

South Sudan | Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI)

15 - 21 January 2024

Market Overview

INTRODUCTION

In an effort to inform cash-based interventions and better understand market dynamics in South Sudan, the Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI) was created by the South Sudan Cash Working Group (CWG) in August 2019. The initiative is guided by the JMMI Technical Working Group (JMMI-TWG), led by REACH and supported by the CWG members. The initiative is funded by Complementary Action for Resilience Building (CARB). Marketplaces across South Sudan are assessed on a monthly basis. In each location, field teams record prices and other market indicators through trader interviews. This factsheet presents an overview of prices for key foods and non-food items (NFIs) in the assessed areas, as well as the costs associated with key elements of the **Multi-Sector Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (MSSMEB)**.

Market Functionality Score (MFS)

The Market Functionality Score (MFS) is a method of classifying markets based on their level of functionality. The MFS is divided into five dimensions:

- Accessibility (25%):** physical and social access to markets
- Availability (30%):** ability of markets to consistently supply core commodities
- Affordability (15%):** financial access to markets and price volatility
- Resilience (20%):** vulnerability of supply chains and ease of restocking
- Infrastructure (10%):** state of markets' physical and financial infrastructure

KEY INDICATORS

Cost of MSSMEB¹

117,889 SSP

101.19 USD³

Monthly change since Dec 2023⁴

▼ 4,346 SSP - 4%

Cost of Food Basket²

91,933 SSP

78.91 USD³

Monthly change since Dec 2023⁴

▼ 10,864 SSP - 11%

USD/SSP

1,165 SSP

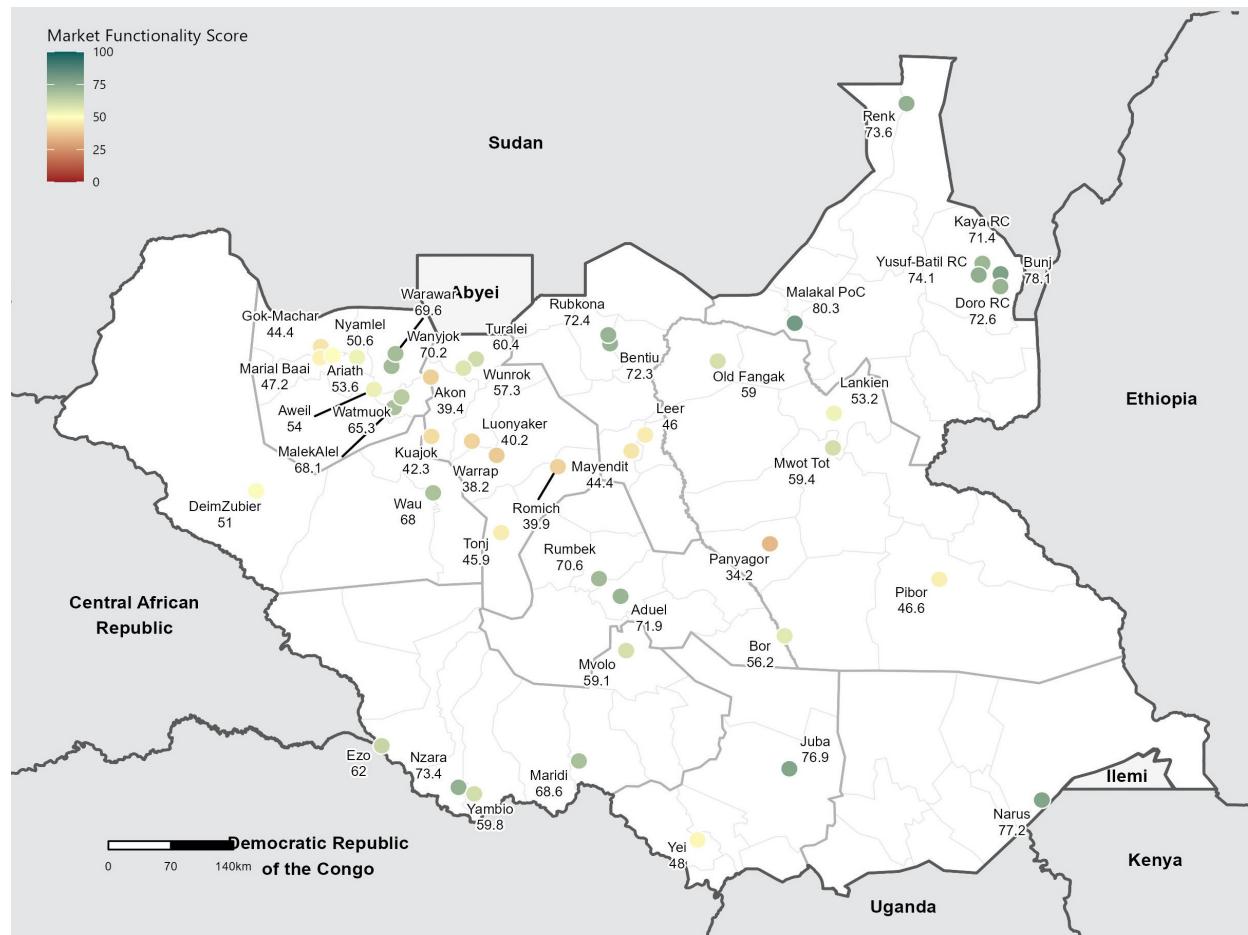
Monthly change since Dec 2023⁴

▲ 86 SSP + 8%

KEY FINDINGS

- The Highest Multi-Sectoral Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (MSSMEB) price was recorded in Mayendit (Mayendit Town). The high MSSMEB price in Mayendit Town could be partially explained by the high level of prices reported for sorghum, reaching **2,726 SSP** for 1 kilogram.
- The maximum monthly increase in the total value of the MSSMEB was recorded in **Bor Town** at **102%** since December 2023.
- The maximum monthly increase in the value of the food basket was also recorded as the highest in **Panyagor** at **87%**, since December 2023.
- In early January, traders in the assessed locations reported that the roads from (i) Bor to Pibor (ii) Bor to Panyagor (iii) Lankien to Waat (iv) Dukpadiet to Waat (v) Malakal to Lankien (vi) Gumuruk to Mangala were closed due to Poor road conditions and insecurity along the supply routes

MARKET FUNCTIONALITY SCORE (MFS), BY LOCATION



21 Participating agencies⁵

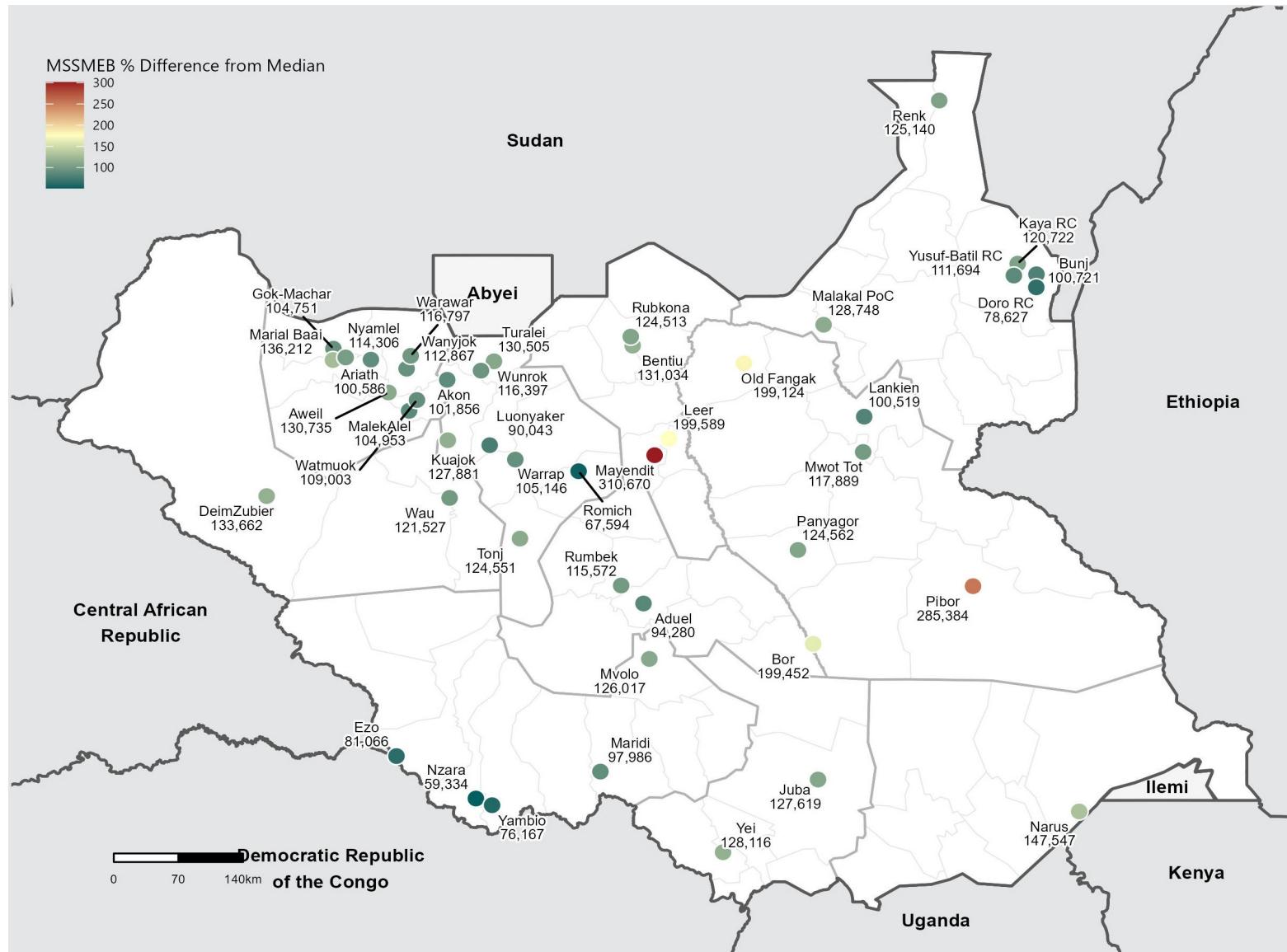
45 Assessed locations

1,077 Key informant interviews (KIs)

66 Assessed marketplaces

30 Assessed commodities

Multi-Sectoral Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket Costs



Cost of MSSMEB¹

117,889 SSP

101.19 USD³

Monthly change since Dec 2023⁵

▼ 4,346 SSP - 4%

Changes in MSSMEB since Jan 2023

▲ 32,879 SSP + 38%

Multi-Sectoral Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (MSSMEB)

The Multi-Sectoral Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (MSSMEB) represents the minimum culturally adjusted group of items required to support a six-person South Sudanese household for one month. The cost of the MSSMEB can be used as a proxy for the financial burdens faced by households in different locations. The MSSMEB's contents were defined by the CWG in consultation with relevant sector leads.

