

Market Price Report

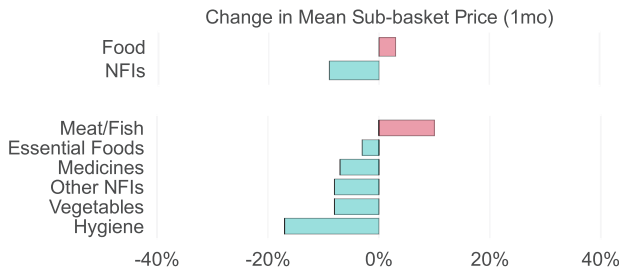


KEY FINDINGS

- **Overall food prices rose for the first time since August**, rising 3% on higher prices for meat/fish;
- **Lower petrol prices helped push NFI prices down 9%** as retailers reported lower transport costs and more supply;
- **Vegetable prices fell less than in previous months**, suggesting winter supply may be tapering off;
- **Foods drove overall prices higher in Maungdaw** where retailers said Bangladeshi imports grew more expensive;
- **Most markets saw stable or falling overall prices**, but this was due more to NFIs than in previous months;
- **The median township basket fell 5%**, marking a sixth month in decline, but prices were up 33% year-on-year.

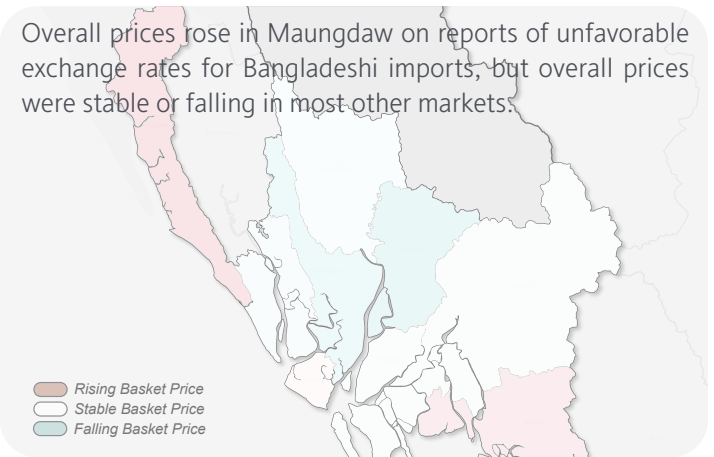
Sub-Basket Analysis

Food prices rose 3% as higher fish prices counterbalanced lower prices for winter vegetables and cooking oil. NFI prices fell 9% amid reports of low demand and improved supply. Hygiene NFIs fell 17%, but other items shifted less than 10%.



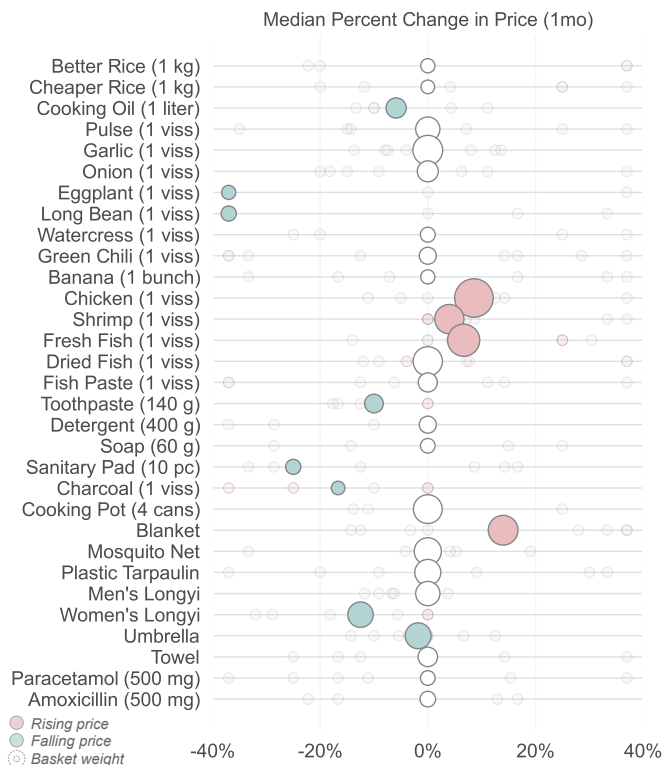
Township Analysis

Overall prices rose in Maungdaw on reports of unfavorable exchange rates for Bangladeshi imports, but overall prices were stable or falling in most other markets.



