

MARKET MONITOR – GAZA

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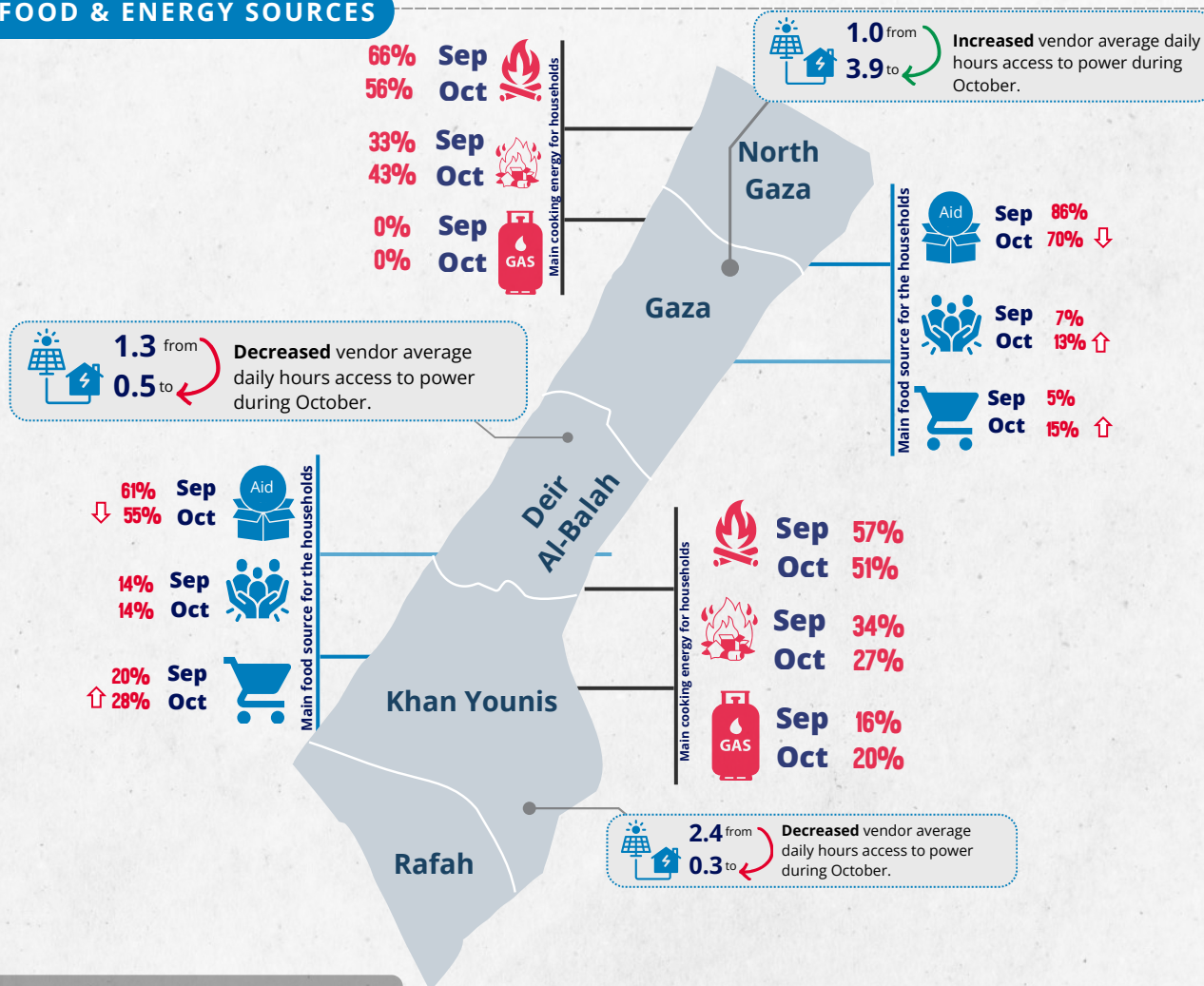
OVERVIEW

This report outlines important developments from the **second half of October**, based on ongoing market and household surveys. During this time, market conditions have worsened, characterized by diminished food availability, heightened price fluctuations, and limited market access. Furthermore, notable changes in household consumption habits and a growing dependence on alternative cooking energy sources have been recorded.

