

MARKET PRICE REPORT – RAKHINE STATE (SEPT. 2021)

Mercy Corps - Market Analysis Unit

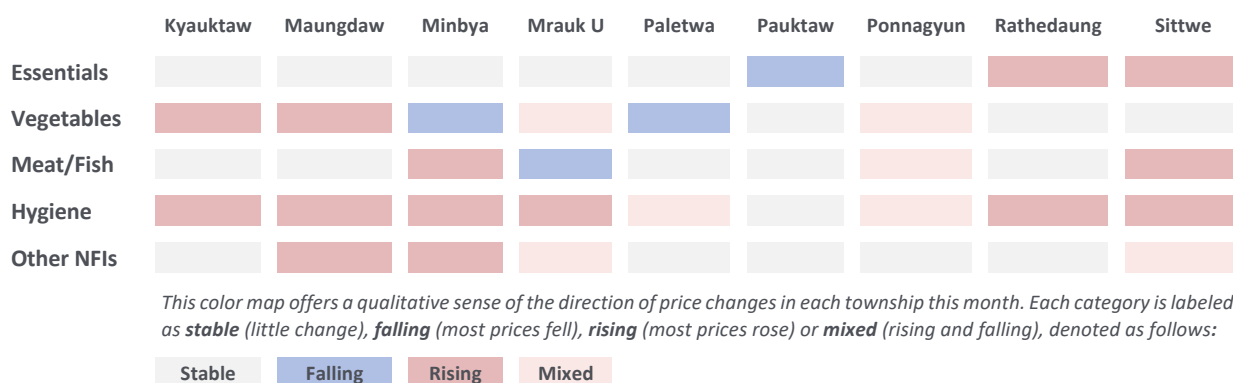
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The MAU tracks market prices in Central and Northern Rakhine State and Chin State. Data are collected from three retailers per product per market in the last week of each month. Product specifications are available via the MPR dashboard: www.themimu.info/market-analysis-unit.

Highlights: September 2021

- **Sittwe and Maungdaw Townships** saw the most price hikes in September, although nearly all locations saw some increases;
- **Prices for hygiene products rose in September**, particularly for sanitary pads and soap;
- **Half of all townships saw price hikes for some non-food items**, bucking past stability;
- **Palm oil prices rose 6-19% in five townships**, and pulses spiked in two locations;
- **Vegetable prices fluctuated as usual but more often rose than fell**;
- **Rice prices were fairly stable in September**, except in Sittwe and Rathedaung;
- **Meat and fish prices were stable relative to other goods** but rose in some locations.

Chart 1. September Price Changes (by Category and Township)



I. Price Stability in September

Essential Food Items – Palm oil prices trended upward in September, although rice saw generally stable prices. Palm oil prices rose 6-19% in six of nine townships, while pulses rose by a steeper 30-40% in Kyauktaw and Maungdaw. Prices for rice were generally stable, although prices rose by 10-20% in Rathedaung and Sittwe Townships.

Vegetables – Vegetable prices rose and fell in different markets in September, although they generally trended upward. Watercress prices rose most aggressively, climbing by 50% or more in four townships. Yet many locations saw prices both rising and falling for vegetables like watercress, long bean and green chili. Prices for garlic, onion and eggplant were stable or even falling in September, and eggplant prices fell by 15-30% in three locations.

Meat and Fish – Prices for meat and fish were fairly stable in September. Four townships saw stable prices, while the picture elsewhere was mixed. Sittwe Township stood out for rising prices for fish and shrimp. (Paletwa was less clear as two of four products were unavailable.)

Hygiene Products – Prices for hygiene products rose noticeably in September, especially soap and sanitary pads. Sanitary pads rose in seven of nine townships, climbing by 20% or more in five townships. Soap rose in five townships, typically increasing by 25-30%. The picture for toothpaste and detergent was more mixed, although prices were generally stable or rising. There were few cases of falling prices for hygiene products in September.

Other NFIs – NFI prices were stable or rising in September. Mrauk U, Minbya and Maungdaw saw the most increases, typically in the range of 10% or more. Two other townships saw stable or rising prices, and rarely did prices fall. Prices were most stable in Pauktaw and Ponnagyun.