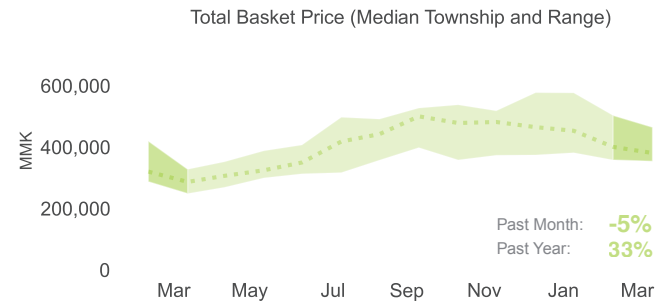
Product Analysis

Local supply pushed eggplant and long bean prices ever lower, but fish and chicken prices climbed. Prices fell 10-25% for toothpaste, sanitary pads, longyi, and charcoal.



Time Series Analysis

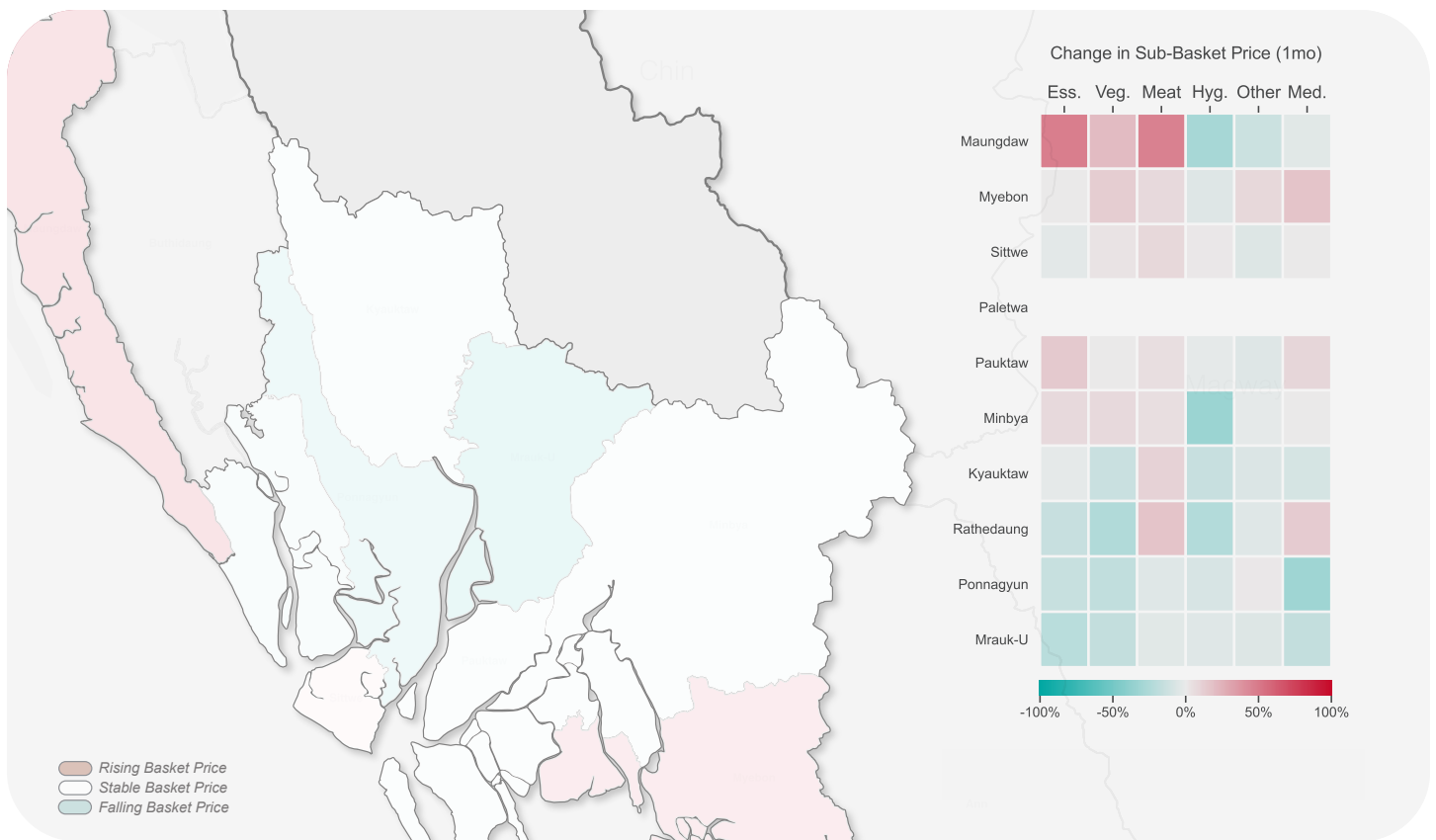
The median township basket fell 5% month-on-month in February, but it was up just 33% year-on-year following a six-month stretch of falling food prices (see p3).



