

Market Price Report

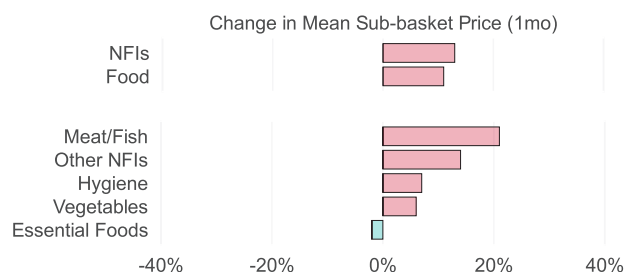


KEY FINDINGS

- **Food and NFI prices rose faster than last month**, increasing 11% and 13%, respectively, in August;
- **Meat/fish price rose more than 20%** as flooding exacerbated seasonal low supply and pushed prices up;
- **Shelter-related NFIs saw prices climb 5-15%**, with mosquito nets, umbrellas, and towels rising the most;
- **Prices spiked sharply again in Sittwe**, although nearly all markets saw overall price increases;
- **The total basket price rose 14% month-on-month**, the fastest pace since December of 2023;
- **Shelter NFI prices rose as floods made shipping hard** and transportation costs climbed for high-demand items.

Sub-Basket Analysis

The food and NFI baskets rose faster than last month, climbing 11% and 13%, respectively. Poor roads from flooding spurred price hikes for meat/fish and NFIs in particular. Essential foods were fairly stable for a second straight month.



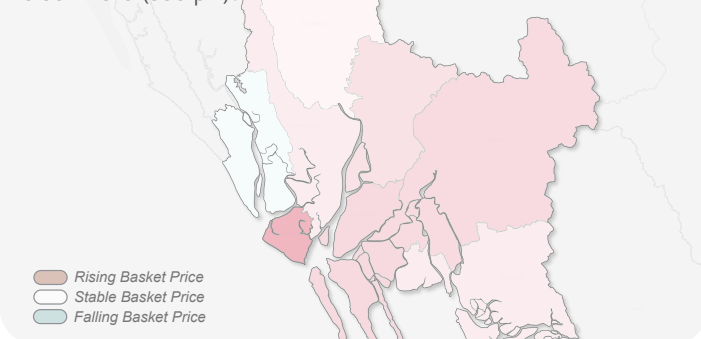
Product Analysis

Most prices monitored rose 5-10% in August. Some NFIs like towels and mosquito nets rose more than 10%, while fresh fish and eggplant rose 20% or more.



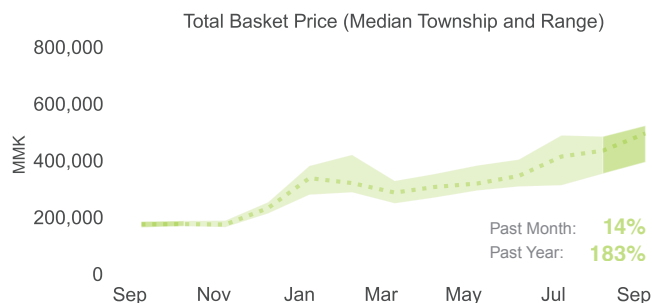
Township Analysis

Nearly all markets monitored saw significantly higher prices in August, but Sittwe prices again rose much faster than elsewhere (see p2).



