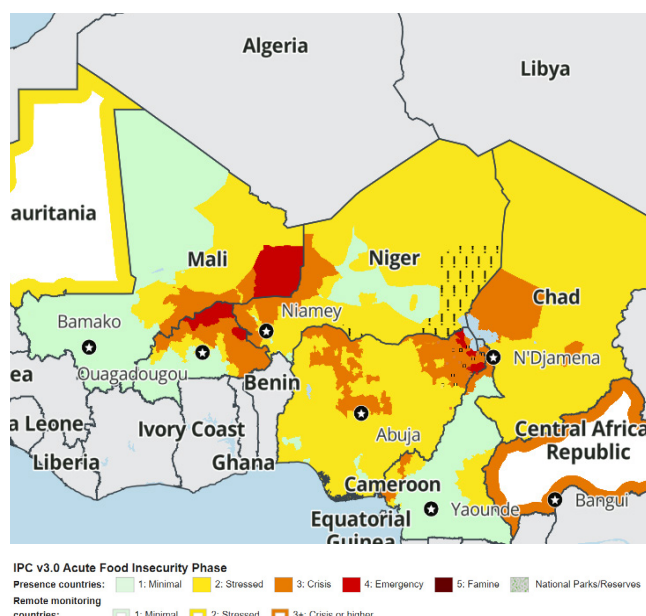
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Seasonal Monitor and Crop Yield Forecasts

Strong El Niño events are expected to result in a delayed onset of the main rainy season in most parts of the southern region. In **Malawi**, the lean season atypically starts from early October with expected below-normal rainfall in the southern regions³¹. In **Mozambique**, strong El Niño conditions are expected to delay the start of the 2023/24 rainy season, especially in the southern and parts of central Mozambique.³² This is expected to affect cropping activities. In **Zimbabwe**, below-normal harvests are expected in 2024 due to poor rainfall induced by El Niño conditions³³.

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Figure 5: West African countries Food Security Outlook, Jun-Sep 2023



Burkina Faso: Insecurity conditions continue to limit food assistance in the communes of Djibo, Arbinda, Kelbo, Sebba, Solhan, Gorom-Gorom and Markoye driving IPC Phase 4 outcomes. Very high incidences of Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) were also observed in areas under blockade.

Mali: IPC 2 and 3 outcomes are expected in the central and north through to early 2024 due to increased conflicts and insecurity, which have limited household access to food.³⁴

Niger: Poor households in the agricultural and agropastoral livelihood zones, especially in the insecurity affected areas of Tillabéry, Diffa, Tahoua North, and Maradi South-West regions, face IPC Phase 2 and 3 outcomes.

Nigeria: IPC Phase 3 and 4 conditions mostly prevail in the conflict-affected and inaccessible areas despite the main season harvest ongoing across the country. Conflicts and insecurity in the north, moderate flooding in riverine areas, and the escalating macroeconomic crisis have negatively impacted crop production.³⁵

Prevalence of insufficient food consumption

As of October 31, 2023, the number of people with insufficient food for consumption across the seven selected West African countries was 144.6 million, which is a 0.9 million (0.63%) increase from the previous month. This indicates a deterioration in the food security situation across the monitored countries during the month, with Ghana, Mali and Niger being worst affected. This figure is also substantially above the same period last year (112.2 million people) and two years ago (111 million people).

Table 15: Prevalence of insufficient food consumption in selected West African countries (October 2023)³⁶

Country	Total Population (millions)	People with insufficient food consumption (millions)*	People with insufficient food consumption (millions)**	Percentage of total population with insufficient food for consumption (%)	Change in people with insufficient food consumption from previous month (%)	Change in people with insufficient food consumption from 1yr ago	Change in people with insufficient food consumption from 2yrs ago
Burkina Faso	19.80	11.20	12.10	56.57	-7.44	-5.08	0.00
Cote d'Ivoire	29.40	4.40	4.50	14.97	-2.22	-6.38	-15.38
Ghana	29.80	5.50	5.40	18.46	1.85	-20.29	-6.78
Mali	19.10	13.20	12.70	69.11	3.94	-1.49	20.00
Niger	25.90	21.20	17.40	81.85	21.84	26.19	103.85
Nigeria	202.80	87.20	88.50	43.00	-1.47	55.71	33.74
Togo	7.90	1.90	1.90	24.05	0.00	-26.92	-9.52