Food Items

Cereals	90 kg	Vegetable oil	6 L
Pulses	9 kg	Salt	1 kg

Non-Food Items (Monthly)

Charcoal	50 kg	School fee	3 USD
Milling cost	30 kg	Exercise book	12 pcs
Bar soap	6 pcs	Pencil	6 pcs
Bleach	1.5 L	Pen	6 pcs
Human drugs	10 USD	Rubber	3 pcs
Airtime	30 min	Sharpener	3 pcs
Transport	3 USD		
Solar lamp	1 Pc		
Aqua Tab	1 Pc		

Non-food items (One-off)

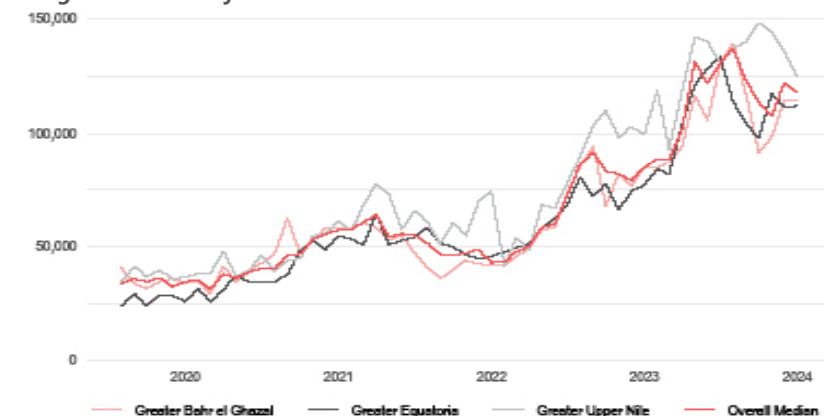
Blanket	2 pcs	Sanitary pad	2 pcs
Mosquito net	2 pcs	Underwear	2 pcs
Kitchen set	1 pc	Kanga	1 Pc
Jerrycan	2 pcs	Plasticbucket	1 Pc

MSSMEB PER LOCATION

County	Location	MSSMEB in SSP	% Change since previous month	% Change since previous year*	MSSMEB key items in USD
Central Equatoria					
Juba	Juba Town	127,619	-22%	-15%	109.54
Yei	Yei Town	128,116	+1%	+53%	109.03
Eastern Equatoria					
Kapoeta East	Narus	147,547	+14%	NA	126.65
Jonglei					
Bor South	Bor Town	199,452	+102%	NA	171.20
Fangak	Old Fangak	199,124	-3%	NA	181.85
Nyirol	Lankien	100,519	+1%	NA	86.28
Pibor	Pibor Town	285,384	NA	NA	244.96
Twic East	Panyagor	124,562	NA	NA	106.92
Uror	Mwot Tot	117,889	NA	NA	100.33
Lakes					
Rumbek Centre	Rumbek Town	115,572	-23%	NA	99.20
Rumbek East	Aduel	94,280	+67%	NA	80.93
Northern Bahr el Ghazal					
Aweil Centre	Aweil Town	130,735	NA	+40%	108.27
Aweil East	Wanyjok	112,867	-22%	NA	102.61
Aweil East	Warawar	116,797	-2%	+37%	112.58
Aweil North	Ariath	100,586	-6%	+24%	86.34
Aweil North	Gok-Machar	104,751	NA	+25%	89.92
Aweil South	Malek Alel	104,953	-1%	NA	99.25
Aweil South	Watnuok	109,003	-23%	NA	106.47
Aweil West	Marial Baai	136,212	NA	+51%	146.66
Aweil West	Nyamlel Town	114,306	NA	+36%	96.66
Unity					
Leer	Leer Town	199,589	-25%	NA	226.81
Mayendit	Mayendit Town	310,670	NA	NA	266.67
Rubkona	Bentiu	131,034	+21%	+22%	112.48
Rubkona	Rubkona Town	124,513	+4%	+54%	106.88
Upper Nile					
Maban	Bunj	100,721	-26%	+24%	83.24
Maban	Doro RC	78,627	-53%	-14%	67.49
Maban	Kaya RC	120,722	-11%	+3%	103.62
Maban	Yusuf-Batil RC	111,694	-33%	+31%	94.26
Malakal	Malakal PoC	128,748	-14%	+61%	110.51
Renk	Renk Town	125,140	+25%	+26%	102.57
Warrap					
Gogrial East	Luonyaker	90,043	-18%	+4%	77.29
Gogrial West	Akon	101,856	-11%	+23%	87.43
Gogrial West	Kuajok	127,881	+1%	+60%	109.77
Tonj East	Romich	67,594	-22%	+3%	58.02
Tonj North	Warrap Town	105,146	-11%	+53%	90.25
Tonj South	Tonj Town	124,551	+24%	+109%	106.91
Twic	Turalei	130,505	+27%	-6%	121.97
Twic	Wunrok	116,397	+2%	-14%	105.82
Western Bahr el Ghazal					
Raja	DeimZubier	133,662	+9%	NA	114.73
Wau	Wau Town	121,527	-22%	-13%	102.12
Western Equatoria					
Ezo	Ezo Town	81,066	-13%	NA	69.58
Maridi	Maridi Town	97,986	+21%	+82%	84.11
Mwoilo	Mwoilo Town	126,017	+62%	NA	114.56
Nzara	Nzara Town	59,334	-19%	+5%	50.61
Yambio	Yambio Town	76,167	-10%	NA	65.38
Median		117,889	-4%	+39%	103.62

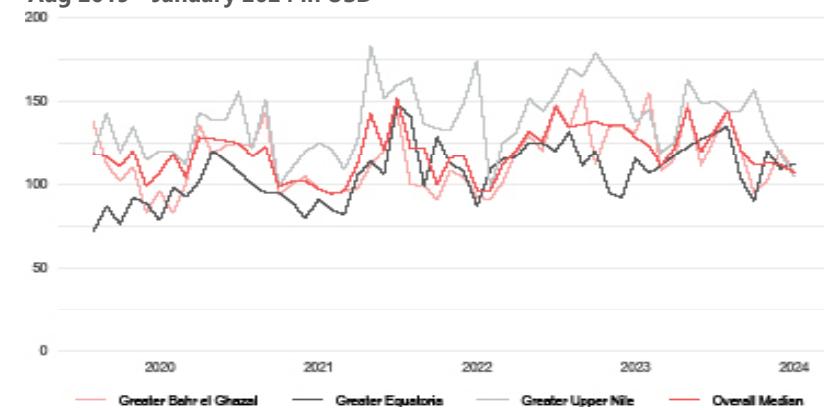
MSSMEB OVER TIME

Aug 2019 - January 2024 in SSP



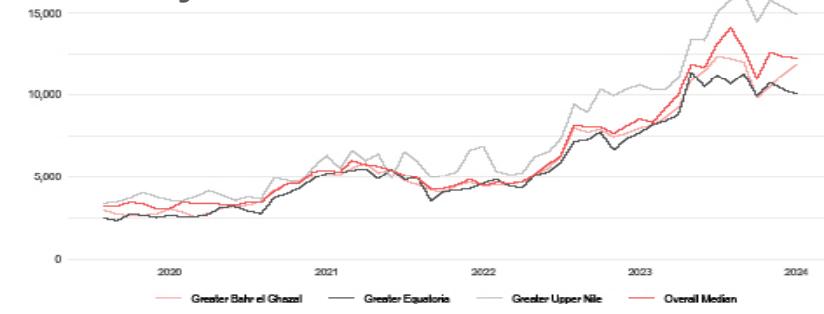
MSSMEB OVER TIME

Aug 2019 - January 2024 in USD

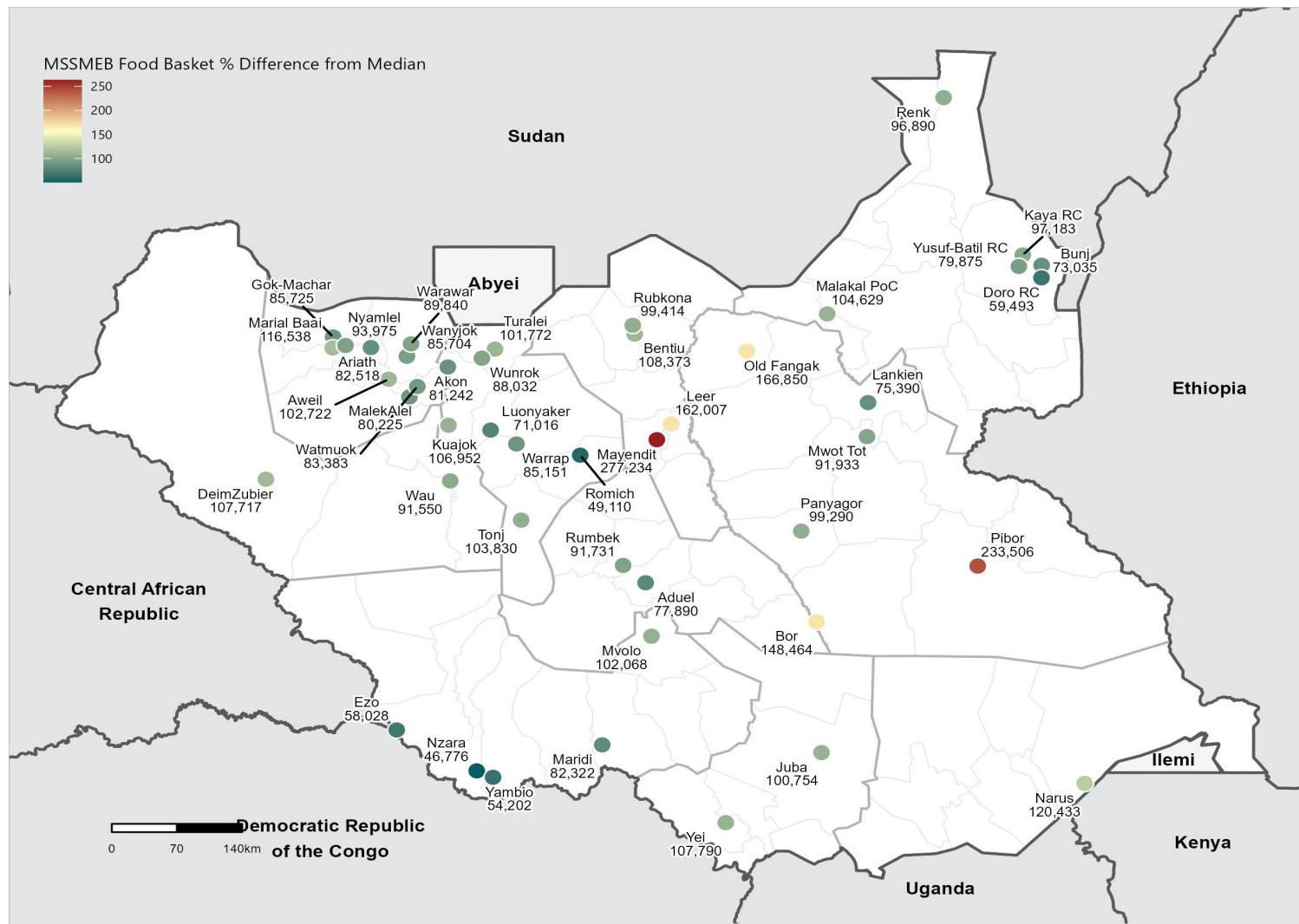


MSSMEB OVER TIME⁶

Indexed to August 2019 = 1.00⁶



MSSMEB Food Basket Costs



Cost of food basket¹

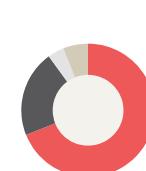
91,933 SSP

78.91 USD³

Monthly Change since Dec 2023⁵

▼ 10,864 SSP - 11%

Food traders' expectations in the next 3 months



69% of food traders expected increase in prices

21% of food traders did not expect any price change

4% of food traders expected decrease in prices

6% of food traders did not have any price change expectations

Cereal trader restocking from local producer



61% of staple cereal traders reported restocking from a local producer

Median time to restock locally produced cereals from out of town
3 days

INDICES PER LOCATION

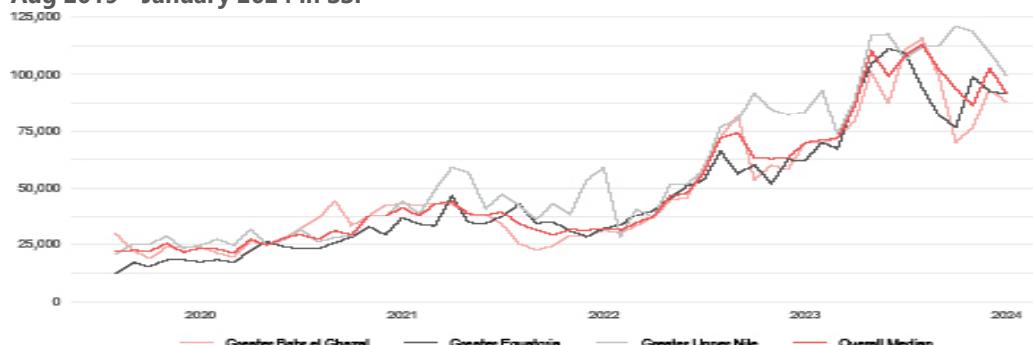
* This is a comparison to the same month from the previous year.

