

Seasonal Monitoring Calendars: South Sudan

The following monitoring calendars were developed with data collected during a USAID funded and FEWS NET-led Household Economy Approach (HEA) baseline assessment in South Sudan. 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 or collection of wild foods may be expanded in order to cope, rendering it necessary to monitor these variables for an extended period of time.

Livelihood Zone 1: Western Flood Plains Zone													
Key Variable	Wealth Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Staple food prices	All	Prices											
Maize	All	Production											
		Prices											
Sorghum	P, M	Production								Production			Production
		Prices											
Sesame/okra/pumpkin	P, M	Production											
		Prices											
Tobacco	P, M	Production					Production			Production			
		Prices											
Rice	All	Production											
		Prices											
Groundnuts	M, BO	Production											
		Prices											
Fishing	All	Production								Production			
		Prices											
Labor	P	Supply & Demand											
		Wages											
Migratory labor	P	Supply & Demand								Supply & Demand			
		Wages								Wages			
Wild foods	All	Production						Production					
		Prices											
Livestock Migration		Migrate to lowland						Migrate to highland					

Livelihood Zone 2: Eastern Flood Plain

Key Variable	Wealth Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Staple food prices	All	Prices												
Sorghum	All									Production				
		Prices												
Maize/groundnuts	P, M									Production				
		Prices												
Sesame/pumpkin	P, M									Production				
		Prices												
Tobacco	P, M						Production							
		Prices												
Livestock grazing	All	Dry season grazing					Migrate to highland							
Fishing	All	Production												
		Prices												
Game hunting	All	Quantity Sold												
		Prices												
Wild foods	All	Production				Production								

Livelihood Zone 3: Nile Sobat River

Key Variable	Wealth Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Staple food prices	All	Prices												
Sorghum	All	Production											Production	
		Prices												
Maize	All			Production										
		Prices												
Pumpkin	All									Production				
		Prices												
Tobacco	All											Production		
		Prices												
Livestock grazing		Dry season grazing					Migrate to highland							
Fishing	All	Production												
		Prices												
Wild foods	All							Production						
		Prices												

Livelihood Zone 4: Ironstone Plateau

Key Variable	Wealth Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Staple food prices	P,M	Prices											
Maize	All	Production											
		Prices											
Sorghum	All	Production											
		Prices											
Tobacco	M, BO	Production											
		Prices											
Groundnuts	All	Production											
		Prices											
Sesame	All	Production											
		Prices											
Sweet potato/ cassava	All	Production				Production							
		Prices											
Wild foods	All	Production											
		Prices											
Game hunting	All	Quantity sold								Quantity sold			
		Prices											
Labor	P,M	Local											
		Wages											
Migratory labor	P,M	Migrant								Migrant			
		Wages								Wages			

Livelihood Zone 5: Greenbelt

Key Variable	Wealth Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Staple food prices	All	Prices												
Grains and pulses	All							Production						
		Prices/terms of trade												
Tobacco	M, BO							Production						
		Prices/terms of trade												
Sesame	All							Production						
		Prices/terms of trade												
Sweet potato/vegetables	All							Production						
		Prices/terms of trade												
Cassava	All	Production												
		Prices/terms of trade												
Coffee	All	Production									Production			
		Prices												
Fruit	All					Production								
						Prices								
Game hunting	M, BO	Quantity sold												
		Prices												
Wild foods	All	Production												
		Prices												
Honey	All	Production						Production					Production	
		Prices												
Fishing	All	Production												Production
		Prices												
Labor	P					Supply & Demand								
						Wages								

Livelihood Zone 6: Hills and Mountain

Key Variable	Wealth Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Staple food prices	All	Prices											
Maize	All	Prices											
		Production											
Sorghum	All	Prices											
		Production											
Cowpeas/ groundnuts	All	Prices											
		Production											
Millet	All	Prices											
		Production											
Tobacco	All	Prices											
		Production											
Sesame	All	Prices											
		Production											
Cassava	All	Prices											
		Production											
Sweet potato	All	Prices											
		Production											
Wild foods	All	Prices											
		Production											
Game	All	Prices											
		Quantity sold											
Honey	All	Prices											
		Production											
Labor	All	Supply & Demand											
		Wages											
Migratory labor	P,M	Supply & Demand											
		Wages											

Livelihood Zone 7: Arid/Pastoral

Key Variable	Wealth Group	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Staple food prices	All	Prices											
Sorghum	All	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Production </div>											
Livestock Migration	All	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Migrating At home Migrating </div>											
Milk	All	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> low production High production low production </div>											
Game hunting	All	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Quantity sold </div>											
Livestock trade/sales for grain	All	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Quantity sold </div>											