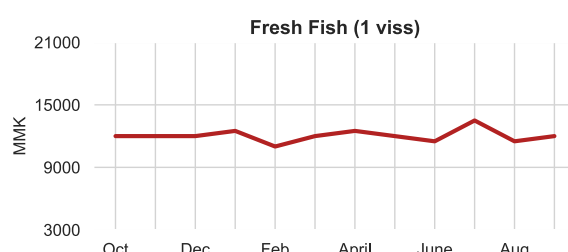
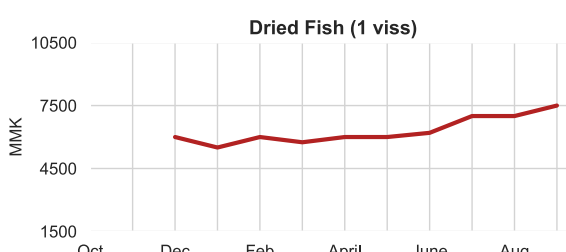
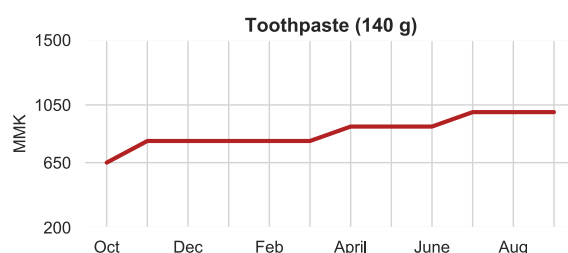
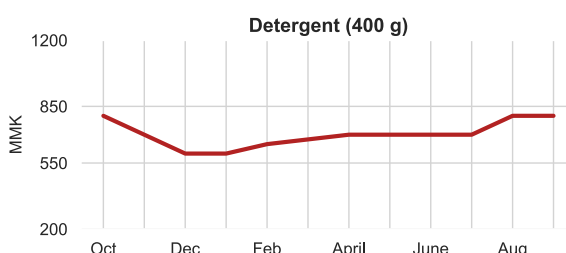
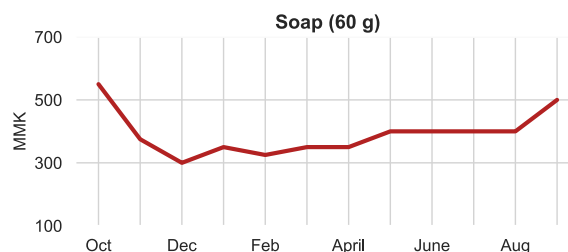
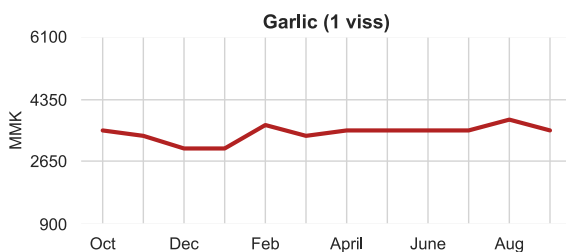
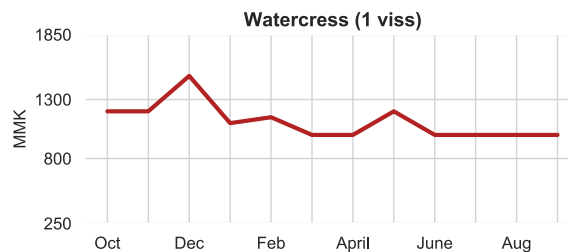
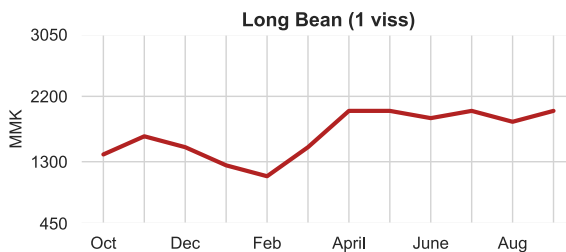
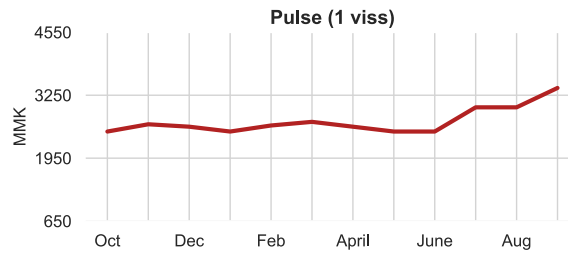
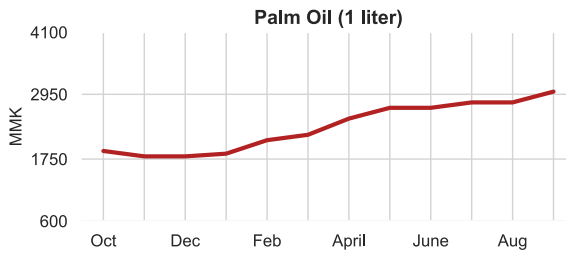
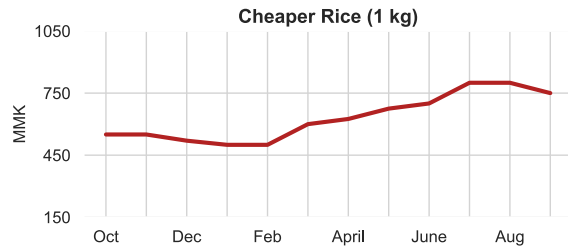
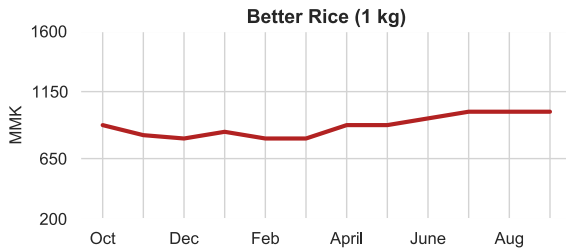
II. Market Price Tables and Charts