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³² <https://fews.net/southern-africa/mozambique>

³³ <https://fews.net/southern-africa/zimbabwe>

³⁴ <https://fews.net/west-africa/mali>

³⁵ <https://fews.net/west-africa/nigeria/food-security-outlook/october-2023>

³⁶ <https://hungermap.wfp.org/>

Commodity prices

Key drivers of the price movements in West Africa include³⁷

	Insecurity & Armed Conflicts	Conflict and insecurity in parts of West Africa continue to disrupt agriculture, trade, and food assistance activities resulting in higher food prices.
	Macroeconomic Challenges	Poor macroeconomic conditions, driven by local currency depreciations, high fuel and transport costs, are pushing up food prices in some West African countries.
	Seasonal Dynamics	Harvesting in some West African countries are improving food supplies, thereby lowering or stabilizing the prices in these countries.

Burkina Faso

Mixed price changes were observed in the selected Burkina Faso markets, with only moderate increases seen in some markets for certain food commodities (Table 16). The prices were, however, generally lower than a year ago except for maize and millet prices in Dori and Batie, respectively. However, compared to August, the current (September) prices were elevated in Bousse, Dori, Faramana and Gourcy for maize, while millet prices were higher in Batie, Faramana and Gourcy. The prices are, however, expected to continue falling in the next 3–6 months in most selected markets for both maize and millet as new seasonal harvests take full effect.³⁸ Conflicts and insecurity, particularly in the Sahel region, the Center-North, the North and the East continued to drive up food shortages and prices and in the country by disrupting agricultural, trading, and food assistance activities.

Table 16: Changes in prices in Burkina Faso³⁹

Region	Country	Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Next 3 Months*	Next 6 Months*
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Maize	Batié, Retail, XOF/KG	257.00	-6.88 ↓	-5.51 ↓	-4.46 ↓	-13.47 ↓	-27.41 ↓	-20.45 ↓
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Maize	Bousse, Retail, XOF/KG	249.00	2.05 ↑	0.40 ↑	-4.23 ↓	-12.32 ↓	-8.91 ↓	-8.63 ↓
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Maize	Dori, Retail, XOF/KG	361.00	2.27 ↑	5.87 ↑	9.73 ↑	11.76 ↑	-24.54 ↓	-19.31 ↓
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Maize	Faramana, Retail, XOF/KG	163.00	5.16 ↑	27.34 ×	0.00 ●	-15.54 ↓	-9.49 ↓	-10.99 ↓
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Maize	Gourcy, Retail, XOF/KG	253.00	0.40 ↑	0.00 ●	-2.69 ↓	-19.17 ↓	-9.78 ↓	-0.30 ↓
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Maize	Ouagadougou (Sankaryare), Retail, XOF/KG	258.00	-0.77 ↓	4.03 ↑	2.79 ↑	-8.51 ↓	-9.94 ↓	7.46 ↑
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Maize	Ouargaye, Retail, XOF/KG	214.00	-8.15 ↓	-3.17 ↓	0.94 ↑	0.94 ↑	-26.10 ↓	-23.05 ↓
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Maize	Titao, Retail, XOF/KG	357.00	-1.92 ↓	13.33 ↑	-7.99 ↓	-18.68 ↓	-42.85 ↓	-32.28 ↓
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Millet	Batié, Retail, XOF/KG	438.00	4.29 ↑	9.77 ↑	14.66 ×	6.83 ↑	-26.12 ↓	-34.46 ↓
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Millet	Bousse, Retail, XOF/KG	283.00	-0.70 ↓	-3.41 ↓	-15.52 ↓	-31.64 ↓	-24.59 ↓	4.67 ↑
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Millet	Dori, Retail, XOF/KG	393.00	-5.76 ↓	1.03 ↑	-4.38 ↓	-9.66 ↓	-13.58 ↓	-10.23 ↓
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Millet	Faramana, Retail, XOF/KG	212.00	6.00 ↑	10.42 ↑	-14.17 ↓	-32.91 ↓	-22.50 ↓	-10.94 ↓
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Millet	Gourcy, Retail, XOF/KG	258.00	1.57 ↑	-1.15 ↓	-16.23 ↓	-36.92 ↓	-19.24 ↓	7.12 ↑
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Millet	Ouagadougou (Sankaryare), Retail, XOF/KG	346.00	-0.29 ↓	4.85 ↑	5.81 ↑	-22.25 ↓	-15.25 ↓	4.40 ↑
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Millet	Ouargaye, Retail, XOF/KG	230.00	-9.80 ↓	-8.00 ↓	-4.56 ↓	-40.72 ↓	2.32 ↑	9.11 ↑
West Africa	Burkina Faso	Millet	Titao, Retail, XOF/KG	404.00	-2.42 ↓	14.45 ↑	-9.62 ↓	-20.00 ↓	-56.07 ↓	-43.82 ↓

