In Northern Nigeria, conflict continues to disrupt livelihoods and commercial activities. Following depredation of the Naira, commodity prices have risen on a monthly basis and now have reached record levels not seen since 2010. In Northeast Nigeria, significant portions of Borno and Yobe States are inaccessible due to military and insurgent operations, greatly limiting market activity and humanitarian assistance. (Source: FEWS NET)

The information presented in this report comes from two rounds of data collection (June/July and July/August) from 64 key informants (including leaders of market associations, retailers, wholesalers, transporters and distributors) in 10 newly accessible areas of Borno state (Askira/Uba, Bama, Kukawa, Dikwa, Damboa, Gwoza, Kaga, Monguno, Ngala, Nganzai). When interpreting results, readers are cautioned to note that sampling is not representative of market conditions in the LGA or necessarily representative of the individual markets.

Results indicate that while a large majority of markets surveyed are accessible and activity, access and availability increased from June/July to August, prices have increased without corresponding improvements in wages. Additionally, traders report deteriorating food security and market conditions due to high food prices, restricted movement, lack of capital, security concerns and lack of farming activities.

**COMMODITY PRICES & WAGES:** Overall, between June and August, commodity prices have increased while labor wages have not - resulting in lower purchasing power at the household level. (filter to view commodity or wages)

**AVAILABILITY:** Nearly three-quarters of traders report below normal availability of food commodities. An improvement in availability, especially for meat, can be observed comparing June to August.

**ACCESS & ACTIVITY:** While more markets are re-opening and activity is increasing, many traders report only partial market access.

Source: WFP | contact: rbd.vam@wfp.org | to view the questionnaire and additional survey documentation: [http://vam.wfp.org/sites/mvam_monitoring/nigeria.html](http://vam.wfp.org/sites/mvam_monitoring/nigeria.html)