Trade and Market Headlines
West Darfur

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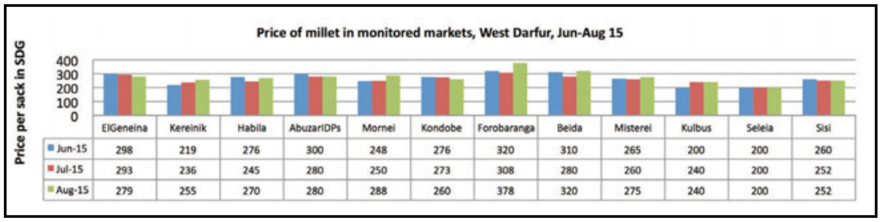
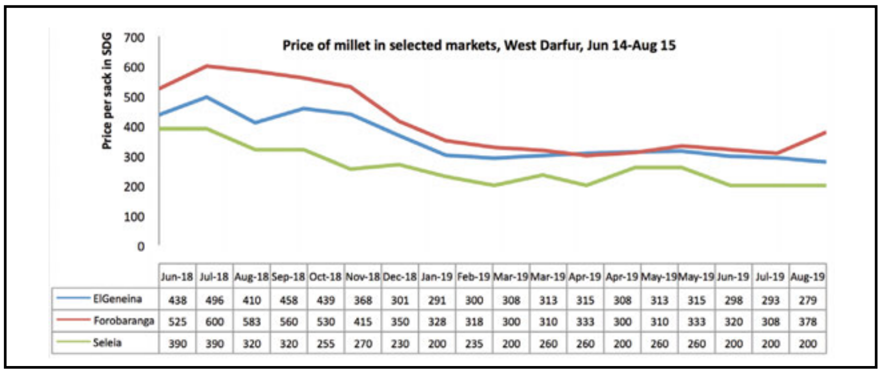
- **Cereals: Cereal prices**, millet in particular, were lower than they were last quarter across West Darfur but remained stable this quarter (June-August 2015), reflecting the availability of supply in most monitored markets. The highest millet price was recorded in Forobaranga in August (SDG 378), and the lowest price was in Seleia in August (SDG 200), a millet production area. See Figure 1. This was because Forobaranga is a sorghum production area and this quarter flooding *wadis* restricted millet supplies coming into the market from Chad. Millet is transported from Chad into the border regions of West Darfur, crossing *wadis* by small cars, camels or donkeys. When the *wadis* flood transporting goods along these routes becomes difficult. Cereal prices this quarter were a little bit lower compared to the same quarter last year (June-August 2014) due mainly to the good harvest last season (2014-2015) and the subsequent availability of cereals in the market. See Figures 2 and 3.



	ElGeneina	Kereinik	Habila	AbuzarIDPs	Mornei	Kondobe	Forobaranga	Beida	Misterei	Kulbus	Seleia	Sisi
Jun-15	298	219	276	300	248	276	320	310	265	200	200	260
Jul-15	293	236	245	280	250	273	308	280	260	240	200	252
Aug-15	279	255	270	280	288	260	378	320	275	240	200	252

Figure 1: Price of millet in monitored markets, West Darfur, June to August 2015



	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	Apr-19	May-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19
ElGeneina	438	496	410	458	439	368	301	291	300	308	313	315	308	313	315	298	293	279
Forobaranga	525	600	583	560	530	415	350	328	318	300	310	333	300	310	333	320	308	378
Seleia	390	390	320	320	255	270	230	200	235	200	260	260	200	260	260	200	200	200

Figure 2: Price of millet in selected markets, West Darfur, June 2014 to August 2015

Background and methodology

The goal of this community-based market monitoring initiative is to deepen analysis and understanding of the shifting patterns of trade and markets in Darfur, on an ongoing basis for key agricultural and livestock commodities, to identify how livelihoods and the economy can be supported through trade, and to identify peace-building opportunities through trade. Five CBOs plus DDRA are monitoring 11 markets across West Darfur, including two markets in IDP camps, on a weekly basis. Quantitative data, for example the price of Darfur's main cereals, livestock, cash crops and fruits and vegetables are collected weekly as well as qualitative data, for example on sources of supply. Some data are collected on a monthly basis, for example transport costs, transport routes and the impact of the conflict on flows of commodities. DDRA holds quarterly analysis workshops with the CBO enumerators.