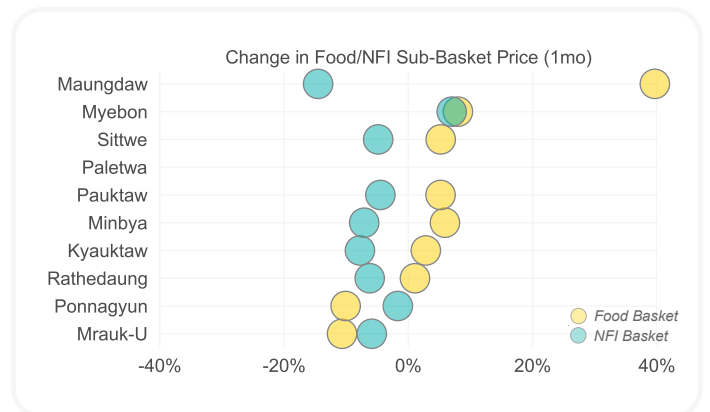
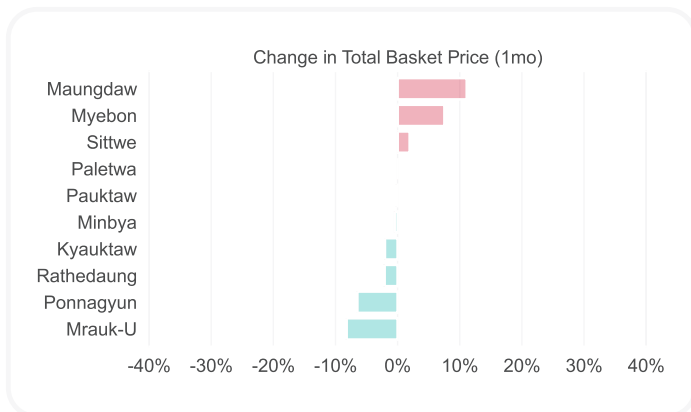
What to Watch

- Prices for **foods** will likely rise again in March as winter **vegetable** supply continues to taper off;
- Overall prices may have hit a seasonal low unless petrol prices push NFI prices lower;
- Food prices in **Maungdaw** should be watched closely, particularly imports from Bangladesh;
- Year-on-year prices increases will likely grow as the severe price shocks of early-2024 recede in time.

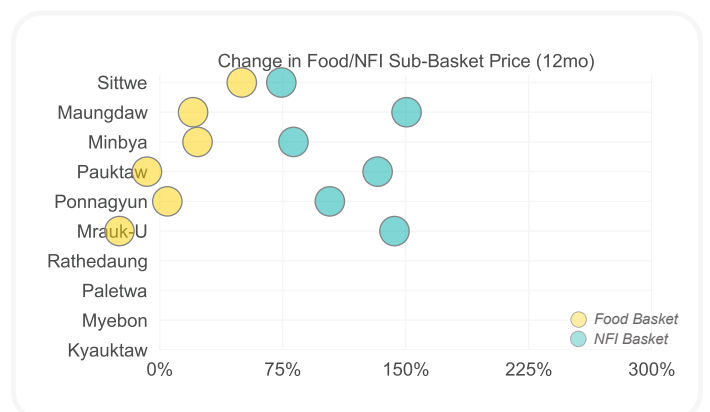
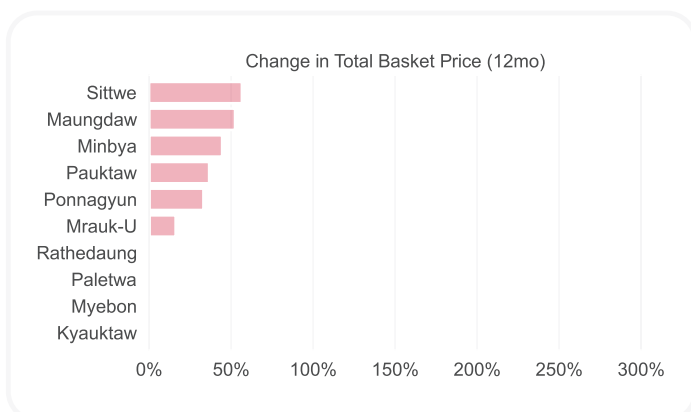
Further Township Analysis



