

# Market Price Report

The MAU tracks market prices in Southeast Myanmar. Data are collected from three vendors per product per market in the last week of each month. The data include prices from Hpapun (Kamamaung market), Kawkareik (main), Loikaw (Thiri Mingalar) and Taungoo (Nat Htet). Data will soon be available online at [www.themimu.info/market-analysis-unit](http://www.themimu.info/market-analysis-unit).

## KEY FINDINGS

- **Food prices were stable in October and November**, although Hpapun saw price hikes for some vegetables;
- **Kawkareik market reopened in November** after being shuttered by armed conflict, and prices climbed higher;
- **Meat and fish prices were up sharply in Kawkareik since September**, although meat/fish prices in other markets showed typical fluctuation;
- **October and November brought rising NFI prices in Hpapun and Kawkareik** and to some extent Taungoo;
- **Prices for hygiene products increased across markets**, with many prices up 7-20% in the past month;
- **Prices were overall stable in Loikaw in November**, but elsewhere prices trended higher in October and November.

## Product-Level Price Changes\*

**Essential Foods – Essential food prices were fairly stable in November.** Most essential food prices shifted by 10% or less in November, and in three townships prices remained close to September and October levels. Only Taungoo saw notable price increases this month, with palm oil, pulses and rice up 7-16%.

**Vegetables – Vegetable prices were stable in November except for a few price spikes.** There were no clear product-level trends for vegetables in November. Kawkareik and Loikaw enjoyed stable prices, while Hpapun and Taungoo saw more price shifts (more often up than down).

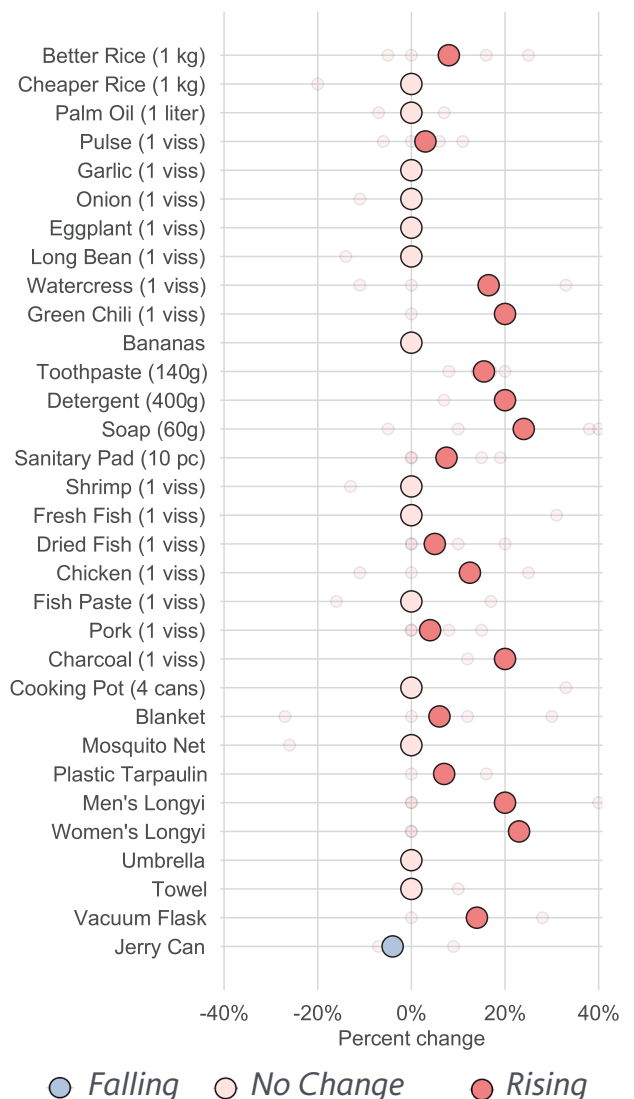
**Hygiene Products – Prices for hygiene products—as was the case for NFIs in general—rose steadily in November.** Toothpaste and detergent prices rose 7-20% across markets in November, and soap prices have risen 38-40% in Hpapun and Kawkareik since September. Sanitary pads were up 15-19% in Hpapun and Taungoo but held stable elsewhere.

**Meat and Fish – Meat and fish prices rose sharply in Kawkareik but showed typical fluctuation elsewhere.** Kawkareik saw chicken, fresh fish and dried fish prices rise 20-43% since September, but meat/fish prices were otherwise stable or shifting just 10-17%. Among meat/fish products, shrimp was most stable.