County	Location	MSSMEB food basket in SSP	% MSSMEB Change since previous month	% MSSMEB Change since previous year*	MSSMEB food basket in USD	Food price index in SSP	% FPI Change since previous month	% FPI Change since previous year*
Central Equatoria								
Juba	Juba Town	100,754	+2%	-20%	86.5	17,876	-8%	+81%
Yei	Yei Town	107,790	+1%	+54%	91.7	12,780	+1%	+42%
Eastern Equatoria								
Kapoeta East	Narus	120,433	+12%	NA	103.4	12,492	+23%	NA
Jonglei								
Bor South	Bor Town	148,464	+92%	NA	127.4	14,502	+42%	NA
Fangak	Old Fangak	166,850	-4%	NA	152.4	18,625	+12%	+35%
Nyirol	Lankien	75,390	0%	NA	64.7	14,855	+32%	NA
Pibor	Pibor Town	233,506	NA	NA	200.4	28,643	NA	+186%
Twic East	Panyagor	99,290	NA	NA	85.2	15,341	+87%	NA
Uror	Mwot Tot	91,933	NA	NA	78.2	12,202	NA	NA
Lakes								
Rumbek Centre	Rumbek Town	91,731	-27%	NA	78.7	10,499	-5%	+36%
Rumbek East	Aduel	77,890	+86%	NA	66.9	8,741	+35%	+39%
Northern Bahr el Ghazal								
Aweil Centre	Aweil Town	102,722	NA	+35%	85.1	12,230	NA	+46%
Aweil East	Wanyjok	85,704	-26%	NA	77.9	13,101	-11%	+65%
Aweil East	Warawar	89,840	-4%	+35%	86.6	11,023	-11%	+27%
Aweil North	Ariath	82,518	-10%	+18%	70.8	10,518	-6%	+45%
Aweil North	Gok-Machar	85,725	NA	+28%	73.6	11,879	NA	+53%
Aweil South	Malek Alel	80,225	-2%	NA	75.9	12,190	-3%	+51%
Aweil South	Watmuok	83,383	-29%	NA	81.4	12,496	-12%	+41%
Aweil West	Marial Baai	116,538	NA	+55%	125.5	12,030	NA	+41%
Aweil West	Nyamlel Town	93,975	NA	+34%	79.5	12,797	NA	+58%
Unity								
Leer	Leer Town	162,007	-30%	NA	184.1	18,257	+8%	NA
Mayendit	Mayendit Town	277,234	NA	NA	238	18,724	NA	NA
Rubkona	Bentiu	108,373	+23%	+19%	93	14,356	-21%	+37%
Rubkona	Rubkona Town	99,414	+2%	+57%	85.3	14,456	-27%	+47%
Upper Nile								
Maban	Bunj	73,035	-34%	+6%	60.4	13,896	-26%	+31%
Maban	Doro RC	59,493	-58%	-24%	51.1	13,188	-6%	+24%
Maban	Kaya RC	97,183	-11%	+3%	83.4	15,815	-3%	+76%
Maban	Yusuf-Batil RC	79,875	-43%	+23%	67.4	15,036	+4%	+52%
Malakal	Malakal PoC	104,629	-12%	+80%	89.8	14,498	+17%	+80%
Renk	Renk Town	96,890	+22%	+16%	79.4	15,636	+13%	+98%
Warrap								
Gograil East	Luonyaker	71,016	-22%	0%	61	6,539	-30%	-13%
Gograil West	Akon	81,242	-15%	+19%	69.7	7,514	-14%	+28%
Gograil West	Kuajok	106,952	-1%	+63%	91.8	12,003	-3%	+90%
Tonj East	Romich	49,110	-34%	-5%	42.2	8,498	+28%	+30%
Tonj North	Warrap Town	85,151	-17%	+59%	73.1	10,881	-5%	+86%
Tonj South	Tonj Town	103,830	+26%	+129%	89.1	11,566	+80%	+91%
Twic	Turalei	101,772	+20%	+22%	95.1	15,828	+40%	+60%
Twic	Wunrok	88,032	-5%	+3%	80	11,572	-10%	+8%
Western Bahr el Ghazal								
Raja	DeimZubier	107,717	+8%	NA	92.5	12,292	+22%	NA
Wau	Wau Town	91,550	-29%	-23%	76.9	12,100	+1%	+18%
Western Equatoria								
Ezo	Ezo Town	58,028	-17%	NA	49.8	9,837	-7%	NA
Maridi	Maridi Town	82,322	+22%	+87%	70.7	9,439	+12%	+62%
Mvolo	Mvolo Town	102,068	+76%	NA	92.8	10,204	+21%	+91%
Nzara	Nzara Town	46,776	-19%	+18%	39.9	9,899	+12%	+38%
Yambio	Yambio Town	54,202	-14%	NA	46.5	8,693	-4%	NA
Median		91,933	-11%	+32%	80	12,292	-1%	+44%

* The food price index was calculated by adding up the median prices of one unit of each assessed food item. Where the median value is not available, the median price across all locations was used for the calculation of the index.

MSSMEB FOOD BASKET OVER TIME

Aug 2019 - January 2024 in SSP



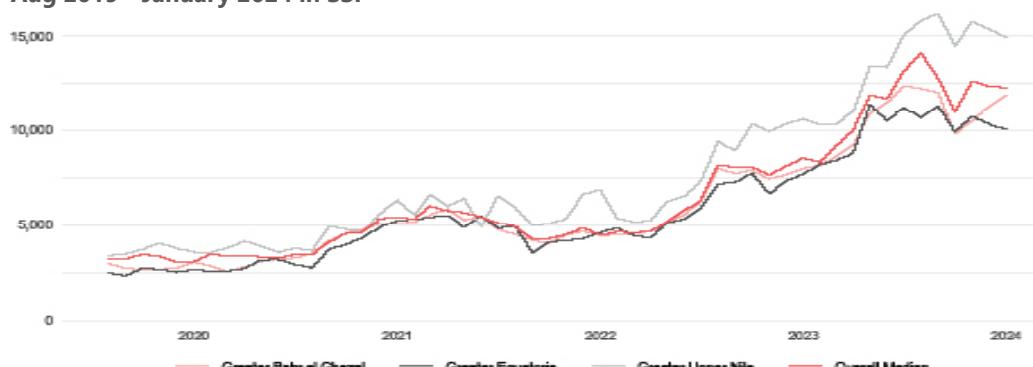
MSSMEB FOOD BASKET OVER TIME

Aug 2019 - January 2024 in USD



FOOD PRICE INDEX OVER TIME

Aug 2019 - January 2024 in SSP



CASH WORKING GROUP'S (CWG) SMEB AND MPC GUIDE

County	SMEB Total in USD	MPC in USD
Central Equatoria		
Juba	132	145
Yei	122	134
Eastern Equatoria		
Kapoeta East	118	130
Jonglei		
Bor South	146	161
Fangak	152	167
Nyirol	126	139
Pibor	224	246
Twic East	121	133
Uror	119	131
Lakes		
Rumbek Centre	137	151
Rumbek East	111	122
Northern Bahr el Ghazal		
Aweil Centre	122	134
Aweil East	138	152
Aweil North	113	124
Aweil South	121	133
Aweil West	124	137
Unity		
Leer	153	168
Mayendit	206	227
Rubkona	142	157
Upper Nile		
Maban	115	126
Malakal	127	140
Renk	127	140
Warrap		
Gogrial East	104	114
Gogrial West	120	132
Tonj East	97	107
Tonj North	120	132
Tonj South	119	131
Twic	134	148
Western Bahr el Ghazal		
Raja	125	138
Wau	110	121
Western Equatoria		
Ezo	108	119
Maridi	107	118
Mwole	100	110
Nzara	102	112
Yambio	127	140
Median	122	134

Table 1:

County	Food MEB	NFI MEB	WASH MEB	Shelter MEB	Comm MEB	Education MEB	Energy MEB	Health MEB	Milling MEB	Protection & GBV MEB	Transport MEB	SMEB Total in USD	SMEB change since previous month	SMEB change since Ref Month	MPC in USD	MPC change since previous month	MPC change since Ref Month
Central Equatoria																	
Juba	58	8	2	21	6	9	7	4	2	6	10	132	NA	0%	145	NA	0%
Yei	51	9	2	17	6	9	7	4	2	6	10	122	NA	0%	134	NA	0%
Eastern Equatoria																	
Kapoeta East	36	9	2	21	6	9	8	4	2	11	10	118	NA	0%	130	NA	0%
Jonglei																	
Bor South	68	9	2	21	6	9	4	4	2	11	10	146	NA	0%	161	NA	0%
Fangak	77	9	2	21	6	9	1	4	2	11	10	152	NA	0%	167	NA	0%
Nyirol	49	9	2	21	6	9	1	4	2	14	10	126	NA	0%	139	NA	0%
Pibor	150	9	2	21	6	9	3	4	2	9	10	224	NA	0%	246	NA	0%
Twic East	46	9	2	21	6	9	2	4	2	11	10	121	NA	0%	133	NA	0%
Uror	43	9	2	21	6	9	2	4	2	11	10	119	NA	0%	131	NA	0%
Lakes																	
Rumbek Centre	42	9	2	28	6	9	8	4	2	17	10	137	NA	0%	151	NA	0%
Rumbek East	36	9	2	21	6	9	2	4	2	11	10	111	NA	0%	122	NA	0%
Northern Bahr el Ghazal																	
Aweil Centre	47	9	2	21	6	9	2	4	2	11	10	122	NA	0%	134	NA	0%
Aweil East	56	8	2	21	6	9	5	4	2	14	10	138	NA	0%	152	NA	0%
Aweil North	41	9	2	21	6	9	1	4	2	9	10	113	NA	0%	124	NA	0%
Aweil South	40	9	3	21	6	9	4	4	2	14	10	121	NA	0%	133	NA	0%
Aweil West	48	9	2	22	6	9	2	4	2	11	10	124	NA	0%	137	NA	0%
Unity																	
Leer	74	9	3	21	6	9	4	4	2	11	10	153	NA	0%	168	NA	0%
Mayendit	127	9	2	21	6	9	2	4	2	14	10	206	NA	0%	227	NA	0%
Rubkona	67	9	2	21	6	9	2	4	2	11	10	142	NA	0%	157	NA	0%
Upper Nile																	
Maban	38	9	2	21	6	9	2	4	2	10	10	115	NA	0%	126	NA	0%
Malakal	48	9	2	21	6	9	4	4	2	12	10	127	NA	0%	140	NA	0%
Renk	45	9	3	21	6	9	8	4	2	11	10	127	NA	0%	140	NA	0%
Warrap																	
Gogrial East	33	9	2	16	6	9	1	4	2	13	10	104	NA	0%	114	NA	0%
Gogrial West	43	9	2	18	6	9	2	4	2	15	10	120	NA	0%	132	NA	0%
Tonj East	23	9	2	18	6	9	2	4	2	13	10	97	NA	0%	107	NA	0%
Tonj North	43	9	2	21	6	9	2	4	2	12	10	120	NA	0%	132	NA	0%
Tonj South	43	9	2	22	6	9	2	4	2	10	10	119	NA	0%	131	NA	0%
Twic	44	9	2	32	6	9	3	4	2	14	10	134	NA	0%	148	NA	0%
Western Bahr el Ghazal																	
Raja	50	9	2	21	6	9	2	4	2	11	10	125	NA	0%	138	NA	0%
Wau	42	9	2	13	6	9	5	4	2	8	10	110	NA	0%	121	NA	0%
Western Equatoria																	
Ezo	27	14	2	21	6	9	3	4	2	11	10	108	NA	0%	119	NA	0%
Maridi	39	12	2	16	6	9	2	4	2	6	10	107	NA	0%	118	NA	0%
Mwole	24	9	2	21	6	9	2	4	2	11	10	100	NA	0%	110	NA	0%
Nzara	26	9	2	21	6	9	6	4	2	8	10	102	NA	0%	112	NA	0%
Yambio	50	9	3	21	6	9	2	4	2	11	10	127	NA	0%	140	NA	0%
Median	44	9	2	21	6	9	2	4	2	11	10	122	NA	0%	134	NA	0%

Table 2:

The Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) is defined as an average cost of what a typical household requires to meet basic needs that could be covered entirely or partly through the market. The needs are defined as the critical goods and commodities, utilities and services required by households and recommended by the Sector Groups to ensure survival and minimum living standard.