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Cote d'Ivoire

Mixed price changes were observed in the selected Ivorian markets although most of the price shifts were low to moderate, not exceeding 10% in all cases (Table 17). While the current maize prices are lower than a year ago, rice prices in Man show low-to-moderate surges. Compared to one month ago, the prices of maize and imported rice were mostly high, except for maize prices in Man, which remained unchanged. The prices of local rice were also unchanged over the past one month. Forecasts for the next 3–6 months indicate a substantial decline in prices.

³⁷ FEWSNET, 2023. Accessed at <https://fews.net/west-africa> on 31st July 2023.

³⁸ <https://fews.net/west-africa/burkina-faso>

³⁹ Author's construction based on data from WFP (2023).

Table 17: Changes in prices in Cote d'Ivoire⁴⁰

Region	Country	Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Next 3 Months*	Next 6 Months*
West Africa	Cote d'Ivoire	Urea	National Av, USD/50KG**	40.73	2.11	▲	0.42	▲	-26.17	↓
West Africa	Cote d'Ivoire	Maize (white)	Korhogo, Retail, XOF/KG	237.50	5.58	↑	3.17	▲	-3.00	↔
West Africa	Cote d'Ivoire	Maize (white)	Man, Retail, XOF/KG	275.00	0.00	●	-8.33	↓	4.76	▲
West Africa	Cote d'Ivoire	Rice (denikassia imported)	Korhogo, Retail, XOF/KG	492.50	3.68	▲	9.44	↑	2.10	▲
West Africa	Cote d'Ivoire	Rice (denikassia imported)	Man, Retail, XOF/KG	495.63	9.56	↑	3.47	▲	3.47	▲
West Africa	Cote d'Ivoire	Rice (Local)	Korhogo, Retail, XOF/KG	475.00	0.00	●	4.35	▲	4.36	▲
West Africa	Cote d'Ivoire	Rice (Local)	Man, Retail, XOF/KG	550.00	0.00	●	0.00	●	10.00	↑

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Ghana

Overall, the prices of food commodities in Ghana were higher, at least, than the past 3-12 months. The prices of the monitored food commodities generally declined in August compared to July in most markets. The price of cassava dough had the most significant drop (-19.85%), while plantain, rice of all types, sorghum, and soya beans all experienced low-to moderate declines due to new harvests from the major season. Fertilizer prices have begun picking up as the minor season starts.