KEY FINDINGS

- Alarmingly **poor food diversity observed across the Gaza Strip**, bread and pulses being the dominant foods consumed. Vegetable consumption dropped from six days per week pre-conflict to nearly zero in October 2024, while meat and eggs declined from three days per week to almost nonexistent.
- In the Gaza Strip, prices of many basic food items increased by more than 1,000% compared to pre-conflict levels, with tomato prices rising significantly, by 8,789% in the northern governorates (from NIS 3.6 to NIS 320), by NIS 1,289. % in Deir al-Balah (from NIS 3.6 to NIS 50), and by 1,219% in Khan Younis (from NIS 3.6 to NIS 48).
- The **Gaza Strip market is facing a severe crisis** as many goods are on the brink of running out.
- In **the north**, there is an increasing dependence on burning waste for cooking fuel due to a critical shortage of cooking gas.
- While humanitarian assistance has dwindled, it still serves as the main source of food for households in the Gaza Strip.
- The significant drop in the average daily truck entries into Gaza to **58 in October 2024** marks the **lowest level since November 2023**.
- Nearly all of the trucks during October were humanitarian, with few commercial trucks crossing into Gaza.

MAIN FOOD & ENERGY SOURCES



MAP KEY

- Humanitarian aid
- Assistance from friends & family
- Market
- Firewood
- Waste burning
- Cooking gas
- Electricity (regardless of the source)

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FOOD AVAILABILITY



DAILY AVERAGE TRUCKS HUMANITARIAN & COMMERCIAL
168 since the onset of conflict
 34% of pre-conflict average 500 trucks/day



TOTAL HUMANITARIAN TRUCKS
34,086 since the onset of the conflict until October 31



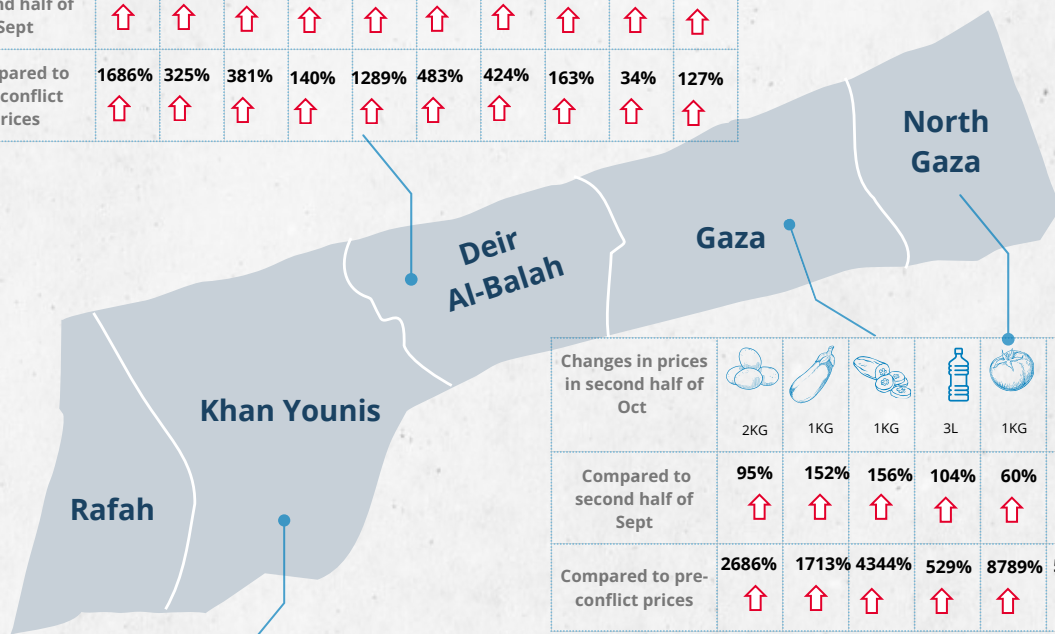
OF COMMERCIAL TRUCKS, THE HIGHEST AVERAGE RECORDED IS
123 which is recorded in July 2024

NOTE

In October 2024, the average number of trucks entering Gaza per day dropped to just 58—the lowest level since November 2023. This marks a sharp decline from the approximately 200 trucks per day recorded in September and August. Of the total trucks entering in October, nearly all were humanitarian: 1,160 humanitarian trucks entered, contrasted with only 118 commercial trucks. This is significantly lower than in September, when 2,560 commercial trucks and 1,724 humanitarian trucks crossed into Gaza.

