

Somalia Cash and Markets Working Group

Recommended transfer values for Cash and Vouchers Assistance in the 2019 drought response

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Background

The Minimum Expenditure Basket for Market Based Interventions (henceforth MEB) was revised in June 2017 and endorsed by the CWG to use as a basis for transfer value recommendations. This revised MEB data is provided monthly by FSNAU for each region of the country. The revised and rationalised version of the MEB, replaced certain high-value items with more drought-appropriate and available items while still providing 2100 kcal/person/day as well as the required fats and protein as per the sphere standards. The CWG has however proposed a revision of the contents of the full MEB and this work is currently in process by the CWG market analysis work stream.

This brief provides an updated set of regional recommended transfer values based on the **March 2019 MEB** (the most updated MEB at the time of writing) and serves to provide guidance to the cash and voucher component of the 2019 drought response. The recommendations are directed at transfers for IPC phases 3 and 4 and will remain in effect until **July 31st 2019**, unless advised otherwise.

Methodology

The multi-purpose transfer values below correspond to the amount of money required to cover **80% of a household's basic needs (full MEB)** while the food transfer values are intended to meet food needs at **100% of the food MEB**. Given the severity of the crisis and subsequent depletion of resources, the recommended 80% of the full MEB is the appropriate level to ensure that multipurpose grants enable families to meet their survival needs.

The recommendations are made in accordance with the agreed practice of:

1. Using the **urban MEB** as the basis for transfer values.
2. Rounding values to the **nearest 5 USD**.

Recommended Transfer Values based on March 2019 MEB

Region	Multi-Purpose transfer value	Food transfer values
Awdal	85	80
W. Galbeed	85	70
Togdheer	80	70
Sool	105	70
Sanaag	110	70
Bari	85	85
Nugaal	85	60
Mudug	80	75
Galgaduud	95	85
Hiraan	65	50
Bakool	70	60
Bay	50	30
Gedo	75	65
Banaadir	70	60
Middle Shabelle	80	65
Lower Shabelle	50	35
Middle Juba	50	35
Lower Juba	90	70

Annex 1: MEB Composition

Food Items	Quantity
Cereals	90 kg
Sugar	3 kg
Vegetable oil	6 ltr
Cow Peas	6 kg
Non – food item	Quantity
Kerosene	1.5 ltr
Soap (laundry)	4 pcs
Firewood (bundle)	30
Water	9 drums
Human drugs	SoSh. 20,000
School Fees	SoSh. 90,000
Grinding Cost	30 kg
Clothes	SoSh. 30,000
Social tax	SoSh. 12,500
Other	So.Sh. 30,000