Time Series Analysis

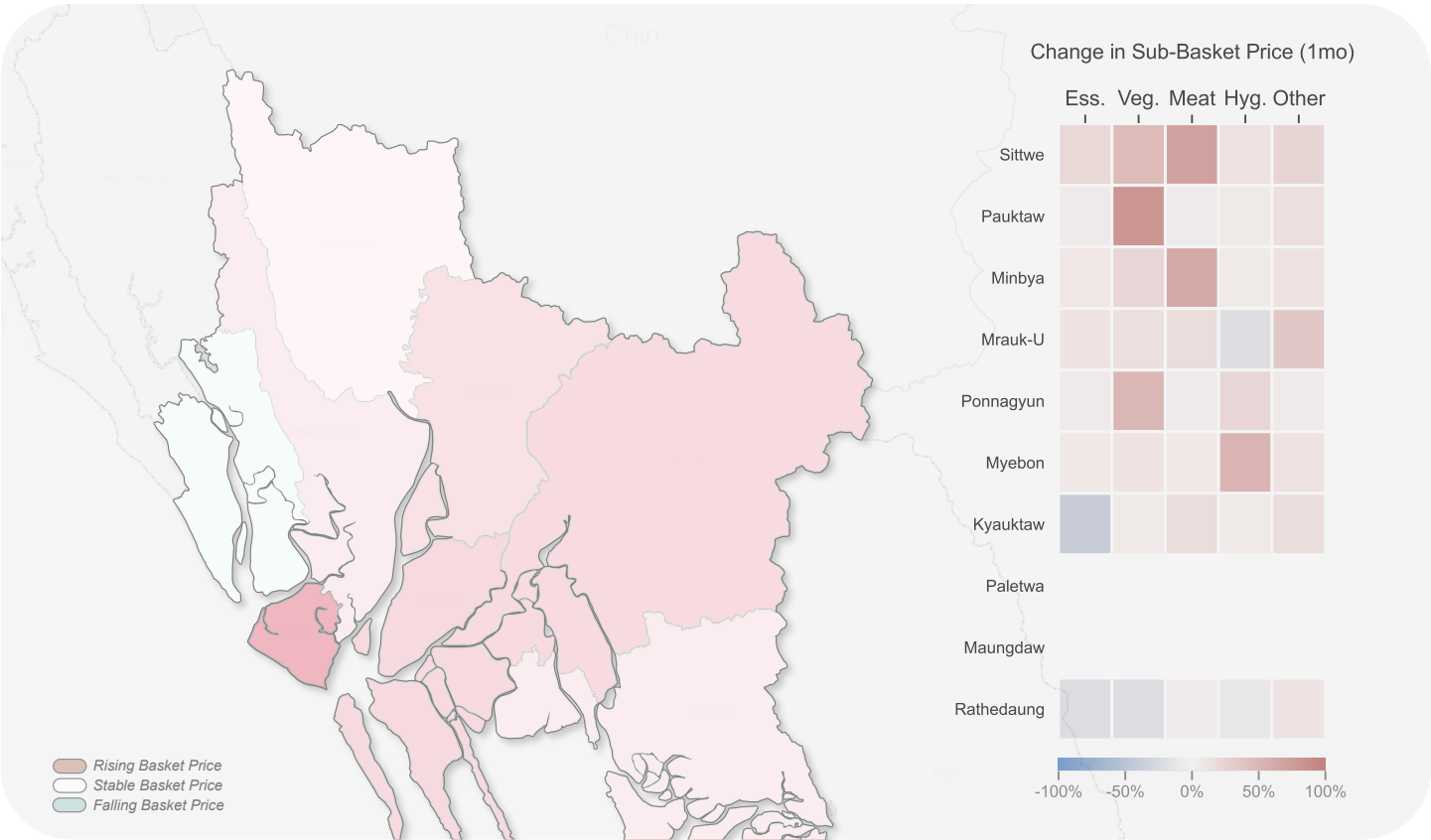
The total basket price rose 14% month-on-month in August—similar to the steep price hikes observed in June—and it was up 183% year-on-year (see p3).