PRICE CHANGES FOR FOOD ITEMS

Changes in prices in second half of Oct	2KG	1KG	1KG	3L	1KG	1KG	1KG	1KG	1KG	1KG
Compared to second half of Sept	525% ↑	93% ↑	20% ↑	188% ↑	134% ↑	192% ↑	273% ↑	400% ↑	66% ↑	59% ↑
Compared to pre-conflict prices	1686% ↑	325% ↑	381% ↑	140% ↑	1289% ↑	483% ↑	424% ↑	163% ↑	34% ↑	127% ↑



Changes in prices in second half of Oct	2KG	1KG	1KG	3L	1KG	1KG	1KG	1KG	1KG	1KG
Compared to second half of Sept	95% ↑	152% ↑	156% ↑	104% ↑	60% ↑	156% ↑	320% ↑	NA	11% ↑	23% ↑
Compared to pre-conflict prices	2686% ↑	1713% ↑	4344% ↑	529% ↑	8789% ↑	567% ↑	3490% ↑	NA	239% ↑	249% ↑

Changes in prices in second half of Oct	2KG	1KG	1KG	3L	1KG	1KG	1KG	1KG	1KG	1KG
Compared to second half of Sept	NA	83% ↑	33% ↑	250% ↑	100% ↑	80% ↑	409% ↑	400% ↑	9% ↑	6% ↑
Compared to pre-conflict prices	NA	244% ↑	381% ↑	170% ↑	1219% ↑	260% ↑	618% ↑	163% ↑	40% ↑	106% ↑

- Throughout the month of October, food prices generally experienced a rising trend across all governorates. (Annex A for details)
- In the Gaza Strip, many food items have seen price increases of over 1,000%, particularly in the northern governorates, when compared to pre-conflict levels.
- There were significant price hikes for vegetables and fruits, which were particularly scarce in the market.

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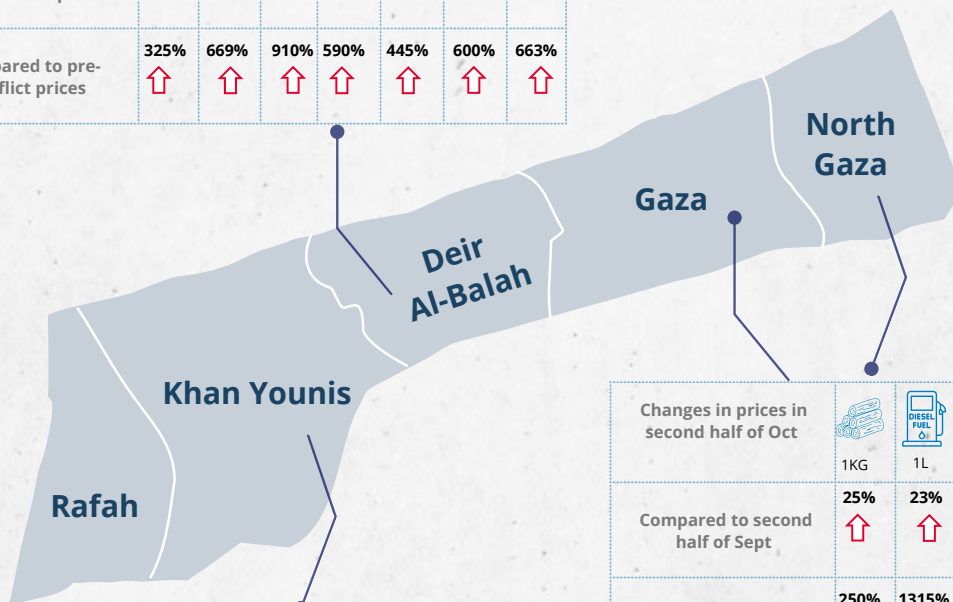
In the Gaza Strip, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Food CPI experienced significant increases between August and September 2024, as well as when compared to pre-conflict levels in September 2023. Between August and September 2024, the overall CPI rose by 11 percent, while the Food CPI surged by 77 percent. The year-on-year comparison between September 2023 (pre-conflict) and September 2024 reveals even more dramatic changes. The overall CPI increased by 283 percent. Similarly, the Food CPI increased by 312 percent.