Table 18: Changes in prices in Ghana⁴¹

Region	Country	Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
West Africa	Ghana	Cassava	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	3.79	0.04	▲	-10.75	↓
West Africa	Ghana	Cassava Dough	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	5.97	-19.85	▼	12.28	↑
West Africa	Ghana	Maize (white)	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	7.19	0.68	▲	5.97	↑
West Africa	Ghana	Maize (Yellow)	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	7.48	2.12	▲	5.90	↑
West Africa	Ghana	Millet	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	10.78	0.34	▲	3.60	▲
West Africa	Ghana	NPK 20-10-10	National Average, USD/50KG	35.06	-13.09	↓	-11.33	↓
West Africa	Ghana	NPK 23-10-5	National Average, USD/50KG	37.07	-8.11	↓	-8.56	↓
West Africa	Ghana	Plantain (Apem)	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	9.20	-8.47	↓	25.68	☒
West Africa	Ghana	Plantain (Aparentu)	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	9.91	-7.05	↓	30.95	☒
West Africa	Ghana	Rice - Imported (non-perfumed)	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	12.54	-1.45	↔	4.14	▲
West Africa	Ghana	Rice - Imported (perfumed)	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	17.90	-2.63	↔	0.00	▲
West Africa	Ghana	Rice Local (perfumed)	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	13.97	-1.65	↔	-0.38	↔
West Africa	Ghana	Rice Local (non-perfumed)	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	12.12	-0.49	↔	4.05	▲
West Africa	Ghana	Sorghum	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	9.25	-1.90	↔	2.07	▲
West Africa	Ghana	Soya Bean	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	9.97	-3.92	↔	5.89	↑
West Africa	Ghana	Urea	National Average, USD/50KG	34.95	-9.20	↓	-9.92	↓
West Africa	Ghana	Yam (Puna)	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	9.66	3.51	▲	22.25	☒
West Africa	Ghana	Yam (White)	National Average, Retail, GHS/KG**	5.90	-7.87	↓	0.53	▲

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Mali

Generally, the prices of commodities remained stable in most monitored markets in Mali due to seasonal improvements driven by the current ongoing harvests (Table 19).⁴² Compared to the previous month, significant increases were only observed in the markets of Kayes (+16%) and Tombouctou (+6.67%). The current prices, however, indicate significant drops for maize and millet, as rice prices remain elevated, compared to the same period last year.

⁴⁰ Author's construction based on data from WFP (2023).

⁴¹ Author's construction based on data from the Ghana Ministry of Food and Agriculture (2023).

⁴² <https://fews.net/west-africa/mali>

Table 19: Changes in prices in Mali⁴³

Region	Country	Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
West Africa	Mali	Millet	Bamako, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	25,000.00	0.00	8.70	-3.85	-39.02
West Africa	Mali	Millet	Gao, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	35,000.00	0.00	48.94	16.67	-20.45
West Africa	Mali	Millet	Kayes, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	29,000.00	16.00	0.00	-3.33	-22.67
West Africa	Mali	Millet	Mopti, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	24,000.00	-7.69	-4.00	-17.24	-37.66
West Africa	Mali	Millet	Ségou, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	19,000.00	0.00	0.00	-28.92	-47.22
West Africa	Mali	Millet	Sikasso, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	-3.85	-33.33
West Africa	Mali	Millet	Tombouctou, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	40,000.00	6.67	14.29	33.33	-11.11
West Africa	Mali	Rice	Bamako, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	46,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.22
West Africa	Mali	Rice	Gao, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	47,500.00	0.00	0.00	5.56	1.06
West Africa	Mali	Rice	Kayes, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	50,000.00	-3.85	-3.85	0.00	6.38
West Africa	Mali	Rice	Mopti, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	44,000.00	-2.22	-2.22	-2.22	-7.37
West Africa	Mali	Rice	Ségou, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	47,500.00	0.00	0.00	1.06	5.56
West Africa	Mali	Rice	Sikasso, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	45,000.00	0.00	-5.26	-10.00	0.00
West Africa	Mali	Rice	Tombouctou, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	13.64	8.70
West Africa	Mali	Rice (imported)	Bamako, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	43,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.22
West Africa	Mali	Rice (imported)	Gao, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	47,500.00	0.00	5.56	5.56	10.47
West Africa	Mali	Rice (imported)	Kayes, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	38,500.00	-12.50	-1.28	-18.95	11.59
West Africa	Mali	Rice (imported)	Mopti, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	44,000.00	0.00	0.00	4.76	12.82
West Africa	Mali	Rice (imported)	Sikasso, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	42,000.00	-4.55	68.00	-16.00	-4.55
West Africa	Mali	Sorghum	Bamako, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	24,000.00	-4.00	20.00	0.00	-31.43
West Africa	Mali	Sorghum	Kayes, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	27,000.00	3.85	12.50	3.85	-12.90
West Africa	Mali	Sorghum	Mopti, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	24,000.00	0.00	0.00	-4.00	-36.00
West Africa	Mali	Sorghum	Ségou, Wholesale, XOF/100 KG	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	-20.00	-44.44

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Niger

Generally, the prices of monitored commodities in the selected Niger markets were higher compared to the past 1-12 months, even though the prices have begun to decline over the past one month (Table 20). This was largely attributed to seasonal shifts as new harvests kick in.⁴⁴ Consequently, prices are expected to significantly decline further in the next 3-6 months.

