

Seasonal Monitoring Calendars: Djibouti

The following monitoring calendars were developed with data collected during a USAID funded and FEWS NET-led Household Economy Approach (HEA) baseline assessment in Djibouti. From this information, the following monitoring calendars derive the key variables to monitor – those that are most important to livelihood and food security at the household level. The tables below identify the key variables by livelihood zone and wealth group. In the second column, “All” stands for all wealth groups, “P” for the poor wealth group, “M” for the middle wealth group and “BO” for the better-off wealth group.

The calendars also indicate the most important months in which these variables should be monitored in a typical year. It is worth noting that the length of time that some variables are monitored may change given certain circumstances. For example, if regular information on labor is available it can be tracked throughout the year. Likewise, in a bad year, activities such as labor and charcoal/firewood sales may be expanded in order to cope, rendering it necessary to monitor these variables for an extended period of time.

Livelihood Zone 1: Northwest Pastoral Zone														
Key Variable	Wealth Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Staple food prices	All	Prices												
Goat milk production	All				Production					Production				
					Prices					Prices				
Salt	P, M	Prices												
Sorghum	P, M	Prices												
Sale of <i>onga</i>	P, M	Price												
Sale of livestock	All	Quantity sold												
		Price												
Rainfall		Sougum					Karma							

Livelihood Zone 2: Central Pastoral Zone
(Sub-zones A and B)

Key Variable	Wealth Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Staple food prices	All	Prices												
Cattle/camel milk production	All	Production												Production
		Prices												Prices
Goat milk production	P, M	Production								Production				
		Prices								Prices				
Sale of livestock	P, M	Quantity sold												
		Price												
Firewood sales	P, M	Availability and demand												
		Price												
Remittances	All													
Rainfall		Dadaac		Sougum						Karma		Dadaac		

Livelihood Zone 3: Southeast Pastoral Zone
(Sub-zones A and B)

Key Variable	Wealth Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Staple food prices	All	Prices											
Goat milk production	All	Production								Production			
		Prices								Prices			
Camel milk production	All	Production						Production					
		Prices						Prices					
Charcoal/firewood	P	Charcoal quantities sold			Firewood quantities sold						Charcoal sold		
		Price											
Livestock sales	All	Quantity sold											
		Price											
Rainfall	All	Heys/Dadaac		Diraac/Sougum						Kiran/Karma		Heys/Dadaac	

Livelihood Zone 4: Market Gardening Zone

Key Variable	Wealth Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Staple food prices	All	Prices												
Shoat milk production	All	Production					Production							
		Prices					Prices							
Vegetable harvest and sale	P, M	Production										Prices		
Fruit harvest	P, M	Production		Production						Prices				
Labor	P, M	Supply and demand						Supply and demand						
		Wages						Wages						
Sale of livestock	All	Quantity sold				Quantity sold				Price				
Rainfall		Heys/Dadaac		Diraac/Sougum			Karan/Karma			Heys/Dadaac				