MAP KEY



PRICE CHANGES FOR NON-FOOD ITEMS

Changes in prices in second half of Oct	1KG	1L	40Pcs	100ml	10	1Pcs	1KG
Compared to second half of Sept	70% ↑	0%	25% ↑	12% ↑	9% ↑	58% ↓	543% ↑
Compared to pre-conflict prices	325% ↑	669% ↑	910% ↑	590% ↑	445% ↑	600% ↑	663% ↑



Changes in prices in second half of Oct	1KG	1L	40Pcs	100ml	10	1Pcs	1KG
Compared to second half of Sept	25% ↑	23% ↑	144% ↑	13% ↓	0%	14% ↑	20% ↓
Compared to pre-conflict prices	250% ↑	1315% ↑	456% ↑	67% ↑	150% ↑	620% ↑	2612% ↑

Changes in prices in second half of Oct	1KG	1L	40Pcs	100ml	10	1Pcs	1KG
Compared to second half of Sept	0%	0%	150% ↑	15% ↑	39% ↑	41% ↓	700% ↑
Compared to pre-conflict prices	300% ↑	715% ↑	829% ↑	341% ↑	421% ↑	300% ↑	917% ↑

- **Northern Governorates:** Non-food items prices saw significant increases compared to September 2023, with the black market price of cooking gas (limited availability) rising by 2,612%, diesel by 1,315%, wood by 250%, and diapers by 620%.
- **Deir Al-Balah:** Prices also rose significantly, with wood increasing by 325% during October. Hygiene items, such as diapers, saw a 910% rise. Cooking gas is available on the black market at 663% higher than pre-crisis levels.
- **Khan Younis:** Wood prices increased by 300% compared to pre-conflict levels, diesel prices surged by 715%, and diapers rose by 829%.

***Cooking gas is still available in Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis but at high prices on the black market, with prices rising by 663% and 917% respectively compared to pre-crisis levels. Official distribution provides limited supplies at a rate of 60 NIS per 8 kilograms per household, yet access remains unstable, with households receiving their allocations only once every 50 days or more.

MAP KEY

- Tents
- Diapers
- Firewood
- Toothpaste
- cleaning products
- Sanitary pads

ACCESS TO THE MARKET

In October, market access across the Gaza Strip **saw a sharp decline**, particularly in North Gaza, where **84 percent of households were unable to reach markets**—an alarming deterioration compared to September. Similarly, two-thirds of households in Gaza City, Deir al-Balah, 60 percent in Khan Younis, reported significant difficulties accessing markets, underscoring widespread barriers to market access throughout the region.

The **main factors** hindering market access are **severe financial constraints and rising prices**, with 80 percent of people in Gaza reporting the lack of money as the primary challenge. Security concerns, especially in North Gaza and Gaza governorates, further exacerbate these issues.

As a result, food accessibility has significantly worsened across all governorates, with every household reporting reduced access to food compared to September. These combined challenges are worsening food insecurity, as households struggle not only to find essential goods but also to afford and access them. The intersection of financial hardship, limited market access, and increasing food insecurity underscores the deepening crisis in the Gaza Strip.

MARKET FUNCTIONALITY

- Shops in the Gaza strip are facing numerous challenges hindering their operations and compromising the functionality of markets.
- During the second half of October, **shortages of stocks at wholesalers was the most frequently reported challenge**, identified by all surveyed shops in Khan Younis, 87 percent of shops in Northern Gaza, and 68 percent of shops in Deir Al-Balah.
- Challenges related to transportation and communication was reported by 53 and 40 percent of shops in northern Gaza, respectively, followed by 75% and 7% in Deir Al Balah, and 8% and 78% in Khan Younis.
- Cash liquidity remains a significant challenge to over a third of surveyed shops. This is also exacerbated by the limited use of digital payment solutions by shops.