Table 20: Changes in prices in Niger⁴⁵

Region	Country	Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Next 3 Months*	Next 6 Months*
West Africa	Niger	Maize	Abalak, Retail, XOF/KG	400.00	-1.96	10.80	25.98	11.42	-25.12	-10.42
West Africa	Niger	Maize	Bonkaney, Retail, XOF/KG	368.00	3.66	39.92	59.31	29.58	-36.01	-21.81
West Africa	Niger	Maize	Goure, Retail, XOF/KG	450.00	3.45	12.50	33.14	22.28	-31.54	-13.34
West Africa	Niger	Maize	Katako, Retail, XOF/KG	380.00	1.88	50.79	50.79	35.23	-32.56	-27.44
West Africa	Niger	Millet	Abalak, Retail, XOF/KG	397.00	-2.22	10.89	15.24	13.43	-25.14	-9.08
West Africa	Niger	Millet	Bonkaney, Retail, XOF/KG	364.00	3.12	20.53	26.83	7.06	-16.54	-14.66
West Africa	Niger	Millet	Goure, Retail, XOF/KG	391.00	-9.28	8.61	32.54	9.83	-22.26	-5.28
West Africa	Niger	Millet	Katako, Retail, XOF/KG	365.00	0.83	20.86	21.26	5.19	-19.35	-11.12
West Africa	Niger	Sorghum	Abalak, Retail, XOF/KG	395.00	-5.50	18.98	35.04	40.07	-23.02	-11.92
West Africa	Niger	Sorghum	Bonkaney, Retail, XOF/KG	382.00	6.11	28.62	28.19	20.13	-27.65	-24.87
West Africa	Niger	Sorghum	Goure, Retail, XOF/KG	383.00	12.32	16.41	45.08	10.89	-30.18	-8.18
West Africa	Niger	Sorghum	Katako, Retail, XOF/KG	356.00	-2.73	19.46	21.50	10.22	-24.38	-14.33
West Africa	Niger	Urea	National Average, USD/50KG	33.73	-4.07					

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Nigeria

The prices of monitored food commodities in Nigeria were generally elevated in August compared to previous 1-12 months despite the start of the main season harvests across the country (Table 21). Multiple factors contributed to these trends including poor macroeconomic conditions, particularly driven by the depreciation of the local currency and rising inflation emanating from imported inflation as well as rising transaction costs associated with increased fuel prices following the removal of fuel subsidies, and conflicts and insecurity.⁴⁶

⁴³ Author's construction based on data from WFP (2023)

⁴⁴ <https://fews.net/west-africa/niger>

⁴⁵ Author's construction based on data from WFP (2023)

