

Market Price Report

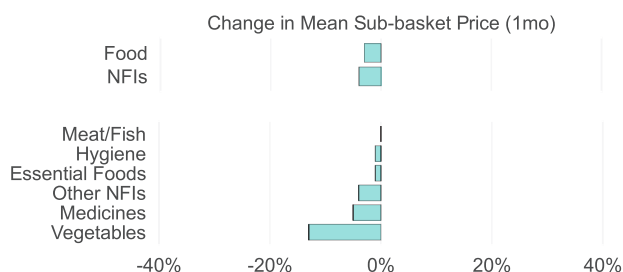


KEY FINDINGS

- **The total basket price fell 5% in March**, extending a seven-month slide, albeit more gradually than in past months;
- **Food and NFI prices fell 3 and 4%, respectively**, with medicines and shelter goods leading NFI prices lower;
- **Lower winter food prices lingered longer than last year** due to continued supply of local winter vegetables;
- **Higher prices set in in Maungdaw and Kyauktaw**, as food prices began rising there;
- **The total basket price rose 19% year-on-year**, which was less than February due to still-falling prices;
- **The recent earthquake will likely impact supply** of garlic, onion and possibly even rice.

Sub-Basket Analysis

Food and NFI prices fell 3% and 4%, respectively, in March. Meat/fish and essential foods were stable, but vegetable prices fell 13% on sustained supply. NFI prices declined as medicines and other NFIs fell 5% and 4%, respectively.



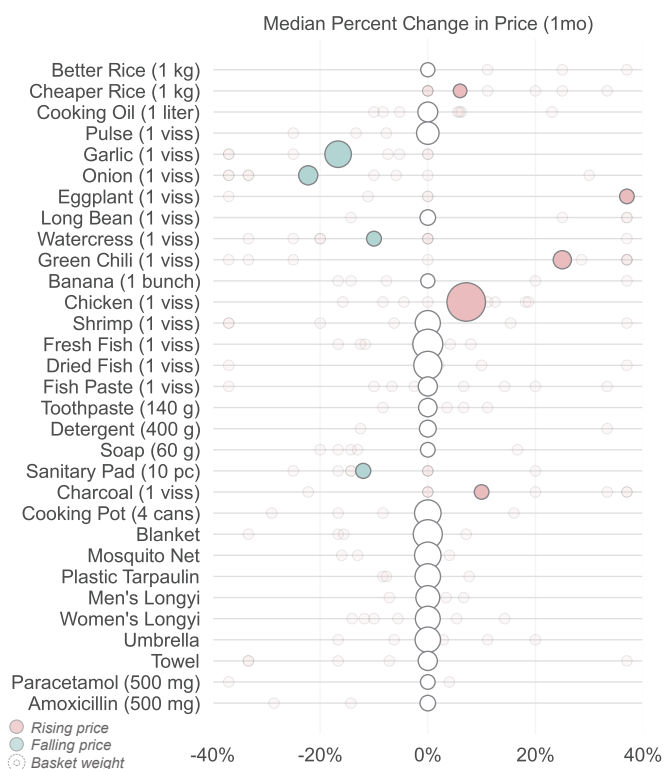
Township Analysis

The total basket price rose in the northern townships of Maungdaw and Kyauktaw, but it continued to fall elsewhere (see p2).



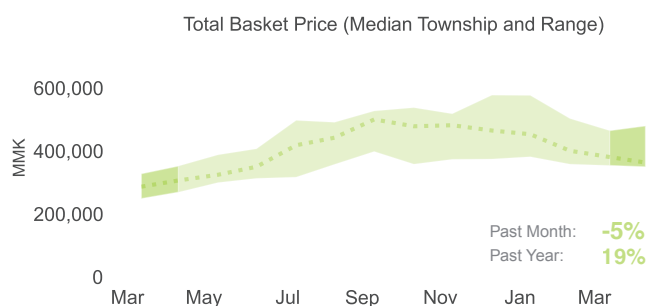
Product Analysis

Rising eggplant and green chili prices signaled a possible end to lower winter vegetable prices. Chicken prices rose again in March, but other meat/fish items were stable.