CRISIS HITS BREAD: GAZANS IN DIRE NEED OF BASIC FOOD

In October 2024, Gaza faced an intensifying bread crisis marked by severe wheat flour shortages, soaring prices, and disrupted bakery operations due to fuel scarcity and damaged infrastructure. The ongoing conflict and mass displacement from North Gaza to Gaza City forced residents to endure hours-long waits at overcrowded bakeries, hoping to secure even a small amount of bread, their basic staple.

With limited supply, black market traders have capitalized on the crisis, reselling bread at up to six to twelve shekels per package, compared to the usual three shekels. Many displaced children have joined these markets, buying bread to resell at inflated prices, further crowding bakeries and escalating the prices.

A shortage of wheat flour due to the drop in humanitarian and commercial trucks entering the Gaza Strip has forced many bakeries to reduce production or close completely, while humanitarian aid struggles to keep up with demand.

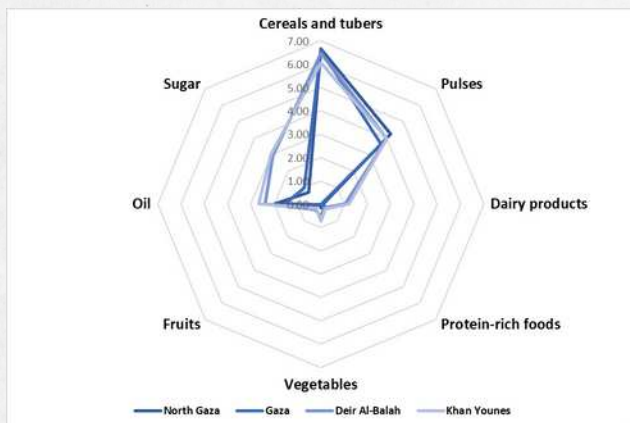
This crisis reflects Gaza's deepening food insecurity, and the desperate measures people are forced to take, highlighting their daily struggle for survival. Bread has become a powerful symbol of Gaza's hardship, representing not just hunger but the dire need for essential resources in the face of worsening humanitarian challenges.

FOOD DIVERSITY

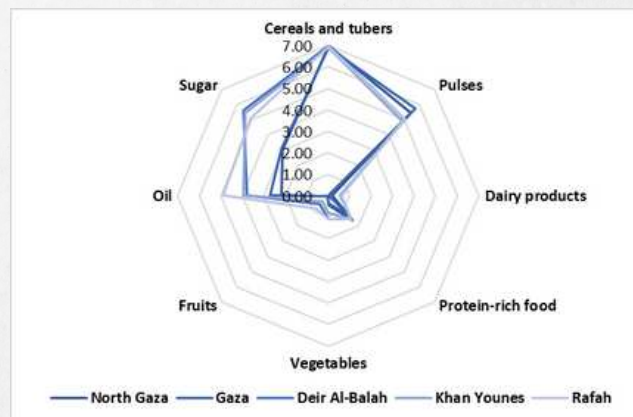
- **Alarmingly poor food diversity observed across the Gaza Strip**, bread and pulses being the dominant foods consumed. (Annex B for details)
- In October, there was a significant drop in household consumption of essential food groups compared to September.
- Dairy consumption is nearly absent in Gaza and North Gaza, with limited availability in Deir Al-Balah and Khan Younis. Dairy intake has dropped from four days per week pre-conflict to nearly zero in the northern governorates, and just one day per week in Deir Al-Balah and Khan Younis.
- Fruit and vegetable consumption is nearly absent in Gaza and North Gaza, remaining critically low in Deir Al-Balah and Khan Younis. Vegetable consumption dropped from six days per week pre-conflict to nearly zero in October.
- Consumption of red and white meat and eggs has dropped drastically, going from about three days per week pre-crisis to nearly nonexistent in October.
- Pulses are consumed moderately, but their intake is declining across all governorates.