**Other NFIs – NFI prices have risen steeply in Hpapun and Kawkareik since September, but in Loikaw and Taungoo they were stable.** Most NFIs monitored in Hpapun—and half of those in Kawkareik—have risen sharply since September, with charcoal, blankets and longyis rising the most. NFI prices were quite stable in Loikaw and Taungoo in November, although Taungoo saw a few notable price shifts.

\* Prices changes for Hpapun and Kawkareik townships reflect two-month changes (i.e., from September to November) as prices were unavailable in these markets in October.

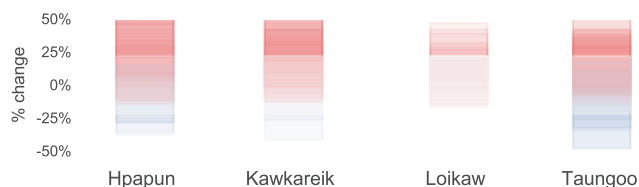
Chart 1. Median Price Change (One Month)



## Township-Level Price Changes

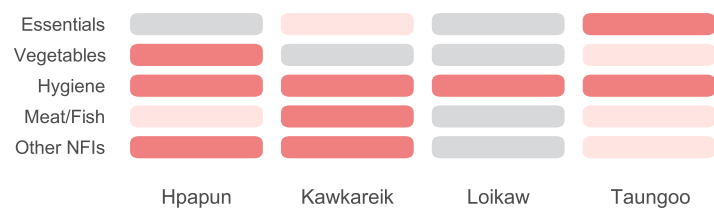
Prices in Hpapun and Kawkareik rose sharply between September and November, although November brought only slightly higher prices in Loikaw and Taungoo. In Loikaw, October's gently-declining prices gave way to stability or occasionally-rising prices in November (i.e., hygiene products). Prices for half of all products monitored rose in Hpapun and Kawkareik during the past two months as well as in Taungoo (since October). Price increases were deepest in Hpapun and Kawkareik, where many prices have climbed 23-29% since September. One-month price changes in Taungoo were less dramatic, with price increases of 16% or less and even declining prices for some meat/fish products and NFIs (e.g., blankets, mosquito nets).

**Chart 2. Price Change for All Products, by Township**



The above chart provides a general impression of the frequency of rising/falling prices in each market. Horizontal bands represent the density of products at a given percent-change. Red indicates rising prices, blue indicates falling prices.