Higher prices for food imports from Bangladesh pushed prices 11% higher in Maungdaw. In general, more markets began to see stable-or-rising food prices in February, which negated the impact of lower NFI prices.

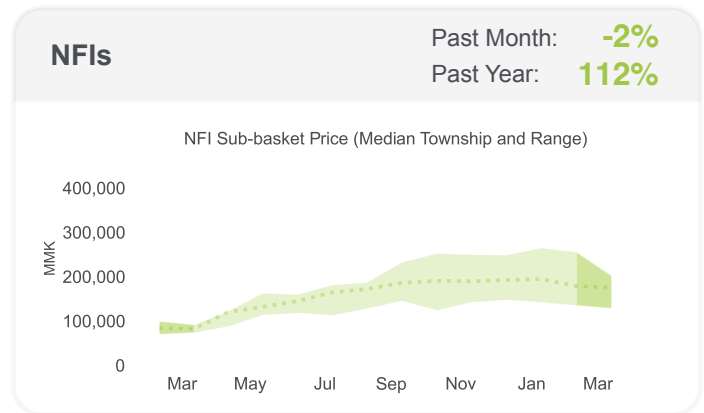
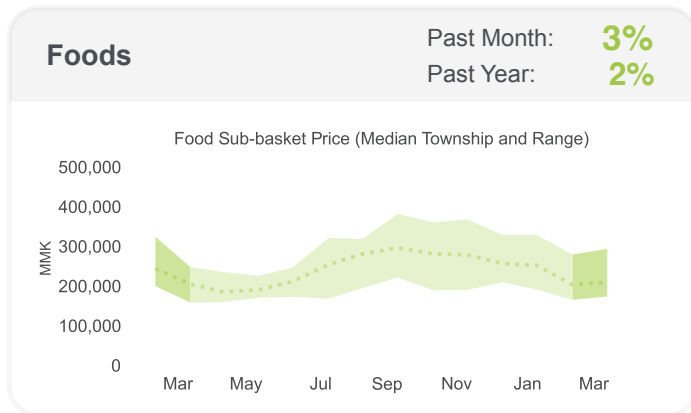


Overall basket prices were 25-50% higher year-on-year in February, depending on the market in question. NFIs were 75-150% higher year-on-year, while foods were 0-70% higher year-on-year.