FOOD DIVERSITY TRENDS

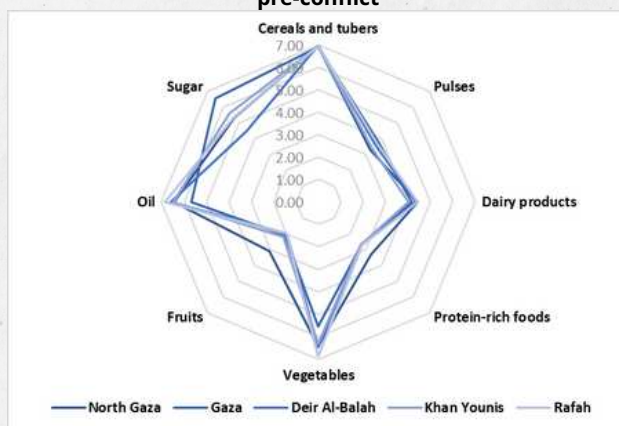
Average consumption (day/week) for each food group, October 2024



Average consumption (day/week) for each food group, September 2024



Average consumption (day/week) for each food group, pre-conflict



FOOD AVAILABILITY IN FORMAL AND INFORMAL SHOPS & RESTOCKING

- In October, there was a sharp decline in the number of both humanitarian and commercial trucks entering Gaza compared to September and August. As a result, essential goods are rapidly depleting across the Gaza Strip.
- After a temporary surplus of wheat flour in mid-2024, its availability is now dwindling, and prices are rising sharply. The Gaza Strip is facing an impending crisis as many goods are on the brink of running out.
- In the northern governorates, only wheat flour and canned food remain available, although their supply has decreased since September. Dairy products are completely unavailable, and vegetables, fruits, and vegetable oil are in severe shortages, with soaring prices. Eggs are nearly nonexistent, and while pulses and rice are still accessible, other critical items are scarce.
- In Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis, staple foods such as wheat flour, canned goods, rice, legumes, and vegetable oil are in limited supply but still present. Vegetables, dairy products, and eggs are in especially short supply.

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ANNEX A

Market prices in Gaza Strip¹

Northern Gaza

Table 1: Prices of Key food Commodities in Northern Governorates (NIS)

Item	Unit	Sep.2023	Sep.2024	Oct.2024	Oct.2024/ Sep.2024	Oct.2024/ Sep.2023
Canned Fava	380 gm	2.2	3	13	333%	491%
Chickpeas	1 KG	5.4	28.8	52.5	82%	872%
Cucumbers	1 KG	2.7	46.9	120	156%	4344%
Dry fava beans	1 KG	7	20.4	40	96%	471%
Eggplants	1 KG	4	28.8	72.5	152%	1713%
Eggs	2 KG	14	200	390	95%	2686%
Egyptian rice	1 KG	6.2	19	21	11%	239%
Flour	1 KG	1.9	0.6		N/A	N/A
Lentils	1 KG	6.3	17.9	22	23%	249%
Potatoes	1 KG	2.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Red onions	1 KG	3.2	122.9	320	160%	9900%
Sunflower oil	3 L	31	95.6	195	104%	529%
Tomatoes	1 KG	3.6	200	320	60%	8789%
Salt	1 KG	1.5	6.4	10	56%	567%
Sugar	1 KG	3.9	33.3	140	320%	3490%

¹ The price comparison is based on a month-to-month observations, specifically comparing the second half of October 2024 to the second half of September 2024.

Table 2: Prices of Key non-food items in Northern Governorates (NIS)

Item	Unit	Sep.2023	Sep.2024	Oct. 2024	Oct.2024/ Sep.2024	Oct.2024/ Sep.2023
Energy						
Wood	1 KG	1.0	2.8	3.5	25%	250%
Coal	1 KG	4.0	17.0	17.5	3%	338%
Charging from solar Energy	1 hour	N/A	1.0	3.0	200%	
Cooking Gas	1 KG	5.9	200.0	160.0	-20%	2612%
Diesel	1 Liter	6.5	75.0	92.0	23%	1315%
Gasoline	1 Liter	6.8	202.0	250.0	24%	3576%
Hygiene Items						
Sanitary Pads	16 pads	4.0	10.0	10.0	0%	150%
Baby Diapers	Cartoon (40 diapers)	18.0	41.0	100.0	144%	456%
Toilet Paper	1 roll	1.0	4.0	5.0	25%	400%
Detergent	1 Liter	6.5	17.0	17.0	0%	162%
Tissues	1 pack	2.0	30.0	20.0	-33%	900%
Toothpaste	100 ml	4.2	8.0	7.0	-13%	67%
Toothbrush	1 brush	2.0	3.3	4.0	21%	100%
Hair Shampoo	750 ml	9.0	48.0	35.0	-27%	289%
Bleach (chlorine)	1 Liter	1.5	17.0	20.0	18%	1233%
Hand Soap	1 Piece	2.5	15.8	18.0	14%	620%
Medical Items						
Paracetamol	12 pills	3.0	12.5	10.0	-20%	233%
Iodine Solution	120 ml	7.0	12.5	10.0	-20%	43%
Other						
Drinking Water	1.5 Liter	1.0	N/A	NA	N/A	N/A
Tent	24 M2	N/A	N/A	1600.0	N/A	N/A