Each sectoral MEB is covered up to a certain percentage:

Food (50% except priority counties of Aweil East, Duk, Nyirol, Pibor and Rubkona where it is 70%), Wash (20%), Shelter (20%), NFI (20%), Protection/GBV (50%), Health (50%), Energy (30%), Education (30%), Communication (100%), Milling Cost (50%) and Transport allowance (20%). These are all calculated using the official USD-SSP rate. All calculated Sectoral MEBs are combined to create the full Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (SMEB). The value for the Multipurpose Cash is the calculated SMEB with an additional 10% buffer for inflation.

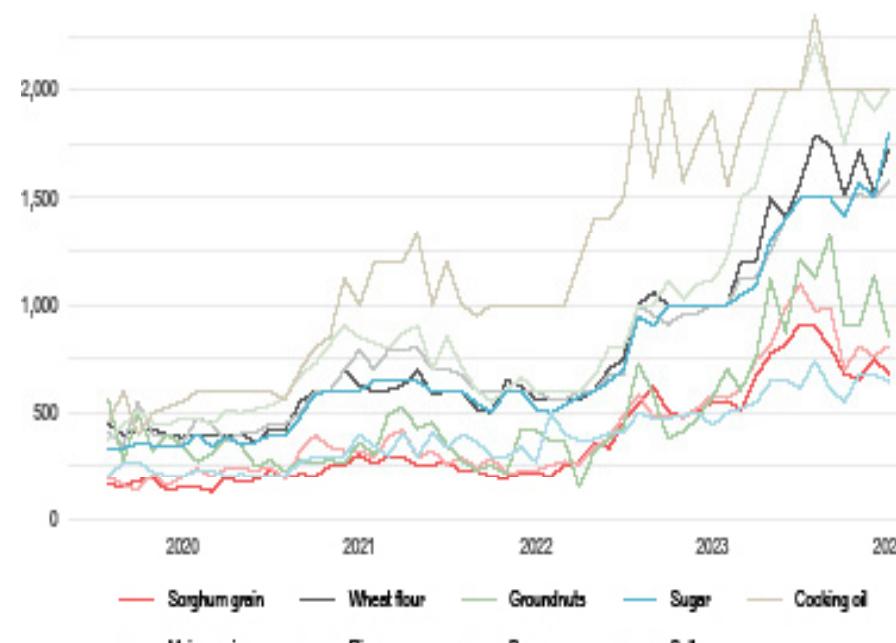
Table 1 shows the fixed full calculated SMEB and MPC, while Table 2 shows all calculated Sector MEBs, total of full SMEB, calculated MPC with 10% buffer and value change percentages from the previous month and reference month (the month the fixed baskets were last calculated).

PRICES OF MONITORED ITEMS

Item	Unit	Median price in SSP	Change since De 2023	Change since Jan 2023	Median price in USD
Food Items					
Sorghum grain	1 kg	681	▼9%	▲25%	0.58
Maize grain	1 kg	810	▲6%	▲39%	0.70
Wheat flour	1 kg	1,726	▲13%	▲73%	1.48
Rice	1 kg	1,577	▲5%	▲58%	1.35
Groundnuts	1 kg	850	▼25%	▲48%	0.73
Beans	1 kg	2,000	▲5%	▲80%	1.72
Sugar	1 kg	1,800	▲16%	▲73%	1.55
Salt	1 kg	643	▼5%	▲46%	0.55
Cooking oil	1 L	2,000	►0%	▲5%	1.72
Non-Food Items					
Soap	200 g	400	►0%	▲45%	0.34
Jerrycan	1 pc	3,250	▲30%	▲63%	2.79
Mosquito net	1 pc	2,875	▲15%	▲15%	2.47
Exercise book	1 pc	700	►0%	▲70%	0.60
Blanket	1 pc	6,750	▼37%	▲35%	5.79
Cooking pot	1 pc	7,875	▲2%	▲58%	6.76
Plastic sheet	1 pc	14,500	▲4%	▲93%	12.45
Pole	1 pc	1,200	▼40%	▲20%	1.03
Firewood	1 bundle	875	▼42%	▲25%	0.75
Charcoal	1 kg	241	▲16%	▲45%	0.21
Rubber rope	1 roll	1,500	na	na	1.29
Kanga	1 roll	5,750	na	na	4.94
Solar lamp	1 pc	5,500	na	na	4.72
Plastic bucket	1 pc	4,500	na	na	3.86
Sanitary pads	1 pc	1,500	na	na	1.29
Pen	1 pc	250	▲9%	na	0.21
Pencil	1 pc	200	▼4%	na	0.17
Rubber	1 pc	200	na	na	0.17
Sharpener	1 pc	150	na	na	0.13
Sleeping mat	1 pc	13,000	▲21%	na	11.16
Livestock					
Goat	1 goat	45,000	▲13%	▲150%	38.63
Chicken	1 chicken	6,125	▲23%	▲123%	5.26
Services					
Milling costs	1 kg	143	▲11%	▲66%	0.12
Currencies					
US dollar	1 USD	1,165	▼29%	▲2%	
Sudanese pound	1 SDG	1.24	▲44%	▲15%	
Ethiopian birr	1 ETB	na	▲5%	▲57%	
Ugandan shilling	1 UGX	na	▼10%	▲80%	
Kenyan shilling	1 KES	8.75	▲88%	▲50%	

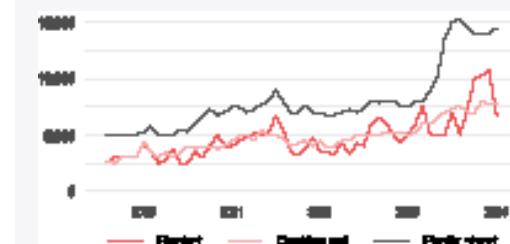
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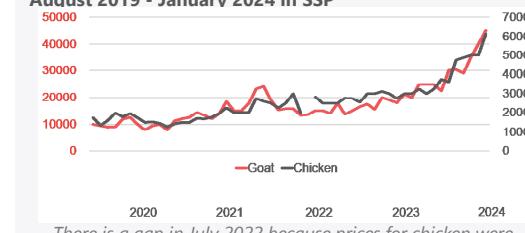
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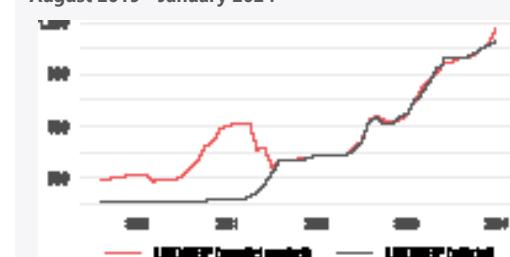
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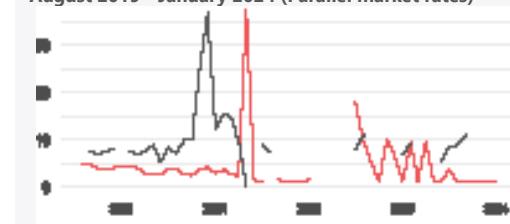
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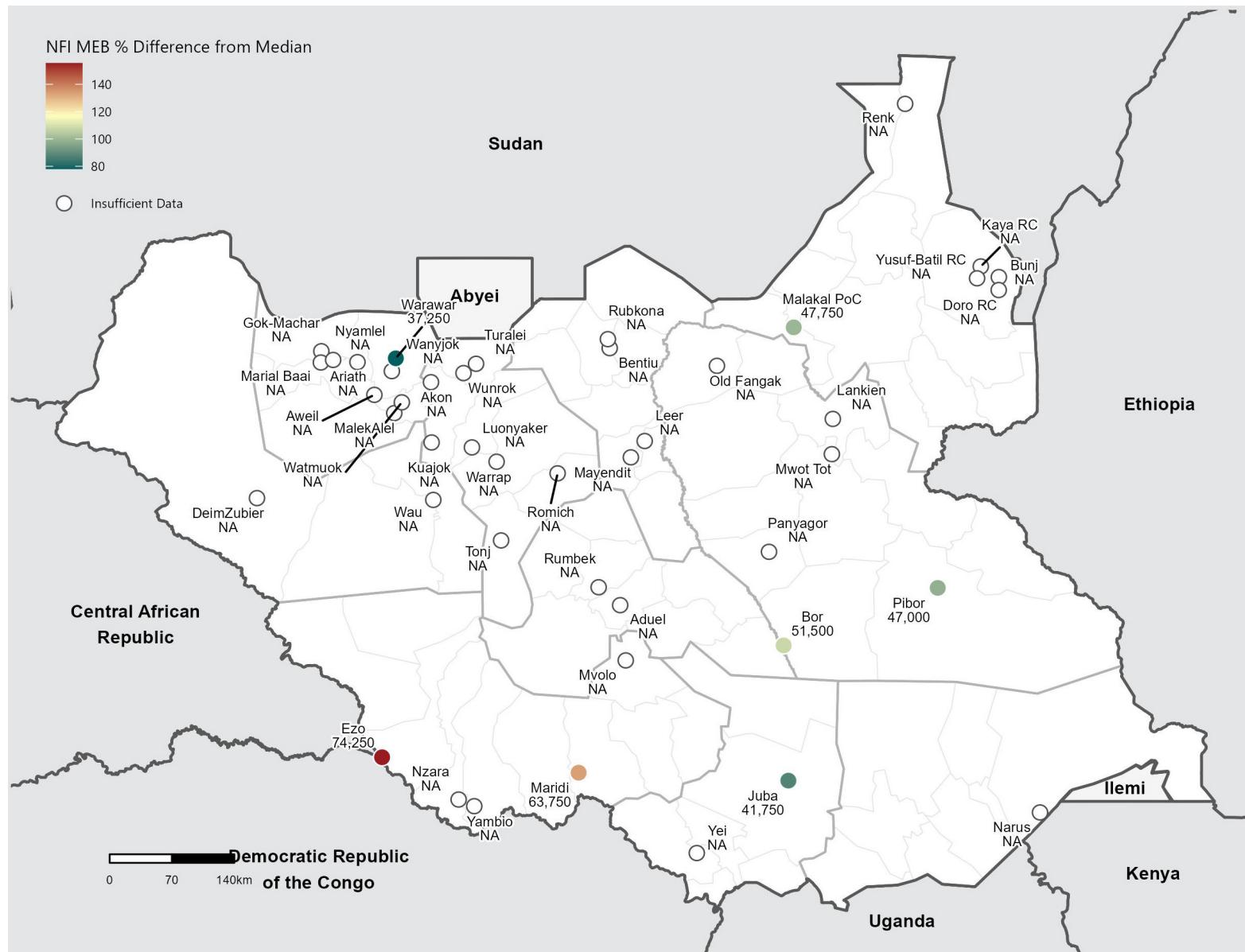