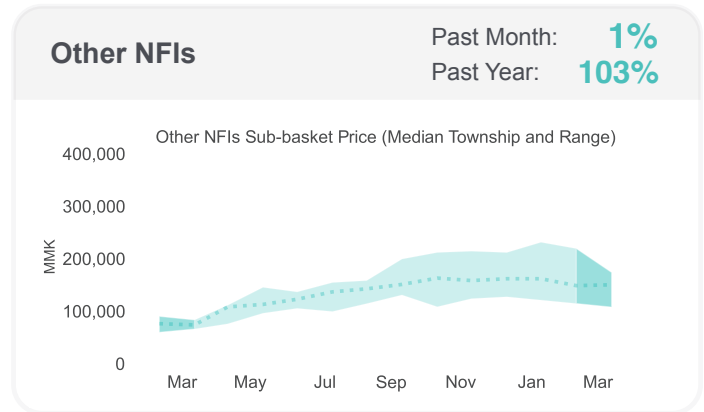
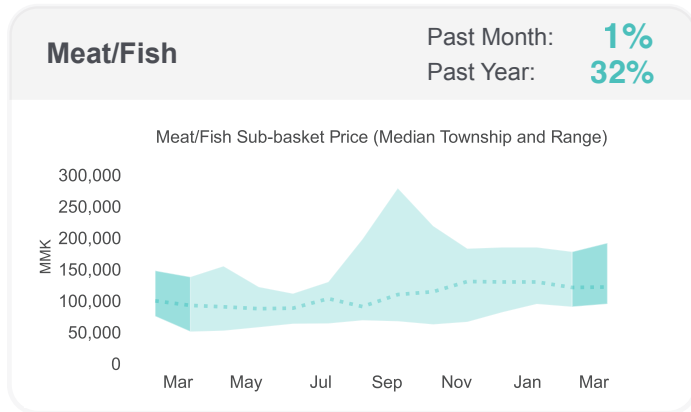
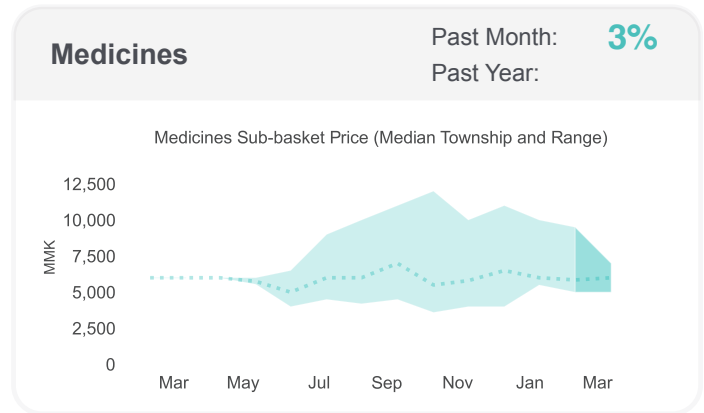
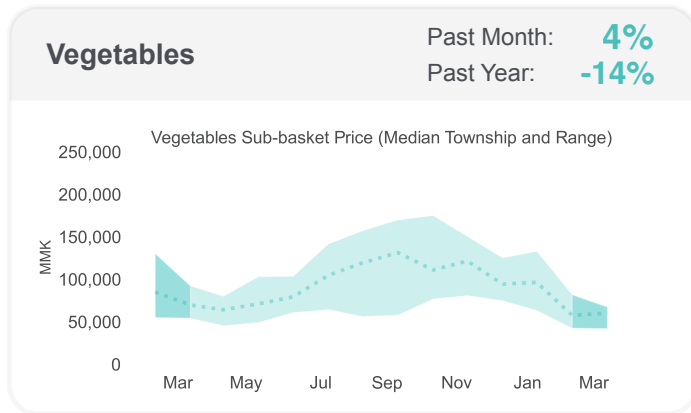
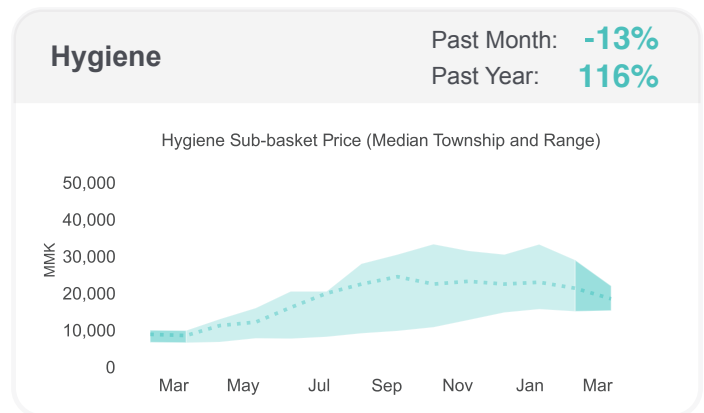
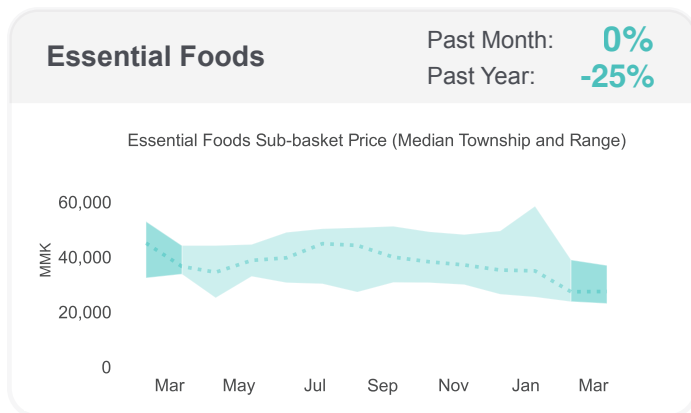


Further Time Series Analysis

The median township food basket rose 3% month-on-month in February, marking the first notable increase in six months. The median food basket was 2% higher year-on-year, while NFIs were up 112% year-on-year.