Deir Al Balah**Table 3: Prices of Key food Commodities in Deir Al-Balah (NIS)**

Item	Unit	Sep.2023	Sep.2024	Oct.2024	Oct.2024/ Sep.2024	Oct.2024/ Sep.2023
Canned Fava	380 gm	2.2	2.0	4.3	113%	93%
Chickpeas	1 KG	5.4	9.0	19.4	116%	259%
Cucumbers	1 KG	2.7	10.8	13.0	20%	381%
Dry fava beans	1 KG	7.0	10.0	15.0	50%	114%
Eggplants	1 KG	4.0	8.8	17.0	93%	325%
Eggs	2 KG	14.0	40.0	250.0	525%	1686%
Egyptian rice	1 KG	6.2	5.0	8.3	66%	34%
Flour	1 KG	1.9	1.0	5.0	400%	163%
Lentils	1 KG	6.3	9.0	14.3	59%	127%
Potatoes	1 KG	2.5	10.0	45.0	350%	1700%
Red onions	1 KG	3.2	11.0	37.0	236%	1056%
Sunflower oil	3 L	31.3	26.0	75.0	188%	140%
Tomatoes	1 KG	3.6	21.4	50.0	134%	1289%
Salt	1 KG	1.5	3.0	8.8	192%	483%
Sugar	1 KG	3.9	5.5	20.5	273%	424%

Table 4: Prices of Key non-food items in Deir Al-Balah (NIS)

Item	Unit	Sep.2023	Sep.2024	Oct.2024	Oct.2024/ Sep.2024	Oct.2024/ Sep.2023
Energy						
Wood	1 KG	0.8	2.0	3.4	70%	325%
Coal	1 KG	4.0	30.0	NA	NA	NA
Charging from solar Energy	1 hour	N/A	1.5	2.0	33%	NA
Cooking Gas	1 KG	5.9	7.0	45.0	543%	663%
Diesel	1 Liter	6.5	50.0	50.0	0%	669%
Gasoline	1 Liter	6.8	126.0	130.0	3%	1812%
Hygiene Items						
Sanitary Pads	16 pads	5.5	27.5	30.0	9%	445%
Baby Diapers	Cartoon (40 diapers)	19.8	160.0	200.0	25%	910%
Toilet Paper	1 roll	1.0	20.0	18.0	-10%	1700%
Detergent	1 Liter	5.0	35.0	65.0	86%	1200%
Tissues	1 pack	2.3	N/A	12.0	NA	422%
Toothpaste	100 ml	5.8	35.8	40.0	12%	590%
Toothbrush	1 brush	4.5	3.0	4.0	33%	-11%
Hair Shampoo	750 ml	4.5	65.0	35.0	-46%	678%
Bleach (chlorine)	1 Liter	3.0	25.3	25.0	-1%	733%
Hand Soap	1 Piece	1.0	16.7	7.0	-58%	600%
Medical Items						
Paracetamol	12 pills	4	10.0	10.0	0%	150%
Iodine Solution	120 ml	5	9.0	10.0	11%	100%
Other						
Drinking Water	1.5 Liter	2	3.0	4.0	33%	100%
Tent	24 M2	N/A	3000.0	NA	N/A	N/A

Khan Younis

Table 5: Prices of Key food Commodities in Khan Younis (NIS)