⁴⁶ <https://fews.net/west-africa/nigeria/food-security-outlook/october-2023>

Table 21: Changes in prices in Nigeria⁴⁷

Region	Country	Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year				
West Africa	Nigeria	Maize (white)	Giwa, NGN/KG**	562.50	51.48	⬇️	121.67	⬇️	260.00	⬇️	228.47	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Maize (white)	Ibadan, NGN/KG**	365.75	-8.56	⬇️	31.80	⬇️	38.99	⬇️	62.56	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Maize (white)	Kano, NGN/KG**	439.58	8.77	⬆️	58.06	⬇️	108.16	⬇️	112.84	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Maize (white)	Kaura Namoda, NGN/KG**	465.85	18.56	⬇️	73.76	⬇️	128.09	⬇️	148.72	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Maize (white)	Lagos, NGN/KG**	507.00	24.49	⬇️	88.13	⬇️	105.06	⬇️	105.88	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Maize (white)	Maiduguri, NGN/KG**	507.50	30.13	⬇️	93.33	⬇️	147.56	⬇️	144.58	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Millet	Giwa, NGN/KG**	570.00	34.85	⬇️	82.40	⬇️	171.43	⬇️	111.11	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Millet	Ibadan, NGN/KG**	480.00	15.94	⬇️	51.90	⬇️	64.10	⬇️	72.66	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Millet	Kano, NGN/KG**	468.20	27.08	⬇️	62.52	⬇️	85.74	⬇️	94.13	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Millet	Kaura Namoda, NGN/KG**	445.10	10.04	⬆️	59.94	⬇️	103.85	⬇️	93.14	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Millet	Lagos, NGN/KG**	618.00	52.03	⬇️	95.57	⬇️	112.55	⬇️	119.15	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Millet	Maiduguri, NGN/KG**	452.50	23.97	⬇️	77.45	⬇️	108.05	⬇️	81.00	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	NPK 15-15-15	National, USD/50KG	35.51	2.96	⬆️	-38.14	⬇️	-37.98	⬇️		
West Africa	Nigeria	NPK 20-10-10	National, USD/50KG	32.45	4.37	⬆️	-35.92	⬇️	-38.12	⬇️		
West Africa	Nigeria	Rice (imported)	Giwa, NGN/KG**	880.00	21.10	⬇️	12.82	⬆️	14.29	⬆️	45.45	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Rice (imported)	Ibadan, NGN/KG**	809.00	20.12	⬇️	26.31	⬇️	23.70	⬇️	36.42	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Rice (imported)	Kaura Namoda, NGN/KG**	791.70	11.98	⬆️	15.72	⬇️	22.59	⬇️	20.56	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Rice (imported)	Lagos, NGN/KG**	980.00	25.65	⬇️	18.23	⬇️	14.15	⬆️	43.50	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Rice (imported)	Maiduguri, NGN/KG**	920.00	9.52	⬆️	11.52	⬆️	12.20	⬆️	26.46	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Rice (milled)	Giwa, NGN/KG**	1,862.50	10.34	⬆️	18.75	⬇️	34.07	⬇️	50.45	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Rice (milled)	Ibadan, NGN/KG**	1,600.00	11.42	⬆️	25.49	⬇️	22.82	⬇️	61.62	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Rice (milled)	Kano, NGN/KG**	764.00	6.26	⬆️	13.35	⬆️	34.27	⬇️	39.16	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Rice (milled)	Kaura Namoda, NGN/KG**	1,541.00	13.55	⬆️	27.04	⬇️	36.57	⬇️	68.05	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Rice (milled)	Maiduguri, NGN/KG**	1,605.00	14.64	⬆️	25.15	⬇️	38.36	⬇️	55.07	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Sorghum (white)	Giwa, NGN/KG**	575.00	44.96	⬇️	138.34	⬇️	270.97	⬇️	200.65	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Sorghum (white)	Ibadan, NGN/KG**	567.00	26.00	⬇️	97.22	⬇️	102.50	⬇️	113.16	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Sorghum (white)	Kano, NGN/KG**	451.83	35.21	⬇️	88.77	⬇️	128.65	⬇️	115.64	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Sorghum (white)	Kaura Namoda, NGN/KG**	538.25	32.05	⬇️	96.62	⬇️	143.77	⬇️	127.78	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Sorghum (white)	Lagos, NGN/KG**	562.50	50.80	⬇️	86.26	⬇️	103.99	⬇️	107.76	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Sorghum (white)	Maiduguri, NGN/KG**	472.50	52.42	⬇️	103.23	⬇️	137.74	⬇️	127.71	⬇️
West Africa	Nigeria	Urea	National, USD/50KG	28.83	9.80	⬆️	-33.31	⬇️	-41.15	⬇️		

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Togo

Overall, the prices of monitored food commodities remained largely unchanged or declined in the selected Togolese markets (Table 22). Particularly compared to the previous month, the prices of all commodities declined or remained unchanged in all monitored markets except in Amegnran, where the price of cassava increased by just 1.67%. Maize prices have been remarkably lower than the past 1-12 months in all selected markets except in Kara and Lomé, where the September prices were higher than 6-12 months ago.