**Chart 3. Direction of Price Change, by Category**

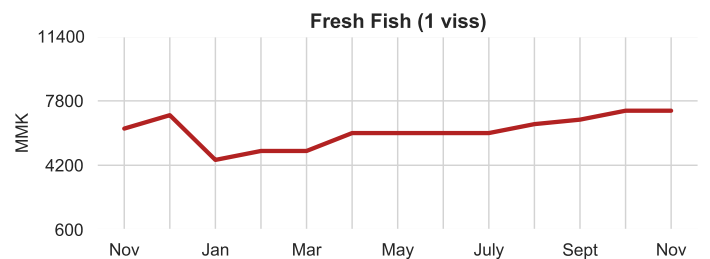
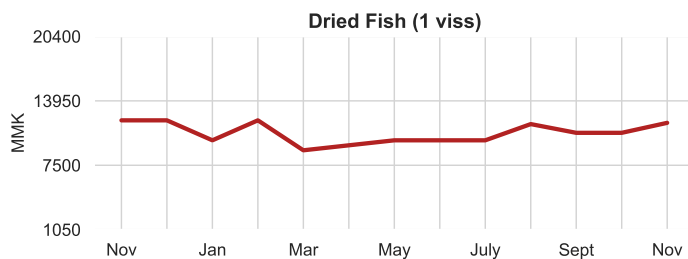
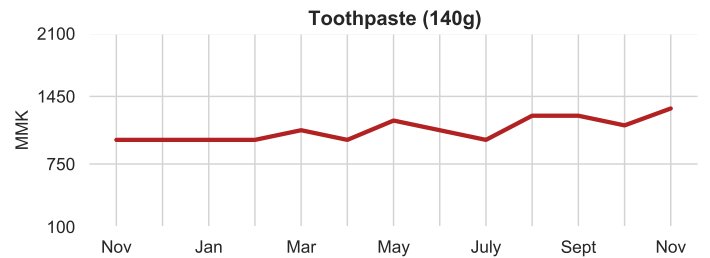
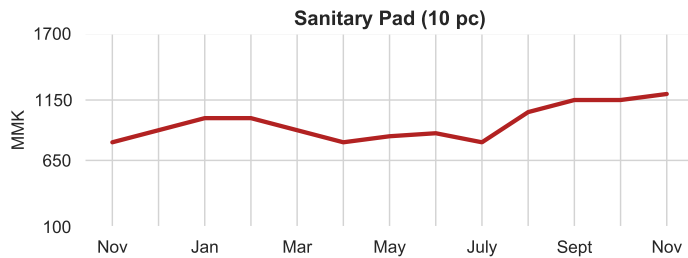
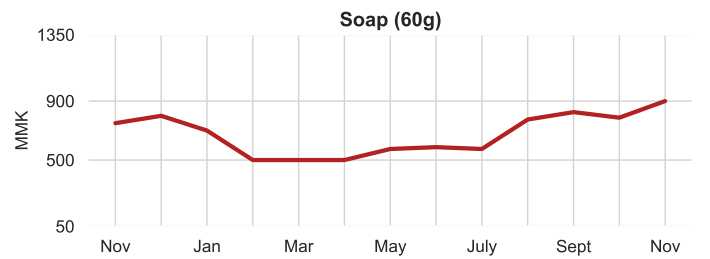
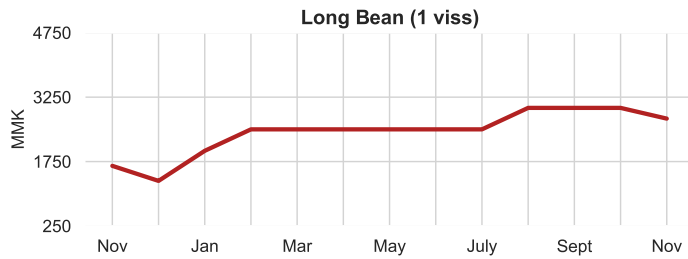
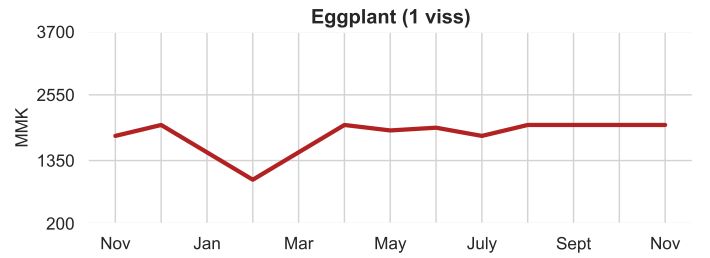
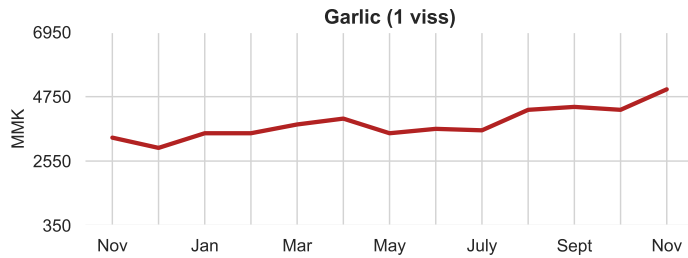
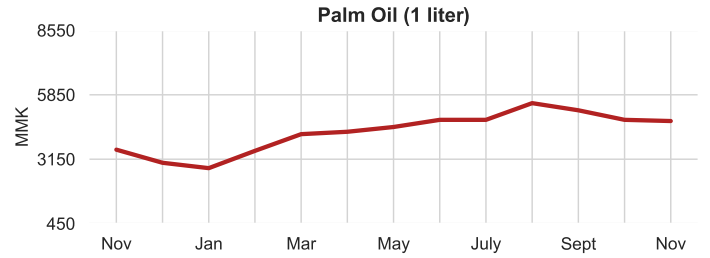
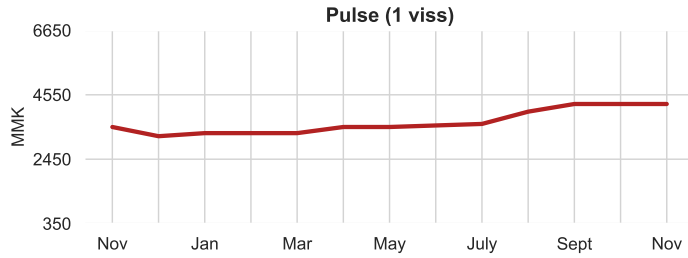
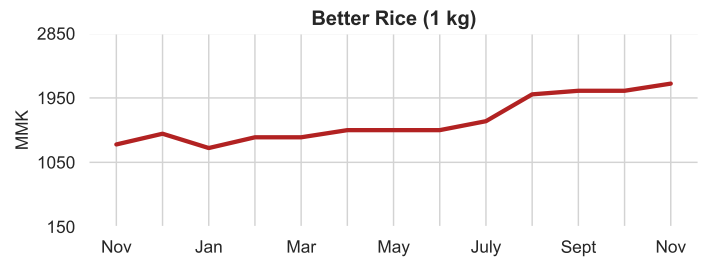
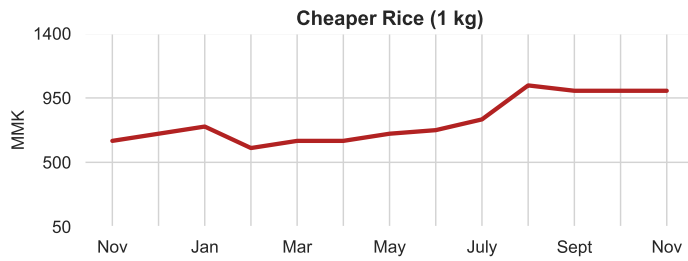