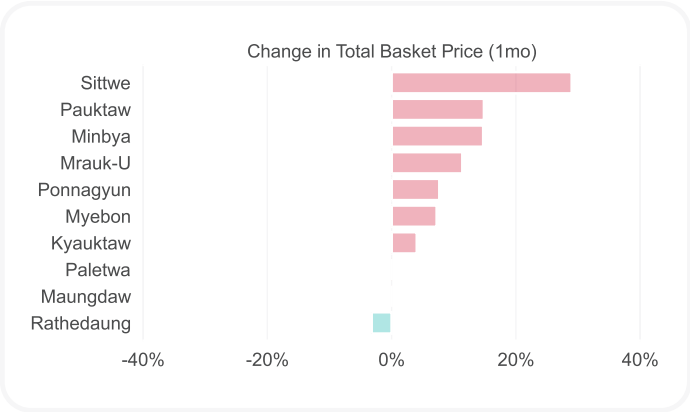
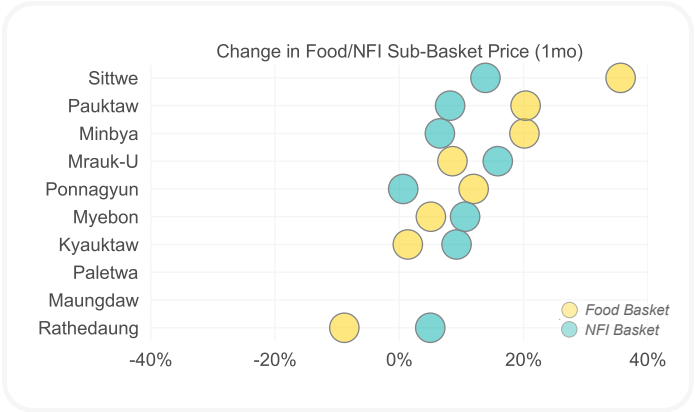
What to Watch

- Prices for **vegetables** will likely continue upward as rain complicates access to scarce local supply;
- Prices for **shelter NFIs** like plastic tarps will likely rise further as the monsoon season wears on;
- Access to food and NFIs in **Sittwe** should be watched closely as prices have surged since June;
- Conflict dynamics remain a critical x-factor in price trends recently driven by weather conditions.

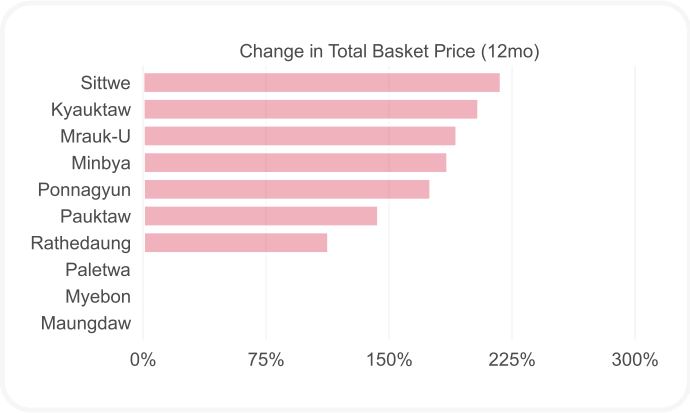
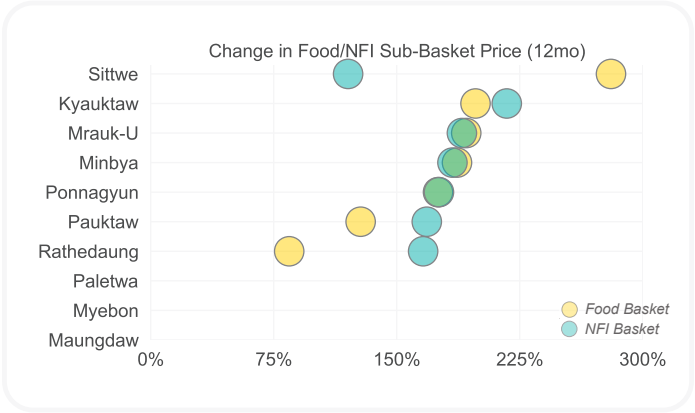
Further Township Analysis



The markets with the steepest price hikes in August—such as Sittwe, Pauktaw, and Minbya—saw foods rise faster than NFIs. Prices were more stable in Rathedaung, where less reliance on roads may have mitigated the impacts of heavy rain.



Rising prices in Sittwe pushed overall year-on-year price increases close to 225%, while Kyauktaw and other markets were not far behind. Most markets saw foods and NFIs increase at similar rates year-on-year, except Sittwe where food prices surged.