Table 22: Changes in prices in Togo⁴⁸

Region	Country	Crop	Market	Last Price	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year
West Africa	Togo	Cassava (gari)	Amegnran, XOF/Kg	305.00	1.67 ▲	10.91 ↑	1.67 ▲	1.67 ▲
West Africa	Togo	Cassava (gari)	Anie, XOF/Kg	300.00	-4.76 ▼	3.45 ▲	-1.32 ▼	0.00 ●
West Africa	Togo	Cassava (gari)	Cinkassé, XOF/Kg	410.00	-2.38 ▼	-4.65 ▼	-3.53 ▼	-7.66 ▼
West Africa	Togo	Cassava (gari)	Kara, XOF/Kg	440.00	0.00 ●	3.53 ▲	4.76 ▲	10.00 ↑
West Africa	Togo	Cassava (gari)	Kor bongou, XOF/Kg	410.00	-4.65 ▼	-3.53 ▼	-4.65 ▼	-4.65 ▼
West Africa	Togo	Cassava (gari)	Lomé, XOF/Kg	370.00	-5.13 ▼	-7.50 ▼	-7.50 ▼	-7.50 ▼
West Africa	Togo	Maize (white)	Amegnran, XOF/Kg	225.00	-10.00 ▼	-10.00 ▼	-13.46 ▼	-13.46 ▼
West Africa	Togo	Maize (white)	Anie, XOF/Kg	215.00	-14.00 ▼	-10.42 ↓	-12.24 ↓	-6.52 ↓
West Africa	Togo	Maize (white)	Cinkassé, XOF/Kg	225.00	-15.09 ▼	-13.46 ↓	-13.46 ↓	-10.00 ↓
West Africa	Togo	Maize (white)	Kara, XOF/Kg	290.00	0.00 ●	-14.71 ▼	7.81 ↑	11.54 ↑
West Africa	Togo	Maize (white)	Kor bongou, XOF/Kg	220.00	-15.38 ▼	-15.38 ▼	-15.38 ▼	-12.00 ↓
West Africa	Togo	Maize (white)	Lomé, XOF/Kg	270.00	-6.90 ↓	0.00 ●	0.37 ▲	3.85 ▲
West Africa	Togo	Rice (imported)	Amegnran, XOF/Kg	570.00	0.00 ●	3.64 ▲	1.79 ▲	3.64 ▲
West Africa	Togo	Rice (imported)	Anie, XOF/Kg	490.00	0.00 ●	6.52 ↑	6.52 ↑	6.52 ↑
West Africa	Togo	Rice (imported)	Cinkassé, XOF/Kg	465.00	0.00 ●	0.00 ●	1.09 ▲	0.00 ●
West Africa	Togo	Rice (imported)	Kara, XOF/Kg	490.00	0.00 ●	0.00 ●	6.52 ↑	6.52 ↑
West Africa	Togo	Rice (imported)	Kor bongou, XOF/Kg	540.00	0.00 ●	-1.82 ▼	8.00 ↑	11.34 ↑
West Africa	Togo	Rice (imported)	Lomé, XOF/Kg	490.00	0.00 ●	0.00 ●	6.52 ↑	6.52 ↑
West Africa	Togo	Sorghum	Anie, XOF/Kg	310.00	-11.43 ▼	3.33 ▲	6.90 ↑	5.08 ↑
West Africa	Togo	Sorghum	Cinkassé, XOF/Kg	315.00	0.00 ●	5.00 ▲	8.62 ↑	8.62 ↑
West Africa	Togo	Sorghum	Kara, XOF/Kg	380.00	-7.69 ▼	5.88 ↑	12.50 ↑	20.00 ×
West Africa	Togo	Sorghum	Kor bongou, XOF/Kg	350.00	0.00 ●	16.67 ×	20.69 ×	16.67 ×
West Africa	Togo	Sorghum	Lomé, XOF/Kg	465.00	-2.11 ▼	29.17 ×	38.81 ×	55.00 ×

Note: Last price is for September 2023, *October, **August, ***July, ****June, and #Lagged more than 3 months

● = no change; ▲ = low increase (0-5%), ⬆️ = moderate increase (5-15%), ⬇️ = high increase (>15%),
 ⬇️ = low decrease (0-5%), ⬇️ = moderate decrease (5-15%), ⬇️ = high decrease (>15%)

⁴⁷ Author's construction based on data from FAO (2023)

⁴⁸ Author's construction based on data from FAO (2022)