OTHER EXCHANGE RATES OVER TIME

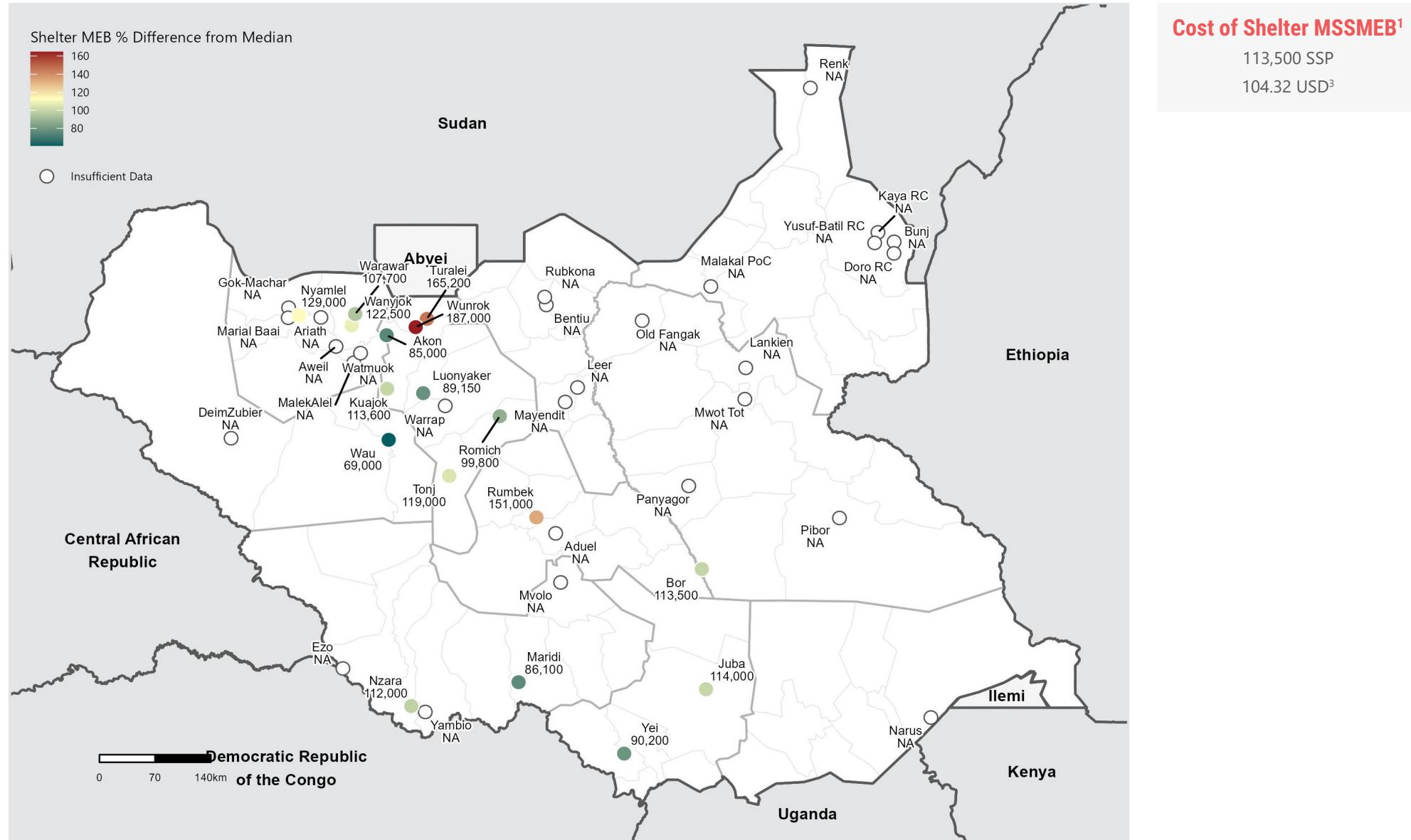
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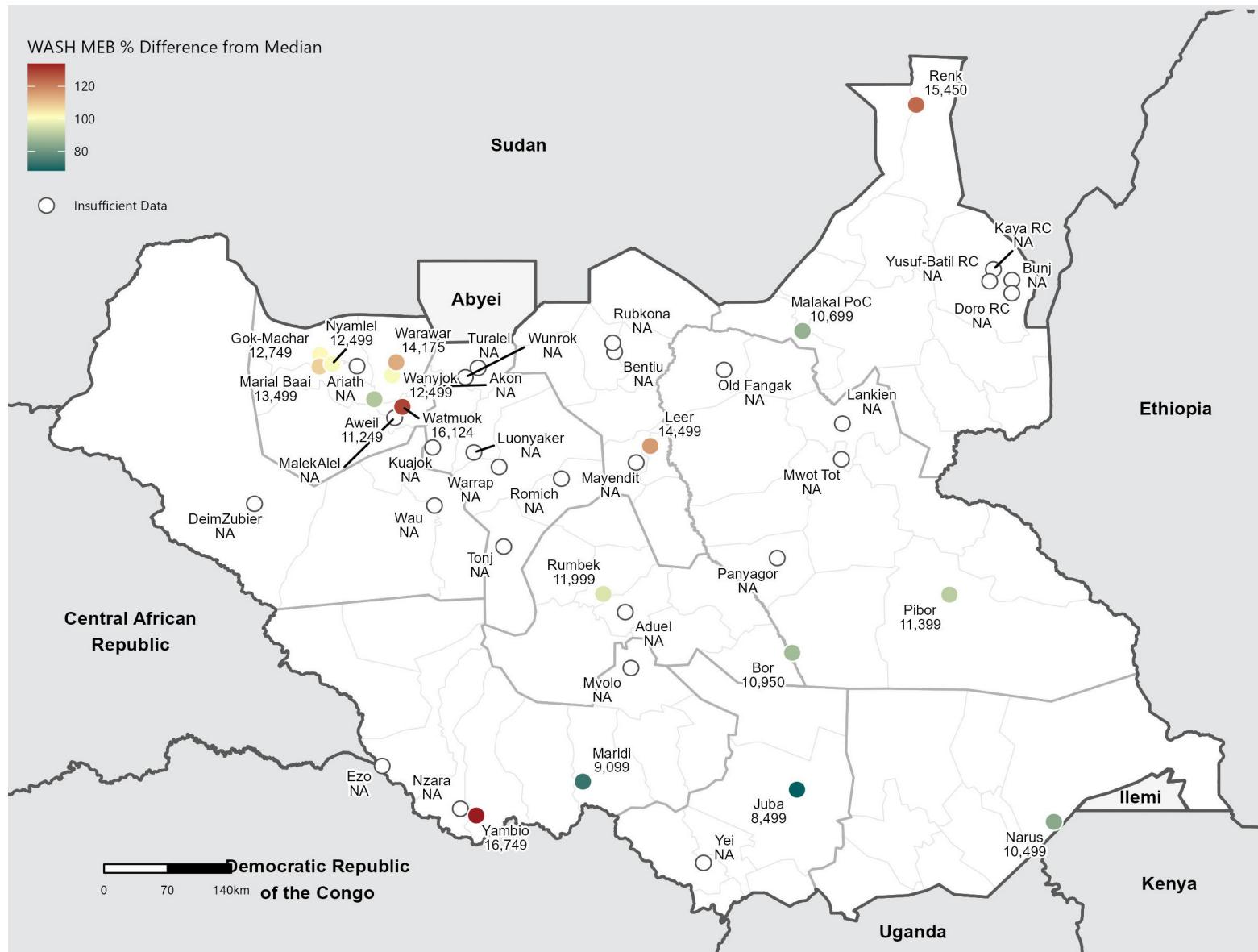
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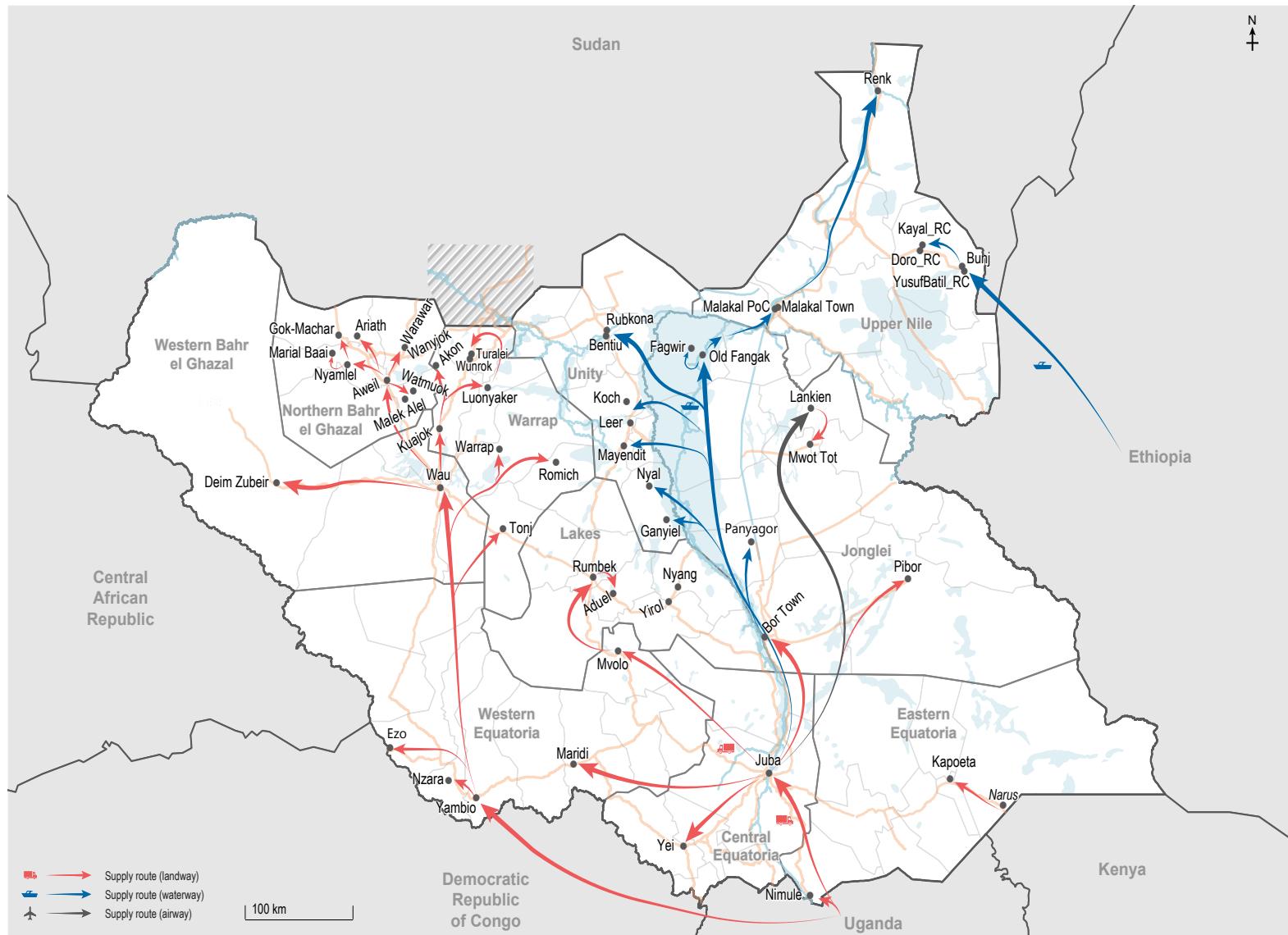
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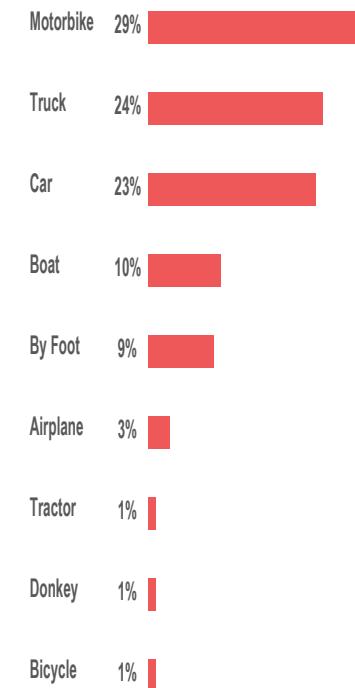