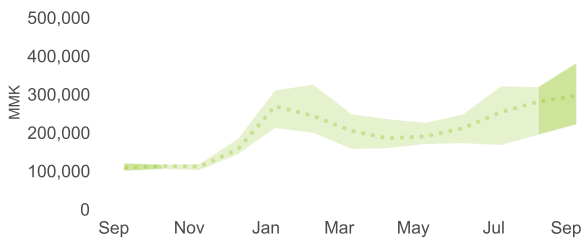
Further Time Series Analysis

The median food and NFI baskets both rose more than 170% year-on-year in August, as recent price increases for foods pushed them closer to NFIs. The median food and NFI baskets were both up 6% month-on-month in August.

Foods

Past Month: **6%**
Past Year: **173%**

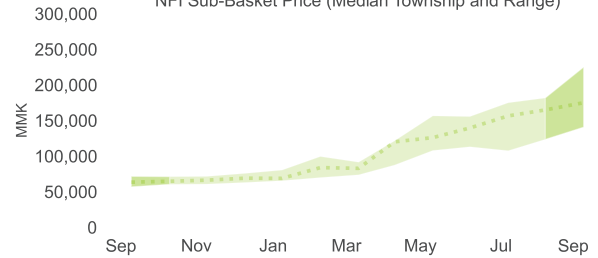
Food Sub-Basket Price (Median Township and Range)



NFIs

Past Month: **6%**
Past Year: **176%**

NFI Sub-Basket Price (Median Township and Range)

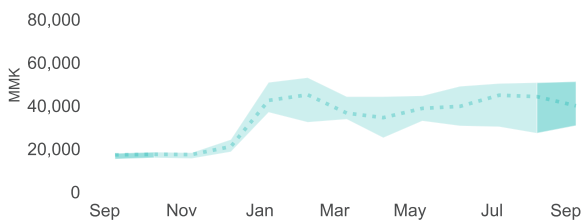


The year-on-year increase for the vegetable and hygiene NFI baskets approached 350% in August, while the essential foods and other NFIs baskets rose 130-160%. The median meat/fish basket was up 85% year-on-year following this month's hikes.

Essential Foods

Past Month: **-10%**
Past Year: **131%**

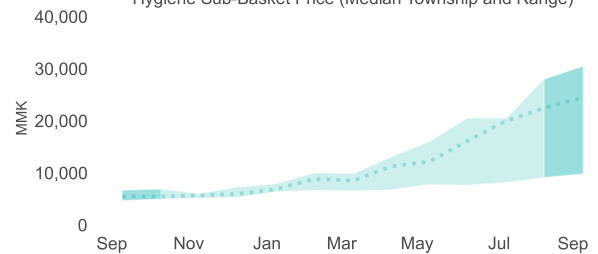
Essential Foods Sub-Basket Price (Median Township and Range)



Hygiene

Past Month: **9%**
Past Year: **345%**

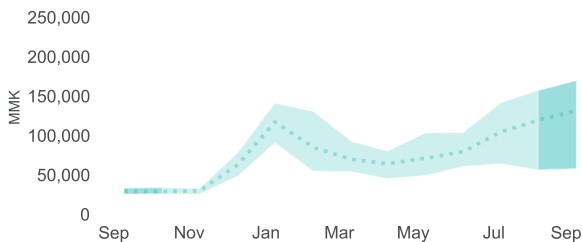
Hygiene Sub-Basket Price (Median Township and Range)



Vegetables

Past Month: **10%**
Past Year: **352%**

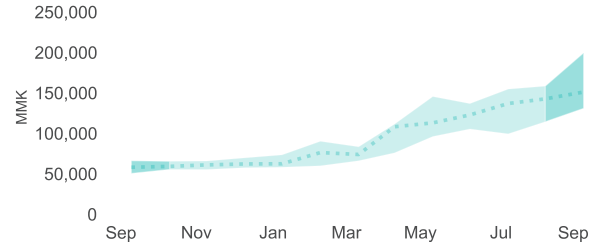
Vegetables Sub-Basket Price (Median Township and Range)