The above chart provides a general impression of the direction of price changes in each market by product category. Product categories are labeled as stable (grey), falling (blue), rising (red), or mixed (pink).

### What to Watch

- Stable prices for **vegetables** and **rice** in November suggest winter supply may be helping to stabilize food prices, but the effect will likely differ in each market;
- Steeply-rising prices for hygiene products in November make room for some pull-back in December, but there is little reason to expect other **NFI** prices to fall;
- Newly-reopened markets in **Kawkareik** township could help relieve some price pressure created by escalating conflict in recent months.

## Charts 4-15. Median Township Price, Selected Products (Twelve Months)



## Prices for November 2022 (MMK)

Product	Hpapun (Kamamaung)	Kawkareik (Main market)	Loikaw (Thiri Mingalar)	Taungoo (Nat Htet)
Better Rice (1 kg)	2,100	1,900	3,000	2,200
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	1,000	800	1,000	1,500
Palm Oil (1 liter)	4,300	5,000	4,500	5,800
Pulse (1 viss)	4,500	5,000	4,000	3,800
Garlic (1 viss)	5,000	5,000	3,500	5,300
Onion (1 viss)	5,000	4,000	1,100	2,500
Eggplant (1 viss)	2,500	2,000	2,000	800
Long Bean (1 viss)	3,000	2,500	4,500	2,000
Watercress (1 viss)	1,550	2,000	900	1,600
Green Chili (1 viss)	5,000	-	7,000	6,000
Bananas	2,000	2,000	800	1,500
Toothpaste (140g)	1,400	600	1,400	1,250
Detergent (400g)	1,500	1,200	1,200	1,200
Soap (60g)	1,100	700	850	950
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	1,500	1,400	1,000	950
Shrimp (1 viss)	10,000	12,000	6,000	13,000
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	7,000	8,500	7,500	7,000
Dried Fish (1 viss)	12,000	12,000	11,500	11,000
Chicken (1 viss)	18,000	15,000	15,250	14,000
Fish Paste (1 viss)	10,000	10,000	8,500	8,500
Pork (1 viss)	4,000	5,000	5,500	3,500
Charcoal (1 viss)	13,000	15,000	13,000	13,000
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	600	1,000	-	900
Blanket	8,250	10,000	3,500	16,000
Mosquito Net	6,500	9,000	7,250	8,000
Plastic Tarpaulin	24,000	10,000	12,000	14,000
Men's Longyi	-	17,000	16,000	22,000
Women's Longyi	8,500	7,000	6,250	7,000
Umbrella	9,500	7,000	6,500	7,500
Towel	5,500	5,000	6,250	7,000
Vacuum Flask	5,500	3,000	2,750	3,500
Jerry Can	23,000	-	9,500	16,000

\*Dashes indicate products that were unavailable at specification.

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