Main NFI Supply Routes

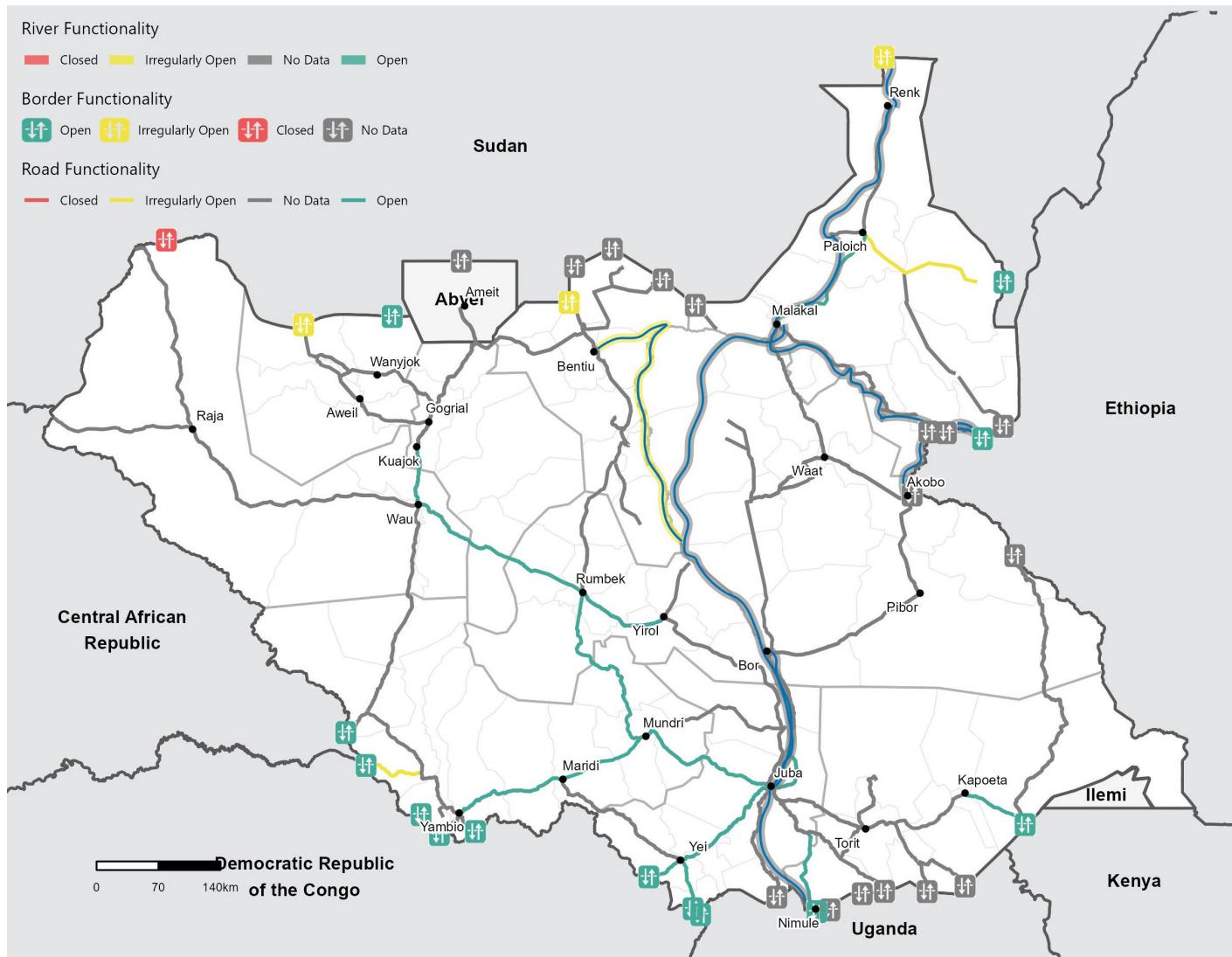


This map illustrates where vendors reported their market location to be supplied from with NFIs. Only the most frequently reported non-food supply market connection is shown for each location. Additional linkages and supply routes may exist.

Primary modes of transport for restocking local cereals reported by traders



Roads, River Routes and Border Conditions



The map illustrates the reported road, river route and border crossing conditions at the time of data collection. The results are indicative of trade activity only.

Reported restocking constraints*

No constraints	61%
High taxation in marketplace	21%
Poor road conditions	14%
High checkpoint costs	14%
High fuel prices	13%
Lack of capital	9%
Insecurity along supply route	9%
Lack of supplies	7%
Borders closed	7%
No access to foreign currency	6%
Insecurity in the marketplace	6%
No mode of transport	5%
Lack of storage	4%
Poor river conditions	2%
Movement restrictions	1%

Accepted payment modalities*

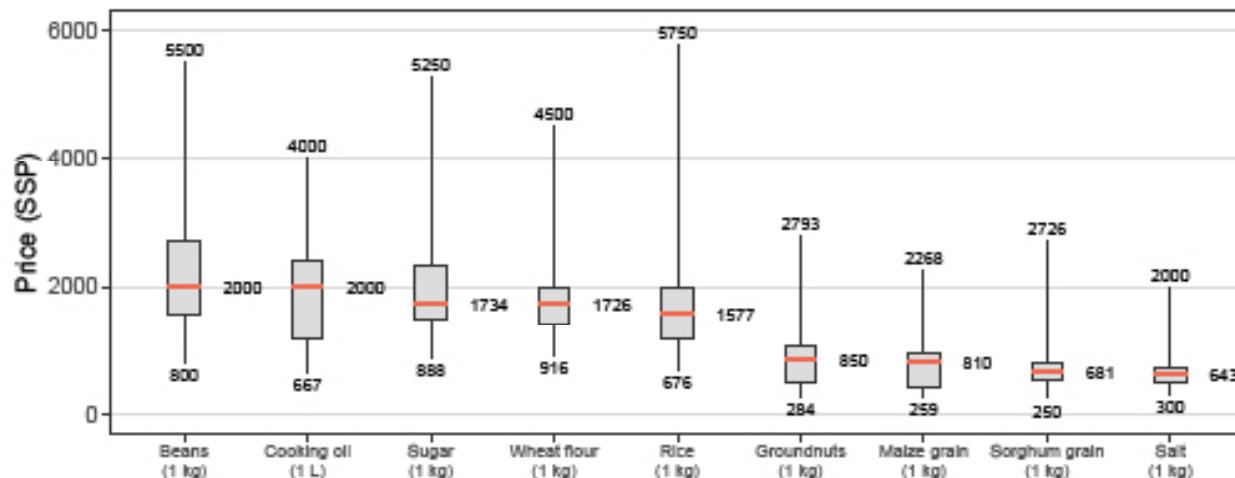
Cash (SSP)	100%
Cash (USD)	24%
Credit	5%
Cash (other currency)	1%
Mobile Money	0%
Barter	0%

* Values do not add up to 100% as traders were allowed to select multiple options.

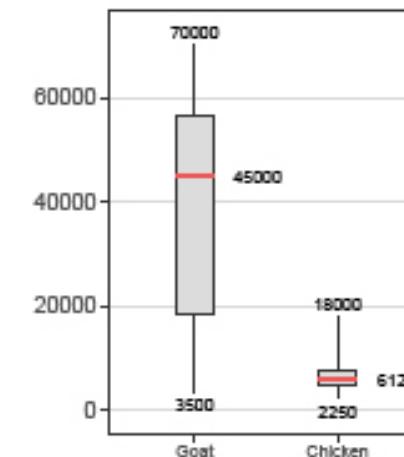
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Distribution of Prices

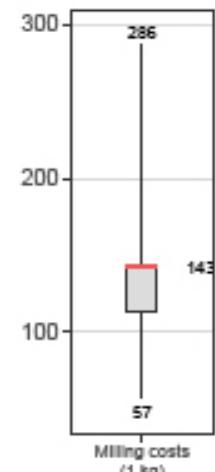
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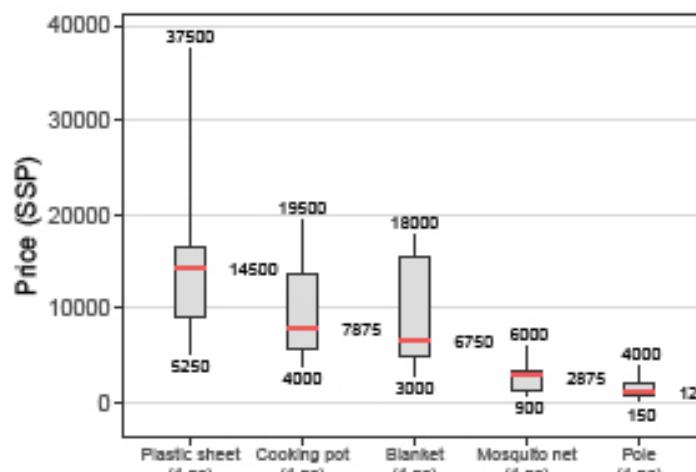
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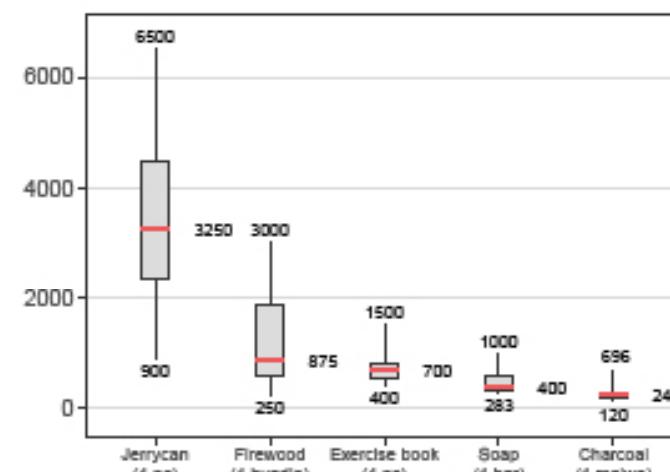
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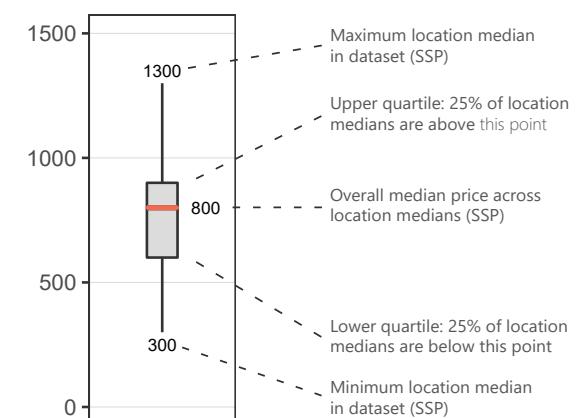
NFIs 1



NFIs 2



How to read a boxplot



* The 'location median' is calculated by first finding the median price of a given item in each assessed location, then taking the median of the resulting set of median prices.