Time Series Analysis

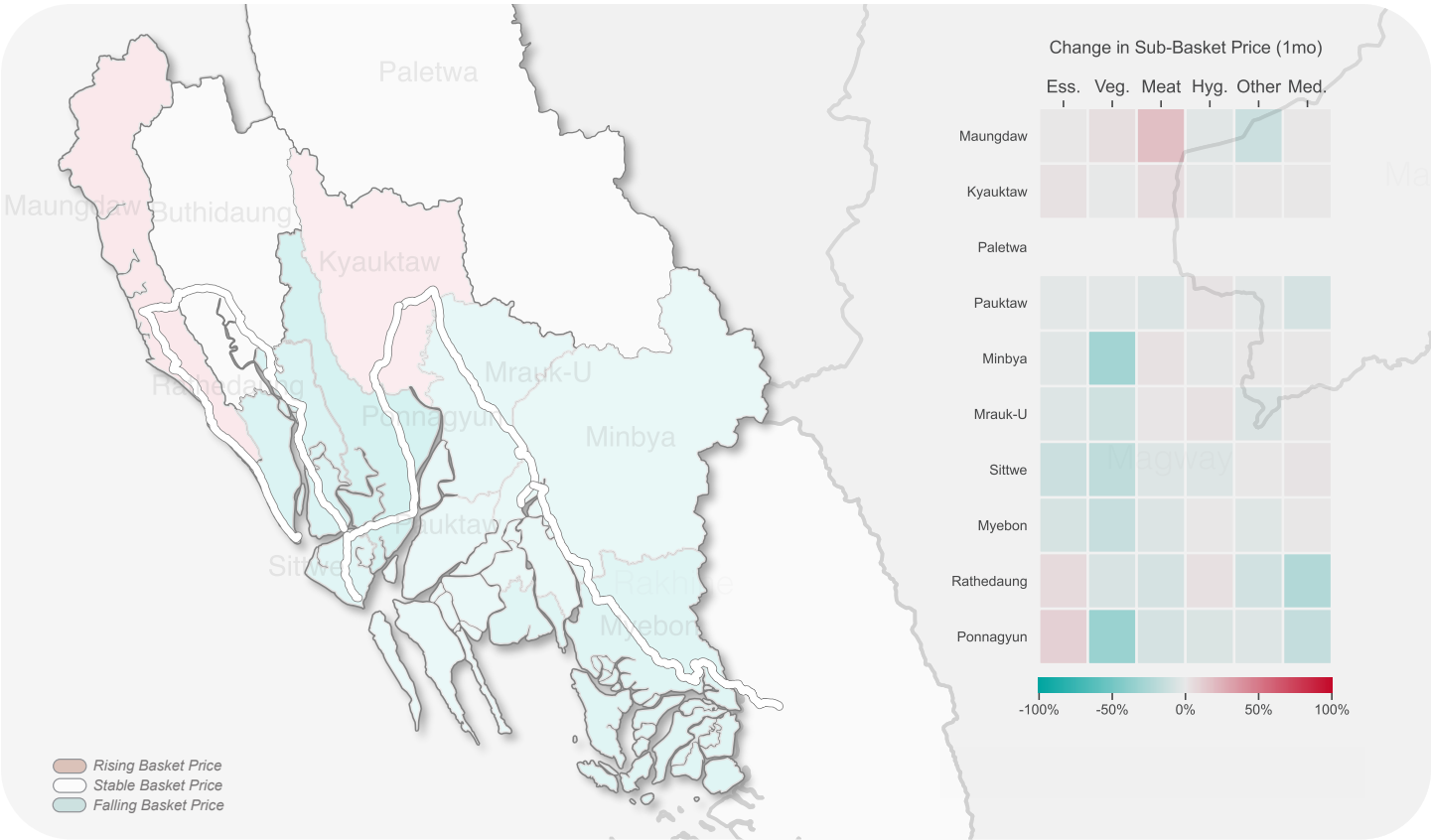
The median township basket fell 5% month-on-month in March, as it did in February. Prices were up just 19% year-on-year as low prices lingered longer than in 2024 (see p3).