Vegetables and essential foods were down 14% and 25%, respectively, year-on-year, but meat/fish prices were up 32%. Hygiene NFIs were down 13% month-on-month, but they and other NFIs were up more than 100% year-on-year.



Price Table - February 2025

	Kyauktaw	Maungdaw	Minbya	Mrauk-U	Myebon	Paletwa	Pauktaw	Ponnagyun	Rathedaung	Sittwe
Better Rice (1 kg)	1,800	3,500	2,500	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	1,400	5,500
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	1,500	1,500	1,800	1,500	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	1,200	2,500
Cooking Oil (1 liter)	8,000	9,500	10,000	9,000	9,000	-	12,000	13,000	8,500	9,000
Pulse (1 viss)	12,000	21,000	13,000	13,000	15,000	-	15,000	17,000	12,000	20,000
Garlic (1 viss)	24,000	18,000	25,000	30,000	30,000	-	25,000	35,000	19,000	27,000
Onion (1 viss)	8,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000	-	8,500	20,000	9,000	8,500
Eggplant (1 viss)	1,500	2,000	1,000	2,500	1,500	-	3,000	1,000	2,500	4,500
Long Bean (1 viss)	2,000	7,000	1,000	-	4,000	-	3,500	2,000	2,500	4,000
Watercress (1 viss)	1,500	6,000	1,500	-	3,000	-	2,500	2,000	3,000	5,000
Green Chilli (1 viss)	3,500	20,000	4,500	5,000	4,000	-	3,500	5,000	10,000	10,000
Banana (1 bunch)	1,500	2,000	2,500	2,000	3,000	-	1,750	2,500	1,000	6,500
Chicken (1 viss)	55,000	70,000	45,000	40,000	40,000	-	32,000	57,000	45,000	60,000
Shrimp (1 viss)	25,000	28,000	9,000	7,500	24,000	-	13,000	20,000	30,000	32,000
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	30,000	35,000	32,000	25,000	25,000	-	18,000	24,000	43,000	50,000
Dried Fish (1 viss)	20,000	28,000	25,000	22,000	25,000	-	24,000	15,000	23,000	30,000
Fish Paste (1 viss)	5,000	15,000	10,000	7,000	7,500	-	8,000	6,000	5,000	20,000
Toothpaste (140 g)	7,000	5,000	7,500	9,000	7,000	-	12,000	7,000	6,000	6,500
Detergent (400 g)	4,500	5,000	6,000	5,000	5,500	-	5,000	4,000	4,500	4,500
Soap (60 g)	2,500	3,500	2,300	3,000	3,000	-	2,500	2,000	2,500	1,800
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	3,000	5,000	3,500	4,000	3,000	-	2,500	3,500	3,000	2,500
Charcoal (1 viss)	1,500	5,000	3,000	900	2,500	-	1,500	1,500	900	4,500
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	18,000	-	22,000	30,000	20,000	-	25,000	24,000	25,000	9,000
Blanket	24,000	30,000	25,000	30,000	24,000	-	32,000	28,000	22,500	18,000
Mosquito Net	23,000	10,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	-	25,000	23,000	20,000	12,500
Plastic Tarpaulin	24,000	-	12,000	24,000	26,000	-	20,000	16,000	13,000	14,000
Men's Longyi	14,000	20,000	14,000	20,000	15,000	-	18,000	15,000	15,000	14,750
Women's Longyi	7,000	17,000	16,000	20,000	17,000	-	32,000	17,000	18,000	14,000
Umbrella	18,000	25,000	15,000	18,000	18,000	-	13,500	16,000	17,500	-
Towel	2,500	15,000	15,000	5,000	18,000	-	7,000	12,000	8,000	3,500
Paracetamol (500 mg)	1,500	2,000	1,500	2,500	2,500	-	2,500	3,000	3,000	2,500
Amoxicillin (500 mg)	3,500	5,000	3,500	2,500	4,500	-	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,800

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