Other NFIs

Past Month: **6%**
Past Year: **160%**

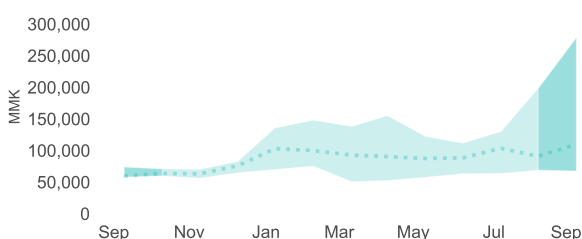
Other NFIs Sub-Basket Price (Median Township and Range)



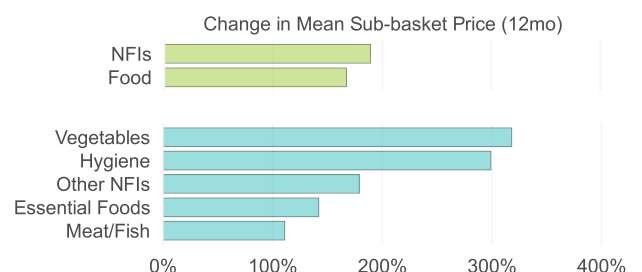
Meat/Fish

Past Month: **21%**
Past Year: **85%**

MeatFish Sub-Basket Price (Median Township and Range)



Year-on-year price hikes were largest for vegetables and hygiene NFIs, but prices varied widely across markets.



Price Table - August 2024

	Kyauktaw	Maungdaw	Minbya	Mrauk-U	Myebon	Paletwa	Pauktaw	Ponnagyun	Rathedaung	Sittwe
Better Rice (1 kg)	2500	5000	2300	2500	3000		2500	1800	2000	5000
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	2000	3000	1700	1700	2000		1500	1400	1500	2800
Cooking Oil (1 liter)	13000		17000	11000	20000		12000	23000	15000	11000
Pulse (1 viss)	20000	13000	27000	25000	20500		24000	25000	20000	12000
Garlic (1 viss)	50000	23000	43000	50000	49000		40000	50000	30000	18000
Onion (1 viss)	25000	13500	25000	25000	37000		22000	25000	20000	6500
Eggplant (1 viss)		7000	3500	6800	5000			5000	6250	
Long Bean (1 viss)		4000	3000	7500	7000		4000		6500	
Watercress (1 viss)	1500	1000	2500	1500	1500		2300	2000	2500	8000
Green Chili (1 viss)	60000	8000	52000	78000	48000			70000	30000	22000
Banana (1 bunch)	2500	1500	2500	1000	4500		2500	2000	2000	7000
Shrimp (1 viss)	18000	10000	24000	7000	19000		8000	22000	3750	40000
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	30000	20000	26000	23000	29000		12000	30000	12000	150000
Dried Fish (1 viss)	30000	42000	35000	22000	21000		12000	12000	25000	30000
Fish Paste (1 viss)	5000	25000	6000	10000	8000		10000	11000		19000
Chicken (1 viss)	53000	60000	26000	35000	20000		25500			40000
Toothpaste (140 g)	8500	6000	10000	9500	14500		12000	10000	8500	3500
Detergent (400 g)	6000	7000	5500	6500	8000		6500	7000	5500	2500
Soap (60 g)	2500	2500	2600	4000	4000		2500	3000	2500	1800
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	5000	10000	4500	4500	4000		4500	4500	5000	2000
Charcoal (1 viss)	1500		1200	1100	4500		2500	1600	1200	3000
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	25000		8000	19000	21000		18000	15000	22000	
Blanket	15000		24000	38000	17000		16000	25000	19000	
Mosquito Net	25000	30000	19000	25000	16500		17000	22000	18000	
Plastic Tarpaulin	30000	60000	25000	30000	28000		20000	20000	28000	14000
Men's Longyi	18000	20000	18000	20000	19000		26000	17000	20000	15000
Women's Longyi	13000	20000		20000	21000			23000	12000	12000
Umbrella	24000	25000	26000	25000	35000		19000	17000	23000	
Towel	7250	5000	9000	5000	8500		8000	10000	8000	4000

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