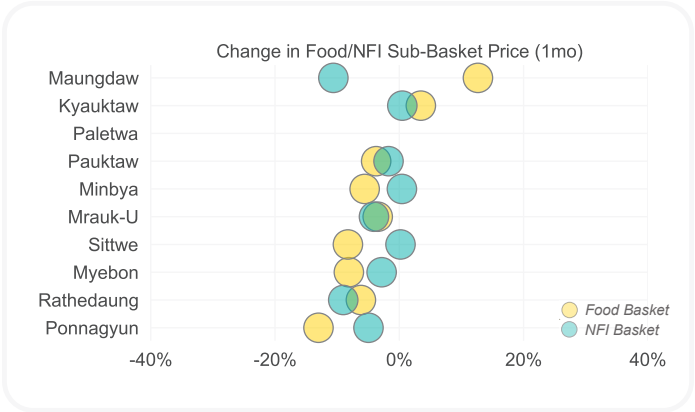
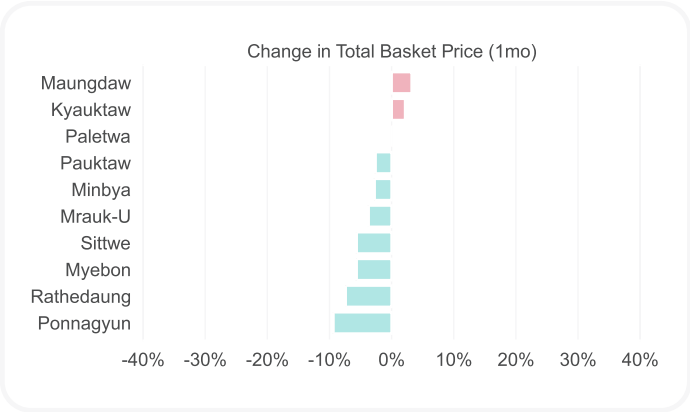
What to Watch

- Prices for **vegetables** and **essential foods** will likely start rising in April as seasonal trends take over;
- Prices for **hygiene** and **shelter NFIs** also likely to begin rising soon as monsoon fast approaches;
- Prices for **rice**, **garlic**, and **onion** may rise if the earthquake disrupts supply from central Myanmar;
- The interaction of conflict- and the earthquake-effects on supply will make price forecasting difficult.

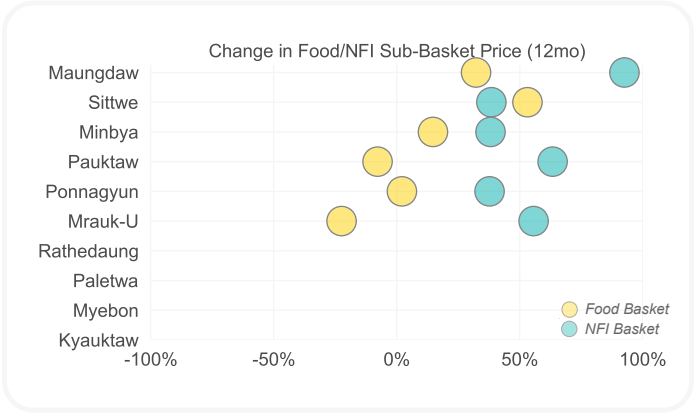
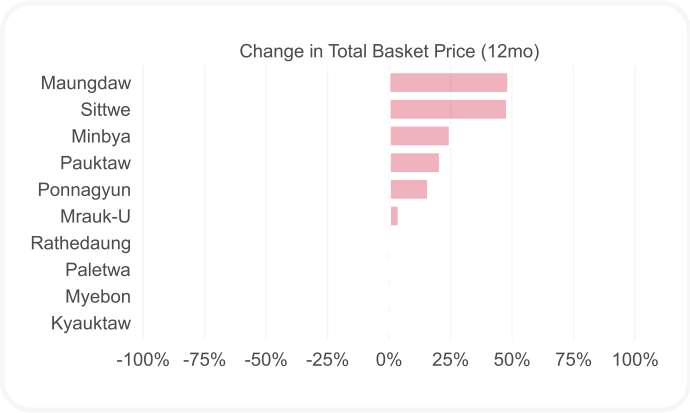
Further Township Analysis



The total basket price rose in Maungdaw and Kyauktaw, where food prices bucked the regional trend and began rising in March. Other townships to the south saw falling prices for both foods and NFIs.



The total basket prices was up 50%, year-on-year, in Sittwe and Maungdaw, where food prices rose 40-50% and NFIs rose 40-100%. Prices were up 20-25%, year-on-year, elsewhere as stable-or-falling food prices counterbalanced rising NFI prices.