Item	Unit	Sep.2023	Sep.2024	Oct.2024	Oct.2024/ Sep.2024	Oct.2024/ Sep.2023
Canned Fava	380 gm	2.2	2	4	100%	82%
Chickpeas	1 KG	5.4	8.7	11.5	32%	113%
Cucumbers	1 KG	2.7	9.8	13	33%	381%
Dry fava beans	1 KG	7	6.5	7	8%	0%
Eggplants	1 KG	4	7.5	13.75	83%	244%
Eggs	2 KG	14	38.5	NA	NA	NA
Egyptian rice	1 KG	6.2	8	8.7	9%	40%
Flour	1 KG	1.9	1	5	400%	163%
Lentils	1 KG	6.3	12.3	13	6%	106%
Potatoes	1 KG	2.5	12	36.7	206%	1368%
Onions	1 KG	3.2	13.3	39.6	198%	1138%
Sunflower oil	3 L	31.1	24	84	250%	170%
Tomatoes	1 KG	3.6	23.8	47.5	100%	1219%
Salt	1 KG	1.5	3	5.4	80%	260%
Sugar	1 KG	3.9	5.5	28	409%	618%

Table 6: Prices of Key non-food items in Khan Younis (NIS)

Item	Unit	Sep.2023	Sep.2024	Oct H2.2024	Oct.2024/ Sep.2024	Oct.2024/ Sep.2023
Energy						
Wood	1 KG	1.0	4.0	4.0	0%	300%
Coal	1 KG	6.3	20.0	27.0	35%	329%
Charging from solar Energy	1 hour	N/A	1.0	1.0	0%	NA
Cooking Gas	1 KG	5.9	7.5	60.0	700%	917%
Diesel	1 Liter	6.5	54.0	54.0	0%	715%
Gasoline	1 Liter	6.8	150.0	140.0	-7%	1959%
Hygiene Items						
Sanitary Pads	16 pads	4.8	18.0	25.0	39%	421%
Baby Diapers	Cartoon (40 diapers)	18.3	68.0	170.0	150%	829%
Toilet Paper	1 roll	1.8	18.0	18.0	0%	900%
Detergent	1 Liter	5.0	39.0	40.0	3%	700%
Tissues	1 pack	2.3	N/A	16.0	NA	596%
Toothpaste	100 ml	6.8	26.0	30.0	15%	341%
Toothbrush	1 brush	1.5	2.5	3.0	20%	100%
Hair Shampoo	750 ml	12.5	59.0	37.0	-37%	196%
Bleach (chlorine)	1 Liter	1.5	15.0	10.0	-33%	567%
Hand Soap	1 Piece	2.0	13.5	8.0	-41%	300%
Medical Items						
Paracetamol	12 pills	1.0	10.0	5.0	-50%	400%
Iodine Solution	120 ml	3.0	10.0	10.0	0%	233%
Other						
Drinking Water	1.5 Liter	2.0	3.0	4.0	33%	100%
Tent	24 M2	N/A	N/A	NA	N/A	N/A

ANNEX B**Average consumption (day/week) for each food group**

Governorate	Period	Cereals and tubers	Pulses	Dairy products	Protein-rich foods	Vegetables	Fruits	Oil	Sugar
North Gaza	Pre-conflict	6.9	3.3	4.4	3.3	6.4	3.1	6.4	5.3
	Sep.24	7.0	5.4	0.2	1.6	0.4	0.1	2.2	3.0
	Oct.24	6.7	4.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	2.0	0.7
Gaza	Pre-conflict	6.9	3.8	4.2	2.7	5.5	2.1	5.7	6.5
	Sep.24	6.9	5.8	0.0	1.3	0.4	0.0	2.7	3.1
	Oct.24	6.6	3.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.0
Deir Al-Balah	Pre-conflict	7.0	3.6	4.4	2.7	6.5	2.0	6.6	4.5
	Sep.24	7.0	5.0	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.6	3.8	5.6
	Oct.24	6.5	4.0	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	2.4	2.9
Khan Younis	Pre-conflict	6.9	3.4	4.0	2.7	6.3	2.2	6.5	5.6
	Sep.24	6.9	4.9	0.5	1.5	0.8	0.4	4.0	5.5
	Oct.24	6.1	4.0	1.2	0.3	0.7	0.3	2.7	3.0
Rafah	Pre-conflict	7.0	3.7	4.4	2.7	6.9	2.0	6.9	5.3
	Sep.24	6.9	5.0	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	4.9	5.1