MEDIAN ITEM PRICES PER LOCATION (in SSP)

County	Location	Sorghum grain (1 kg)	Maize grain (1 kg)	Wheat flour (1 kg)	Rice (1 kg)	Groundnuts (1 kg)	Beans (1 kg)	Sugar (1 kg)	Salt (1 kg)	Cooking oil (1 L)	Soap (200 g)	Jerrycan (1 pc)	Mosquito net (1 pc)	Exercise book (1 pc)	Blanket (1 pc)	Cooking pot (1 pc)	Plastic sheet (1 pc)
Central Equatoria																	
Juba	Juba Town	936	648	2500	2703	2793	3548	2581	500	1667	333	1000	3000	500	6000	5000	6500
Yei	Yei Town	936	891	1690	1521	1676	1400	1720	600	2400	300	2500	5000	400	na	6500	15000
Eastern Equatoria																	
Kapoeta East	Narus	510	972	1000	1000	2793	2217	1000	1000	2000	333	1000	2000	na	5500	na	37500
Jonglei																	
Bor South	Bor Town	1310	1196	1972	1577	2235	1774	1505	600	2333	400	2500	2750	1150	3000	15000	14750
Fangak	Old Fangak	1365	na	3200	2000	na	na	2400	2000	4000	667	na	na	na	17500	na	
Nyirol	Lankien	442	324	3051	2137	na	1653	2330	735	3333	667	2500	na	na	na	na	
Pibor	Pibor Town	1885	1675	4500	5750	na	5500	5250	1000	2234	833	900	3250	na	3750	8000	25000
Twic East	Panyagor	na	na	2000	2000	na	2000	2000	2000	3000	500	na	na	na	4000	na	
Uror	Mwot Tot	681	na	na	na	na	na	1916	na	na	667	na	na	na	na	na	
Lakes																	
Rumbek Center	Rumbek Town	681	810	1300	1200	567	2000	1500	441	2000	333	4000	3500	700	na	16000	15000
Rumbek East	Aduel	na	na	1000	1000	na	1200	1400	1000	800	400	na	na	na	na	5500	na
Northern Bahr el Ghazal																	
Aweil	Aweil Town	774	na	1400	1400	1135	2000	1650	662	2400	333	4250	5000	700	na	8500	14500
Aweil East	Wanyjok	601	na	3000	1500	908	2104	1500	678	2000	333	3000	1200	550	5000	4000	6000
	Warawar	757	na	2000	1200	1135	1803	1500	1085	733	475	3250	1250	625	5000	7750	5250
Aweil North	Ariath	576	na	1000	1500	454	2000	1500	678	2000	333	na	na	na	10250	8500	9000
	Gok Machar	611	na	1400	na	946	na	1800	735	na	333	5000	na	700	na	na	9000
Aweil South	Malek Alel	546	na	na	na	946	na	1500	1085	2000	425	3000	1400	550	7000	10000	6000
	Watmuok	546	na	na	na	794	na	na	na	2600	542	3500	1500	500	na	6000	6000
Aweil West	Marial Baai	885	na	1400	1550	397	2700	1700	588	2000	333	6000	6000	600	na	6500	6500
	Nyamlel	606	na	1300	1500	946	2700	1800	735	2400	333	5000	5000	650	na	9000	14500
Unity																	
Leer	Leer Town	1365	1944	3432	2595	na	2946	2482	643	na	833	3000	2500	na	na	10500	25000
Panyijiar	Mayendit Town	2726	2268	3242	2595	na	2705	2621	550	1167	667	na	na	700	na	na	20000
Rubkona	Bentiu	819	974	1726	1886	1152	1580	2278	na	3300	784	2350	5750	700	17500	5750	16500
	Rubkona town	705	974	1726	1858	1222	1525	2205	na	3600	550	2250	na	775	17500	6750	18500
Upper Nile																	
Maban	Bunj	410	na	2000	2000	1041	3000	2500	735	1400	800	na	3000	500	na	na	na
	Doro_RC	364	na	2000	2500	946	na	2500	735	1333	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	Kaya_RC	606	na	1900	2000	756	na	3100	643	4000	800	na	na	na	na	na	na
	YusufBatal_RC	546	na	2000	3000	946	na	3000	735	na	1000	na	na	500	na	na	na
Malakal	Malakal PoC	819	na	2000	2200	na	2000	2900	919	na	833	1500	3500	1500	4750	5250	22000
Renk	Renk Town	546	438	1750	1750	1702	2850	2000	1100	3500	584	1000	2000	1000	15000	19500	21500
Warrap																	
Gogrial East	Luonyaker	651	na	916	845	435	887	888	441	667	292	4500	950	450	na	6000	9000
Gogrial West	Akon	697	na	986	788	454	1552	1018	543	667	333	4000	1000	700	na	na	14000
	Kuajok	740	na	1550	1900	511	4000	1475	350	667	317	4500	950	850	na	7000	9000
Tonj East	Romich	307	na	986	676	378	998	na	543	na	500	5000	1000	500	na	na	14000
Tonj North	Warrap Town	606	na	1400	1500	454	na	1500	611	na	333	4500	1000	700	na	5500	na
Tonj South	Tonj Town	817	na	1600	1800	492	na	1747	300	na	300	4000	900	800	na	4500	13500
Twic	Turalei	757	na	1749	3604	549	2994	3666	700	1000	417	6000	3000	1000	6500	na	15000
	Wunrok	757	na	1526	2928	567	1578	2206	300	900	467	6500	3000	1000	na	na	15000
Western Bahr El Ghazal																	
Raja	Deim Zubier	819	na	1600	1500	756	2000	1800	407	2600	400	na	na	1000	na	na	na
Wau	Wau Town	600	750	1500	1750	500	2250	1450	500	2800	400	1000	3500	650	13000	8000	9500
Western Equatoria																	
Ezo	Ezo Town	340	324	1831	1126	284	2217	na	515	1400	333	5000	3500	1000	17000	15000	na
Maridi	Maridi Town	681	648	1000	1000	643	1500	na	500	1667	283	2000	4000	600	na	14750	15000
Mvolo	Mvolo Town	250	na	na	1200	na	2000	1200	368	1800	333	3250	na	na	na	na	na
Nzara	Nzara Town	na	259	2400	1126	978	1774	1505	300	1200	333	na	2500	800	18000	16000	28000
Yambio	Yambio Town	1021	405	1250	900	850	800	1250	550	1667	333	3250	na	na	17500	10000	na
Overall median		681	810	1,726	1,577	850	2,000	1,800	643	2,000	400	3,250	2,875	700	6,750	7,875	14,500

MEDIAN ITEM PRICES PER LOCATION (in SSP) (CONTINUED)

County	Location	Pole (1 pc)	Firewood (1 bun)	Charcoal (1 kg)	Goat (1 unit)	Chicken (1 unit)	Milling costs (1 kg)	Rubber Rope (1 roll)	Kanga (1 roll)	Solar Lamp (1 pc)	Plastic Bucket (1 pc)	Sanitary Pads (1 pc)	Pen (1 pc)	Pencil (1 pc)	Rubber (1 pc)	Sharpen (1 pc)	Sleeping mat (1pc)
Central Equatoria																	
Juba	Juba Town	4000	2500	290	na	18000	143	1000	5000	9000	3500	1500	na	na	na	na	4750
Yei	Yei Town	1200	2500	174	45000	15000	100	na	6000	na	na	na	250	100	200	300	25000
Eastern Equatoria																	
Kapoeta East	Narus	na	3000	276	70000	3500	na	na	na	na	2000	200	100	100	200	100	15000
Jonglei																	
Bor South	Bor Town	1000	1500	696	65000	5750	na	na	5500	4500	4250	na	na	na	na	na	15000
Fangak	Old Fangak	na	500	290	na	na	na	na	9000	na	na	500	na	na	na	na	na
Nyirol	Lankien	na	250	241	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Pibor	Pibor Town	na	na	580	3500	5000	na	1500	9000	3000	5000	na	550	200	100	150	na
TwicEast	Panyagor	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1500	100	na	na	na	na
Uror	Mwot Tot	2000	na	na	56000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Lakes																	
Rumbek Center	Rumbek Town	1500	2750	241	65000	7000	na	6000	na	8000	4000	na	400	225	200	150	16000
Rumbek East	Aduel	1500	750	145	37500	2250	75	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Northern Bahr el Ghazal																	
Aweil	Aweil Town	3000	600	310	na	na	143	na	na	1300	3000	1500	300	200	na	na	na
Aweil East	Wanyjok	750	1800	310	22500	8750	143	3000	na	na	4500	2000	400	200	na	na	5500
	Warawar	700	2100	273	22250	8500	164	na	na	5000	6500	na	300	200	na	na	6250
Aweil North	Ariath	400	500	174	35500	7500	86	3000	na	na	7000	na	200	na	500	na	na
	Gok Machar	2000	550	155	na	na	143	na	na	na	3750	na	300	200	na	na	na
Aweil South	MalekAiel	600	2050	241	19000	5500	171	na	na	na	na	na	250	100	na	na	6500
	Watmuok	600	na	241	17500	5000	171	na	na	2000	8000	na	na	na	na	na	5000
Aweil West	Marial Baai	3000	600	138	na	na	143	na	na	na	3500	na	300	200	na	na	na
	Nyamlel	2000	600	172	50000	12000	143	na	na	na	3500	na	300	200	na	na	na
Unity																	
Leer	Leer Town	na	1500	290	52500	6250	286	na	na	6000	na	100	100	na	na	8000	
Panyijiar	Mayendit Town	1000	650	207	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	500	na	300	na	na	na
Rubkona	Bentiu	na	950	166	60000	6500	114	na	na	na	na	na	200	175	300	400	16500
	Rubkona town	na	600	249	42500	6000	114	na	na	na	na	na	225	150	300	375	18500
Upper Nile																	
Maban	Bunj	na	1000	276	na	6500	143	na	na	na	na	na	200	200	100	100	na
	Doro_RC	na	na	174	na	na	143	na	na	na	na	na	200	na	na	na	na
	Kaya_RC	na	na	174	51000	na	143	na	na	na	na	na	200	na	na	na	na
	YusufBatiL_RC	na	na	290	na	na	200	na	na	6000	na	500	na	na	na	na	na
Malakal	Malakal PoC	1000	1500	174	50000	5000	na	na	8500	8500	5000	850	200	na	na	na	9000
Renk	Renk Town	na	3000	290	70000	8500	na	1000	na	8500	2100	300	100	200	300	13000	
Warrap																	
Gogrial East	Luonyaker	650	300	174	12000	5000	143	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Gogrial West	Akon	1500	300	190	15000	6000	143	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	Kuajok	1350	800	173	10000	4500	143	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	12000
Tonj East	Romich	800	700	160	4800	3650	143	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	5000
Tonj North	Warrap Town	800	700	174	12000	5000	143	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Tonj South	Tonj Town	750	700	174	18000	4500	143	na	na	na	na	na	100	na	na	na	5000
Twic	Turalei	na	na	332	63000	7000	114	1500	na	6750	na	na	na	na	na	na	16000
	Wunrok	3000	na	332	57000	7500	114	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	15500
Western Bahr El Ghazal																	
Raja	Deim Zubier	na	na	na	50000	na	171	na	na	na	na	na	100	na	na	na	na
Wau	Wau Town	2000	1750	290	24500	5500	243	na	na	na	na	na	300	200	250	250	15000
Western Equatoria																	
Ezo	Ezo Town	250	1000	232	na	na	171	na	na	7500	na	300	na	na	na	5000	
Maridi	Maridi Town	1775	4000	121	40000	8000	50	na	3500	4000	3250	500	200	125	100	150	18000
Mvolo	Mvolo Town	2000	2750	155	65000	6000	93	na	na	5000	na	200	100	425	500	20000	
Nzara	Nzara Town	2250	2250	147	47500	6500	57	na	na	6000	na	225	125	500	500	15000	
Yambio	Yambio Town	na	na	na	na	na	125	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Overall median		1,200	875	241	45,000	6,125	143	1,500	5,750	5,500	4,500	1,500	250	200	200	150	13,000

na: no price data available, *ETB price reported as no SSP trading rate available

MEDIAN STOCK LEVELS PER LOCATION (in days)