Participating CBOs and the markets they monitor

El Massar Organization for Nomad Development and Environment Conservation (MONEC) [El Genena,Kerenik and Habila]

Pioneers of Peace and Development Organization (PPDO) [Mornei and Kirinding IDP camp]

Community Development Association (CDA) [Foro Baranga and Kondobe]

Beida Organization for Relief and Development (BORD) [Beida and Misterei]

Sarabeel Organization for Services and Development (SOSD) [Kulbus]

Darfur Development and Reconstruction Agency (DDRA) [El Geneina and Sisi IDP camp]

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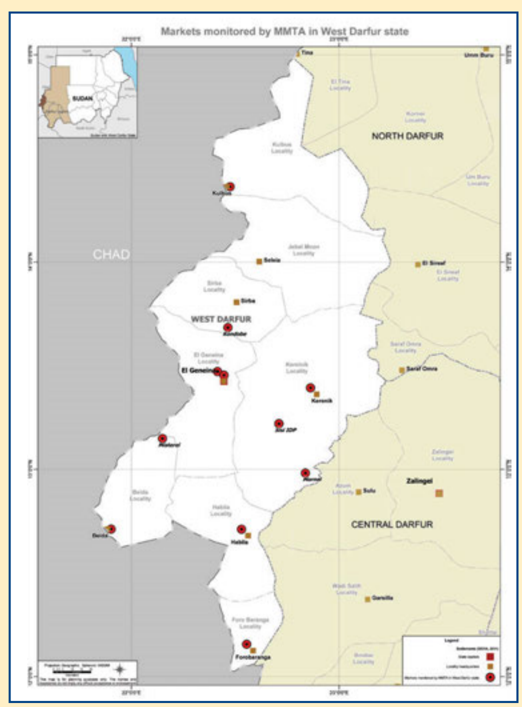

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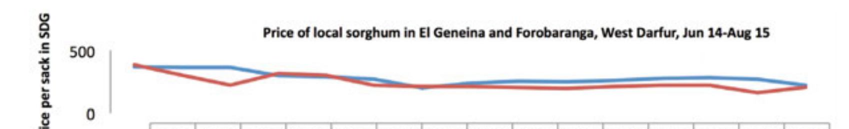
- **Livestock:** During this quarter livestock prices were stable across the monitored markets in West Darfur. The stability in **sheep prices** was a result of pasture availability around market areas. The exception to this was in El Geneina, where some traders started to buy sheep in June through their agents for transportation to Omdurman during the rainy season, thus pushing the price up in June especially, but during the rainy season in general. This is normal at this time of year. See Figures 4 and 5.

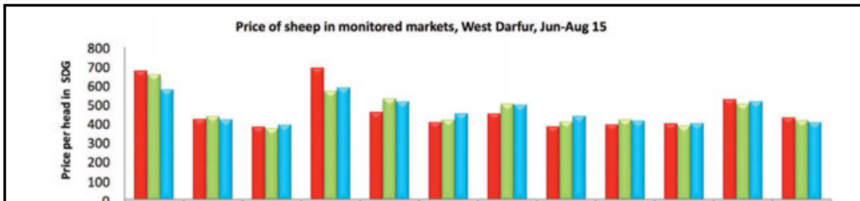
  Cattle prices were stable in both El Geneina and Forobaranga. Cattle moved from Forobaranga (a production area) to El Geneina (a consumption area) as water became available along this route, which pushed prices down in El Geneina. The movement of cattle from Forobaranga to El Geneina due to water availability at this time of year is considered normal. See Figure 6.

- **Cash crops: Groundnuts prices** remained stable this quarter in most of West Darfur's monitored markets. See Figure 7. There was also stability in the price of both groundnut oil and groundnut cake, with quarterly average prices in El Geneina of SDG 360 (jerry can of 36 pounds) and SDG 90 (40kg sack) respectively. This was contrary to the expectation voiced last quarter (March to May 2015) that groundnut prices would rise as farmers bought up groundnut seeds ready for the new season. The stability in prices may have been due to stores of groundnuts in some markets being released, lower than predicted demand and good production levels of sesame reducing the demand for groundnut oil, although these need to be verified. **Sesame** was reported in 5 out of the 12 monitored markets reflecting the good production season last season. Prior to last quarter (March to May 2015) sesame had not been seen outside of El Geneina and Forobaranga. The price of sesame in production areas such as Habila, Mornei, Forobaranga and Beida increased a little over the course of this quarter but remained stable in El Geneina, a key market and consumption area. See Figure 8.



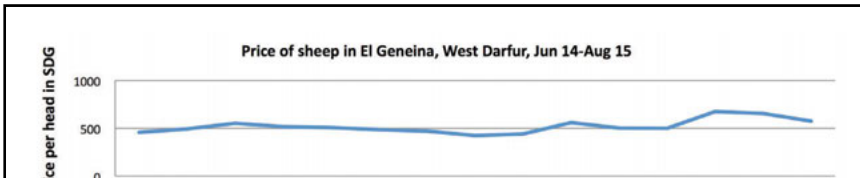
	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15
ElGeneina	368	364	364	298	289	269	199	236	253	248	259	275	281	269	220
Forobaranga	385	300	221	315	300	220	210	210	203	195	210	220	220	160	204

Figure 3: Price of local sorghum in El Geneina (consumption area) and Forobaranga (production area), June 2014 to August 2015



	ElGeneina	Kereinik	Habila	AbuzarIDPs	Mornei	Kondobe	Forobaranga	Beida	Misterei	Kulbus	Seleia	Sisi
Jun-15	675	422	380	690	457	405	450	382	393	398	525	429
Jul-15	655	435	371	568	528	417	500	407	418	385	500	414
Aug-15	575	418	390	585	512	450	495	437	410	398	513	403