Seasonal Monitor and Crop Yield Forecasts

In **Burkina Faso**, harvests are ongoing for corn, early millet, cowpea, and fonio. However, the harvests are expected to be lower than the average in the country due to reduced planted area driven by insecurity, poorly distributed rainfall in June and July, which significantly delayed planting and crop development, and lower fertilizer usage.⁴⁹ In **Mali**, harvests are ongoing and are expected to improve food availability and household access to food compared to the lean season of April to September 2023.⁵⁰ In **Nigeria**, the main season harvests are underway across the country. However, conflicts and insecurity in the north, moderate flooding in riverine areas, and the escalating macroeconomic crisis have negatively impacted crop production.⁵¹



⁴⁹ <https://fews.net/west-africa/burkina-faso>

⁵⁰ <https://fews.net/west-africa/mali>

⁵¹ <https://fews.net/west-africa/nigeria/food-security-outlook/october-2023>

Food Trade Updates

Continental

The month of October 2023 has seen some major events and activities that have significantly influenced food trade across the continent. These occurrences have had a significant impact on the trade of foodstuff.

- The African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) has signed an MoU with Morocco's Government aimed at establishing a \$1 billion Morocco-Africa Trade and Investment Promotion programme that will focus on funding and boosting of both intra- and extra-African trade by offering credit, risk mitigation, and trade information and advisory services.⁵²
- Afreximbank has announced the historic issuance of the first-ever multi-border transit bond in Zambia under the Afreximbank African Collaborative Transit Guarantee Scheme (AATGS). The Scheme is designed to promote the seamless movement of goods across multiple national customs borders, as a means of improving efficiency and shortening the time for border clearances.

East Africa

Intra-regional EAC trade dropped by over 33% (\$1.8 billion) from \$5.4 billion in 2021 to a mere \$3.6 billion in 2022. This was partly attributed to the application of a 35% EAC Common External Tariff (CET) on imports a year ago, which has driven up the cost of inputs and fuel imported from outside the region, coupled with other trade challenges

Figure 6: East Africa Cross border trade updates August 2023



KENYA

- Kenya's imports from the EAC region declined by Sh5.4b in the first six months of 2023 attributed to protectionism and border clearance difficulties.
- Kenya is expanding its tax bracket to include small-scale traders and informal sector workers to increase ordinary revenues.

UGANDA

- Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo have agreed to abolish visa requirements for their citizens to boost cross-border trade and East African Community integration.

⁵² <https://www.tradefinanceglobal.com/wire/afreximbank-morocco-announce-1bn-plan-enhance-trade-investment-africa/>

Southern Africa

Figure 7 summarises some of the key activities and events recorded across Southern Africa with an impact on food trade activities.

Figure 7: Southern Africa Food Trade updates for August 2023



ZAMBIA

- Zambia has signed an MOU with the African Development Bank (AfDB) and Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) alongside the US, EU, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), to develop the Lobito Corridor and the new Zambia-Lobito line. The proposed line, which will run from Luacano in Angola to Kalumbila in Zambia, will connect with the existing network at Chingola, which runs across the border to the DRC.

West Africa

Figure 8 provides an update of the issues and events reported in selected West African countries with implications on food trade and food security in the region.

- The European Union and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) signed seven agreements worth €212.4 million for the promotion of trade and regional integration, energy interconnectivity and renewable energy. The agreement also covered affordable and clean energy, sustainable food system, food security, and migration.⁵³

Figure 8: West Africa Cross Border Trade Updates August 2023⁵⁴



NIGERIA

- Nigeria has deposited its instrument of ratification for the African Union (AU) Convention on cross-border cooperation.

⁵³ <https://www.arise.tv/eu-ecowas-sign-e212-5m-agreements-on-trade-food-security-energy/>

⁵⁴ <https://www.myjoyonline.com/gcb-bank-completes-first-pan-african-payment-and-settlement-system-client-transaction-in-ghana/>

<https://sunnewsonline.com/nigeria-papss-sign-mou-to-accelerate-cross-border-transactions/>

<https://www.russia-briefing.com/news/proposals-made-for-establishing-a-joint-russia-african-bank.html/>



Value	Unrealized P/L	%Unrealized P/L
1000.00		
6,700.00	-14,930.33	-10.00
200.00	+5,309.28	+12.00
500.00	+13,022.92	+17.00

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