County	Location	Sorghum grain	Maize grain	Wheat flour	Rice	Grodnuts (shelled)	Beans	Sugar	Salt	Cooking oil	Soap	Jerrycan	Mosquito net	Exercise book	Blanket	Cooking pot	Plastic sheet
Central Equatoria																	
Juba	Juba Town	14	14	14	14	21	14	14	14	14	14	21	21	21	21	60	41
Yei	Yei Town	18	14	30	30	18	21	30	30	26	21	14	45	18	60	30	21
Eastern Equatoria																	
Kapoeta East	Narus	14	7	21	18	21	14	34	41	21	14	14	18	na	21	18	30
Jonglei																	
Bor South	Bor Town	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	60	30	30	60	30	45	45
Fangak	Old Fangak	18	na	30	30	na	na	21	30	14	26	na	na	21	na	22	na
Nyirol	Lankien	na	na	na	na	na	30	30	na	8	21	21	na	na	na	na	na
Pibor	Pibor Town	45	45	60	45	60	45	30	30	45	30	60	45	60	30	60	45
Twic East	Panyagor	na	na	14	45	na	14	21	30	14	21	na	na	na	na	na	na
Uror	Mwot Tot	21	na	na	na	na	na	21	21	14	21	na	na	na	na	na	na
Lakes																	
Rumbek Center	Rumbek Town	60	na	60	na	60	na	na	60	na	60	30	60	60	na	60	60
Rumbek East	Aduel	na	na	30	30	na	30	30	30	30	30	na	na	na	na	30	na
Northern Bahr el Ghazal																	
Aweil	Aweil Town	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	60	60
Aweil East	Wanyjok	na	na	na	na	5	5	na	na	5	na	na	5	6	6	6	7
	Warawar	na	na	na	na	5	na	na	na	na	na	na	5	na	na	7	na
Aweil North	Ariath	45	na	41	60	60	41	60	60	21	21	na	na	18	14	14	14
	Gok Machar	60	na	60	na	60	na	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	na	60	60
Aweil South	Malek Alel	6	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	5	na	na	na	na	5	5	5
	Watmuok	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	6
Aweil West	Marial Baai	60	na	60	60	60	60	60	60	45	60	60	60	60	na	60	na
	Nyamlel	60	na	45	45	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	45	na	60	60
Unity																	
Leer	Leer Town	21	30	29	21	na	14	30	30	21	21	14	30	na	na	21	30
Panyijiar	Mayendit Town	na	na	16	14	na	12	14	34	18	21	na	na	9	na	na	7
Rubkona	Bentiu	18	14	32	28	42	39	32	35	32	42	46	53	35	28	35	18
	Rubkona town	21	14	35	32	46	35	32	35	35	42	42	35	42	35	25	21
Upper Nile																	
Maban	Bunj	60	na	30	45	na	60	41	na	60	60	na	na	na	na	na	na
	Doro_RC	na	na	60	60	na	na	60	na	60	60	na	na	na	na	na	na
	Kaya_RC	21	na	30	30	60	na	30	60	30	30	na	na	na	na	na	na
	YusufBertil_RC	30	na	30	30	45	na	60	na	60	45	na	na	na	na	na	na
Malakal	Malakal PoC	37	na	21	60	60	60	45	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	41	60
Renk	Renk Town	21	21	14	14	30	21	11	18	21	14	18	41	21	21	21	26
Warrap																	
Gogrial East	Luonyaker	25	na	21	25	32	28	28	28	28	28	28	29	28	na	28	28
Gogrial West	Akon	28	na	28	28	28	21	28	21	28	28	28	28	28	na	na	28
	Kuajok	25	na	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	25	na	44	28
Tonj East	Romich	28	na	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	21	21	28	30	na	na	30
Tonj North	Warrap Town	28	na	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	21	na	60	28
Tonj South	Tonj Town	28	na	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	25	na	28	28
Twic	Turalei	14	na	11	14	11	18	11	14	14	18	11	41	26	14	44	30
	Wunrok	41	na	14	7	7	7	11	18	14	21	14	60	44	na	60	14
Western Bahr El Ghazal																	
Raja	Deim Zubier	18	na	21	14	14	30	26	30	21	26	na	na	21	na	na	na
Wau	Wau Town	30	45	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
Western Equatoria																	
Ezo	Ezo Town	30	30	21	na	30	14	14	14	na	7	30	na	60	30	30	na
Maridi	Maridi Town	18	6	21	10	6	14	13	21	14	10	25	60	60	14	60	na
Mvolo	Mvolo Town	na	na	na	60	na	60	60	60	60	45	60	na	na	na	na	na
Nzara	Nzara Town	42	30	37	48	60	30	30	41	14	37	14	21	41	14	60	60
Yambio	Yambio Town	37	21	60	21	60	60	26	26	41	14	45	na	na	na	60	21

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MEDIAN STOCK LEVELS PER LOCATION (in days) (CONTINUED)

County	Location	Sleeping Mat	Pen	Pencil	Rubber	Sharpener	Rubber Rope	Kanga	Solar Larm	Plastic bucket	Sanitary pad	Median time to restock local staple cereals	Median time to restock imported food items	Median time to restock NFIs
Central Equatoria														
Juba	Juba Town	21	na	na	na	na	18	21	21	21	21	na	28	na
Yei	Yei Town	21	21	21	60	60	na	30	na	na	na	60	15	12
Eastern Equatoria														
Kapoeta East	Narus	14	30	21	30	21	na	na	na	na	26	3	1	1
Jonglei														
Bor South	Bor Town	45	na	na	na	na	30	na	30	na	na	1	21	75
Fangak	Old Fangak	na	30	na	na	na	na	14	na	21	na	25	16	30
Nyirol	Lankien	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	3	na
Pibor	Pibor Town	na	60	60	30	na	na	60	60	60	na	3	1	4
TwicEast	Panyagor	na	60	na	na	na	na	14	na	na	7	na	7	7
Uror	Mwot Tot	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	3	na	3
Lakes														
Rumbek Center	Rumbek Town	na	60	na	na	60	na	na	na	na	na	14	14	14
Rumbek East	Aduel	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1	1
Northern Bahr el Ghazal														
Aweil	Aweil Town	na	60	60	na	na	na	na	60	60	30	na	na	na
Aweil East	Wanyjok	5	na	5	na	na	5	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	Warawar	5	5	na	na	na	na	na	5	na	na	na	na	na
Aweil North	Ariath	na	11	na	18	14	14	na	na	14	na	1	4	1
	Gok Machar	na	60	60	na	na	na	na	na	45	na	na	na	na
Aweil South	MalekAlef	5	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	Watmuok	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Aweil West	Marial Baai	na	60	60	na	na	na	na	na	60	na	na	na	na
	Nyamlel	na	60	60	na	na	na	na	na	60	na	na	na	na
Unity														
Leer	Leer Town	14	45	37	na	na	na	na	21	na	na	na	8	8
Panyijiar	Mayendit Town	na	na	30	7	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	23	17
Rubkona	Bentiu	28	32	28	28	21	na	na	na	na	na	8	8	8
	Rubkona town	28	35	49	25	39	na	na	na	na	na	8	9	8
Upper Nile														
Maban	Bunj	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	10	7	7
	Doro_RC	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	2	14	7
	Kaya_RC	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	7	7	1
	YusufBatiil_RC	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	14	na	na	7	14	14
Malakal	Malakal PoC	60	60	na	na	60	60	60	60	60	5	2	10	10
Renk	Renk Town	10	14	14	14	14	na	na	na	26	18	1	2	1
Warrap														
Gogrial East	Luonyaker	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Gogrial West	Akon	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	3	4
	Kuajok	25	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	4	na
Tonj East	Romich	28	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Tonj North	Warrap Town	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	4	na
Tonj South	Tonj Town	28	35	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	3	3
Twick	Turalei	26	na	na	na	na	na	14	na	18	na	na	3	na
	Wunrok	60	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1	na
Western Bahr El Ghazal														
Raja	Deim Zubier	na	26	30	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1	1
Wau	Wau Town	30	30	30	30	30	na	na	na	na	na	na	9	8
Western Equatoria														
Ezo	Ezo Town	30	na	na	na	na	na	na	30	na	30	na	13	na
Maridi	Maridi Town	60	21	21	41	21	na	28	60	44	na	na	7	6
Mvolo	Mvolo Town	na	na	na	na	na	na	60	na	na	na	7	8	8
Nzara	Nzara Town	21	21	60	41	41	na	na	na	na	na	3	15	10
Yambio	Yambio Town	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	60	na	1	7	30

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Methodology

The JMMI aims to inform market-based programming in South Sudan. Coverage depends on the interest of the partner organisations and their field teams' capacities to regularly collect market data. Locations are added once partners willing to cover them are identified, and their field teams are trained. As the initiative is currently being built up, coverage will likely be expanded in future data collection rounds.

In each assessed location, at least four prices per food, non-food, and livestock item need to be collected from different traders to ensure the quality and consistency of the collected data (2 for currencies and milling costs, 5 for casual labor). In line with the purpose of the JMMI, only the prices of the cheapest available types are recorded for each item.

Partner field teams identify traders to assess based on the following criteria:

- Traders are retailers selling directly to consumers.
- Traders with weight scales are prioritised when recording prices of dry food items.
- Traders need to be representative of the local price level.
- To the extent possible, the same traders are revisited in every data collection round.

The data is collected by field staff familiar with the local market conditions. They are trained on methodology and tools by REACH. Data collection is conducted through the ODK Collect mobile application. The data collection tool is published alongside the dataset every month and disseminated to the humanitarian community. Following data collection, REACH compiles and cleans all partner data, normalizing prices, cross-checking outliers, and calculating the median cost of an MSSMEB in each assessed location.

The median item prices reported in this factsheet are 'location medians', designed to minimise the effects of outliers and differing amounts of data among assessed locations. First, the median prices of all assessed items are calculated within each assessed location; then, REACH calculates the median of this list of medians. All MSSMEB and price index calculations are created using this method.

MSSMEB Calculation

- The cost of the MSSMEB is calculated by multiplying the median price of each item in the respective location by the quantity listed in the table on page 2.
- Sorghum grain prices are used for the calculation of the cereal component, and maize grain prices for areas where maize is more commonly consumed. In areas where both cereals are consumed equally, the price of the cheaper item is used.
- Bean prices are used for the pulse component.
- Rather than the prices of vegetable oil, the prices of the cheapest locally available cooking oil is used.
- For airtime, a monthly cost of 1 USD is assumed, based on the rates of local telecom providers.
- All USD amounts are converted to SSP using the local parallel market exchange rates.
- If a component of the MSSMEB is unavailable in a location, the overall median price is used for the calculation of the index.

More details on the methodology can be found in the [JMMI terms of reference \(ToR\)](#).

Challenges and Limitations

- Price data is only indicative for the time frame within which it was collected. Prices may vary between data collection rounds.
- The JMMI data collection tool requests the cheapest available type of each item to be recorded, as availability varies across regions. Therefore, price comparisons across regions may be based on slightly varying products.
- Standardising unit sizes of dry food items is inherently difficult in South Sudan, as many traders sell commodities by volume rather than weight. This may create a measurement error.
- With current coverage, data is mostly collected from main markets, which may not be representative of rural areas.
- As the JMMI continues to expand and is extended to additional locations, the reported changes in the overall median prices may be driven by shifts in coverage rather than actual price changes.

Participating Agencies in January

- ACTED – Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development
- AWACD - Agency for women and children development
- Concern - Concern WorldWide
- Goal
- IOM – International Organization for Migration
- IRC – International Rescue Committee
- IRW - Islamic Relief Council
- LDO – Lomore Development Organization
- LWF – Lutheran World Federation
- MI - Malteser International
- NPA - Norwegian People's Aid
- Oxfam
- Relief International
- Solidarités International
- SSRC - South Sudan Red Cross
- STO – Star Trust Organization
- WADA – Wider Aid and Dev't Agency
- WHH – Welthungerhilfe
- World Vision
- YACA – Youth Affairs Centre for Africa

Endnotes

¹ The MSSMEB is calculated in each assessed location as described in the methodology box on the left and only includes key items. The overall MSSMEB is the median across all assessed locations.

² The food basket is composed of only the food items in the MSSMEB. The overall cost of the food basket is the median across all assessed locations.

³ Source: Central Bank of South Sudan (2020, November 1). Retrieved from <https://www.boss.gov.ss> The rates from 15 January 2024

were used for the calculation of the monthly change and conversion to USD.

⁴ Reported changes are month-over-month and may be impacted by changes in coverage.

⁵ The number of participating agencies indicates the total number of partner organisations that collected data in January 2024.

⁶ The prices were normalised by setting August 2019 as the baseline and dividing each month's price by the price in August 2019.

Participating agencies



About the CWG

The South Sudan Cash Working Group (CWG), established in August 2019, is a community of humanitarian actors that support and coordinate cash-based interventions in South Sudan. The CWG is currently led by UNHCR and co-led by IOM.

JMMI OUTPUT 2023

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JMMI factsheets & datasets can be accessed through the Dashboard

About REACH

REACH Initiative facilitates the development of information tools and products that enhance the capacity of aid actors to make evidence-based decisions in emergency, recovery and development contexts. The methodologies used by REACH include primary data collection and in-depth analysis, and all activities are conducted through inter-agency aid coordination mechanisms. REACH is a joint initiative of IMPACT Initiatives, ACTED and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research - Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNITAR-UNOSAT).