Figure 4: Price of sheep in monitored markets, West Darfur, June to August 2015



	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15
ElGeneina	458	494	553	518	508	486	471	425	441	560	503	500	675	655	575

Figure 5: Price of sheep in El Geneina market, West Darfur, June 2014 to August 2015

	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	Apr-15	May-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15
ElGeneina	3125	3925	3400	3075	3100	3213	3150	3135	3150	2500	3175	3050	2500	3175	3050	3725	3350	3100
Forobaranga	2250	2000	2200	2100	2100	2200	2300	2300	2400	2300	2400	2250	2300	2400	2250	2500	2500	2500

Figure 6: Price of cattle in two markets, West Darfur, June 2014 to August 2015

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Dried tomato and **dried okra** prices stabilised this quarter due to the rainy season, when people are able to use fresh okra and fresh tomatoes as well as other local alternatives.

- **Fruit and Vegetables: Onion** prices increased in most of West Darfur's markets during this quarter reflecting the off-season, which is normal at this time of year. See Figure 9. **Fresh tomato** prices increased sharply for the same reason. **Orange** prices were stable in most markets except El Geneina: as the main market in West Darfur, El Geneina saw increased supply due to oranges coming in for sale from a number of other areas both within and outside of West Darfur (e.g. local production areas, Jebel Mara and Khartoum), and therefore orange prices decreased. See Figure 10.
- **Trade routes and access:** In terms of **trade routes and access** there were no significant changes to the main trading routes within the state, or between West Darfur and other states. Some minor difficulties such as those in Forobaranga were reported due to the rains starting and *wadis* flooding.
- **Daily labouring:** The main daily labouring opportunities were in agricultural operations this quarter, and the daily rate was between SDG 50 and 60. This rate is broadly similar to rates for the same quarter last year (June to August 2014).

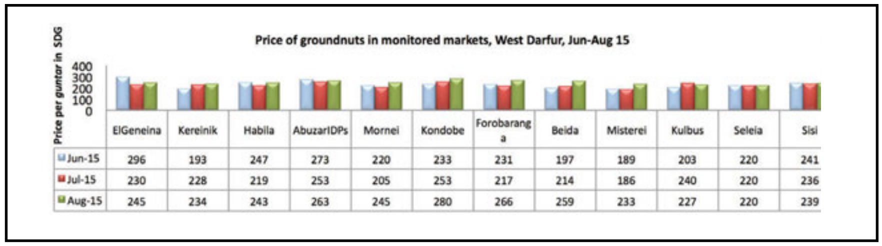

Figure 7: Price of groundnuts in monitored markets, West Darfur, June to August 2015

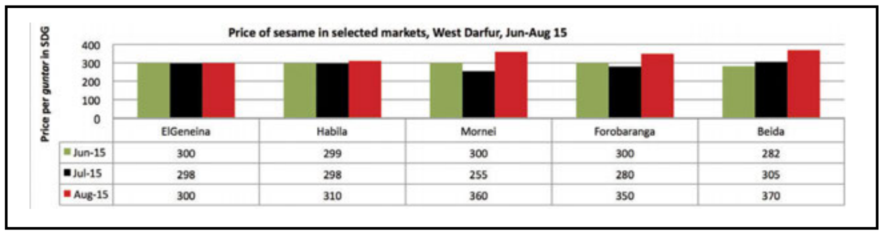

Figure 8: Price of sesame in selected markets in West Darfur, June to August 2015

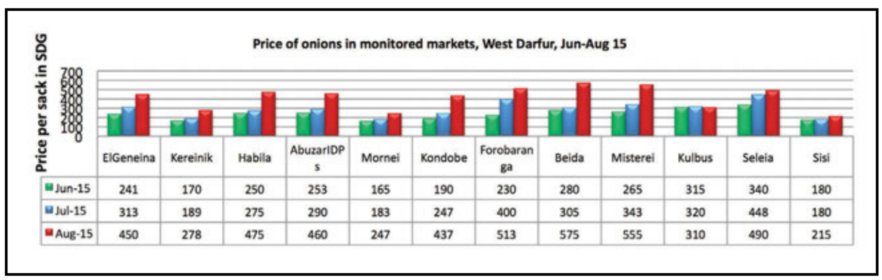

Figure 9: Price of onions in monitored markets in West Darfur, June to August 2015

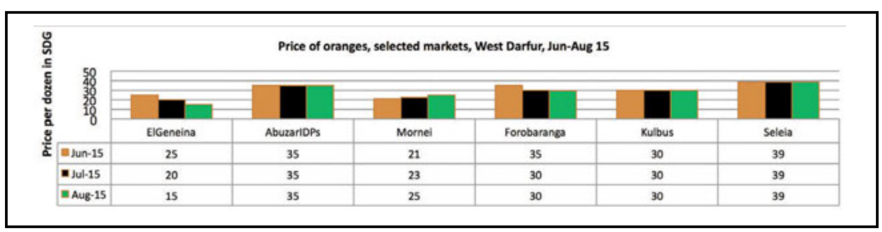

Figure 10: Price of oranges in selected markets, West Darfur, June to August 2015

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