Table 1. September Market Prices (by Township)

Product	Kyauktaw	Maungdaw	Minbya	Mrauk U	Paletwa	Pauktaw	Ponnagyun	Rathedaung	Sittwe
Better Rice (1 kg)	1,000	1,000	900	900	1,300	800	1,000	1,300	1,000
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	800	700	700	700	750	600	900	1,100	800
Palm Oil (1 liter)	2,800	2,900	3,000	2,800	3,000	2,800	3,400	3,200	3,100
Pulse (1 viss)	4,000	3,600	3,500	3,400	3,000	2,500	2,600	3,500	3,000
Salt (800 g)	200	,250	150	300	300	200	300	150	200
Garlic (1 viss)	3,500	5,500	3,500	3,200	4,500	3,600	3,200	3,800	3,500
Onion (1 viss)	700	700	800	800	1,300	700	850	800	700
Eggplant (1 viss)	4,000	3,000	900	1,200	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,700	2,000
Long Bean (1 viss)	1,200	3,000	1,200	1,300	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,500	2,500
Watercress (1 viss)	750	1,500	1,000	600	1,000	1,500	800	1,200	2,000
Green Chili (1 viss)	2,800	5,000	1,200	2,000	4,500	1,200	2,600	1,300	2,000
Toothpaste (140 g)	1,000	800	1,000	1,200	1,500	900	1,100	900	1,000
Detergent (400 g)	800	900	900	900	775	625	800	950	750
Soap (60 g)	500	400	500	500	600	400	450	450	500
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	800	600	800	600	1,000	600	600	500	600
Shrimp (1 viss)	6,000	5,000	7,000	3,500	-	3,500	3,500	3,000	8,000
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	9,000	12,000	12,000	10,000	-	10,000	17,750	14,000	13,000
Dried Fish (1 viss)	6,000	8,000	8,000	7,500	7,500	6,000	7,500	8,000	5,000
Chicken (1 viss)	9,000	9,000	7,000	9,000	12,000	9,000	8,500	8,000	6,500
Charcoal (1 viss)	500	1,000	600	500	-	500	700	-	500
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	4,500	4,000	4,200	3,500	3,000	2,500	2,650	3,000	2,500
Blanket	4,500	6,000	6,000	4,000	4,500	4,000	4,600	2,500	5,000
Mosquito Net	3,500	3,000	4,000	3,000	4,500	1,500	2,700	2,000	4,000
Plastic Tarpaulin	3,700	4,800	6,000	4,500	5,200	2,800	3,850	7,000	5,000
Men's Longyi	4,500	4,500	4,500	3,700	5,000	3,500	4,600	4,000	4,500
Women's Longyi	4,500	4,500	4,000	4,000	5,000	4,000	3,700	3,000	4,000
Umbrella	3,500	4,500	4,500	4,000	4,500	3,500	4,500	4,000	3,000
Towel	1,500	1,500	2,000	1,800	4,500	1,500	2,700	1,800	2,500

*Dashes indicate products that were unavailable at specification.

Charts 2-15. Median Price, Selected Products (One Year)



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- **Financial services**, including financial services providers, household and business access to finance and remittances; and
- **Labor markets** (formal and informal), with a focus on agricultural labor and low-wage sectors (e.g., construction, food service).

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