

Food Price Trends Analysis and Policy Options for Enhancing Food Security in Eastern Africa

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1.0. Introduction

The University of Nairobi applied for a first tranche of the funds totalling \$12,085 in April 2012. However, there was a delay in the release of these funds until June 2012 owing to documentation procedures. Data collection and literature review had commenced in April 2012 and has been on going.

2.0. Progress

This far, the Kenyan team has managed to review literature and collect price data for three food commodities (maize, wheat and Rice) over the January 2002 to December 2011 period at the wholesale and retail levels as shown in the table below. The markets covered in Kenya are Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru, Kisumu and Eldoret.

Commodity	Period	Frequency	Markets	Level	Available?
Maize	2002 - 2012	Monthly	5	Wholesale and retail	Yes
Wheat	2002 - 2012	Monthly	5	Wholesale and retail	Yes
Rice	2002 - 2012	Monthly	5	Wholesale and retail	Yes
Beans	2002 - 2012	Monthly	5	Wholesale and retail	No
Beef	2002 - 2012	Monthly	5	Wholesale and retail	No
Diesel	2002 - 2012	Monthly	5	Retail	No
Fertilizer (DAP)	2002 - 2012	Monthly	5	Retail	No

3.0. Way Forward

In the coming month, the team shall complete price data collection for beans, beef, diesel and DAP fertilizer. This shall be followed by a compilation of volume and elasticity data for these commodities before the data is submitted to ReSAKKS. The team shall then hold an inception workshop and procure a computer which has not yet been procured. Once these activities are undertaken, the team will apply for funds for the second quarter that covers, July to September 2012.