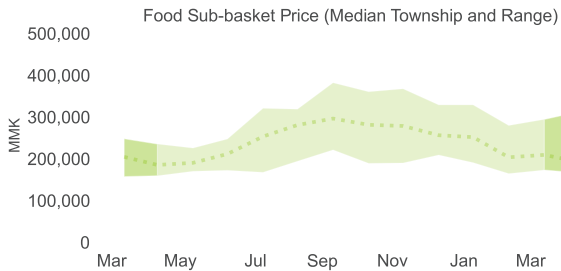


Further Time Series Analysis

Food prices continued their long march downward in March, and NFI prices maintained a stable-or-falling trajectory dating back to September 2024.

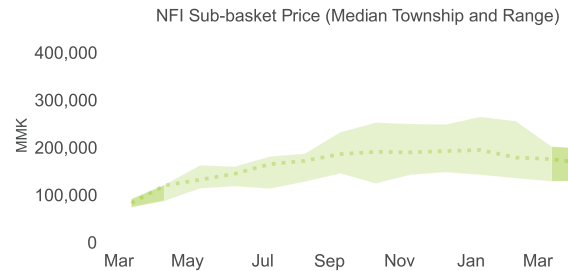
Foods

Past Month: **-7%**
Past Year: **5%**



NFIs

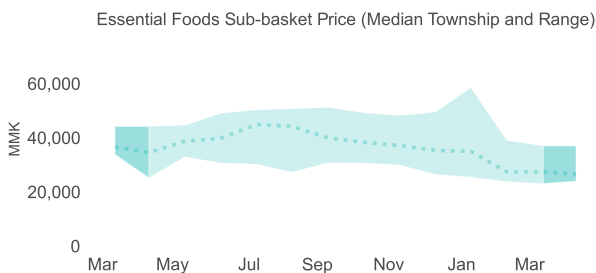
Past Month: **-5%**
Past Year: **39%**



Vegetables and essential foods continued to lead food prices lower, and meat/fish prices were relatively stable. Hygiene prices were flat after months of declining prices, but medicines and other NFIs were lower.

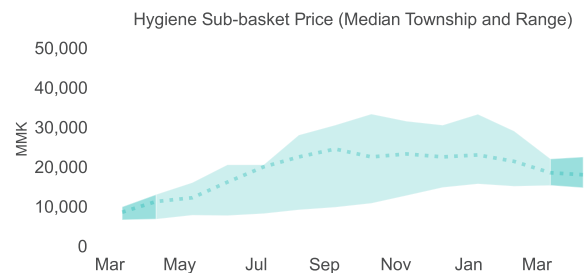
Essential Foods

Past Month: **-4%**
Past Year: **-23%**



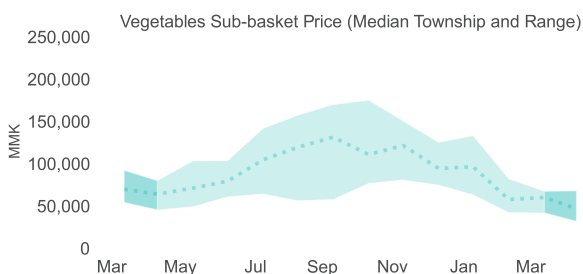
Hygiene

Past Month: **-3%**
Past Year: **60%**



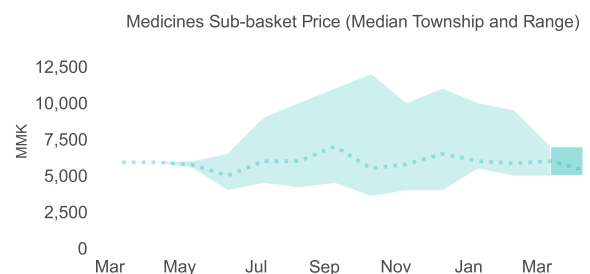
Vegetables

Past Month: **-22%**
Past Year: **-27%**



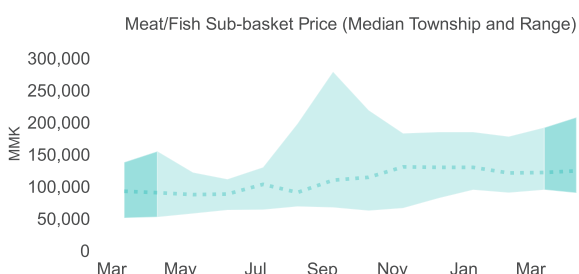
Medicines

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



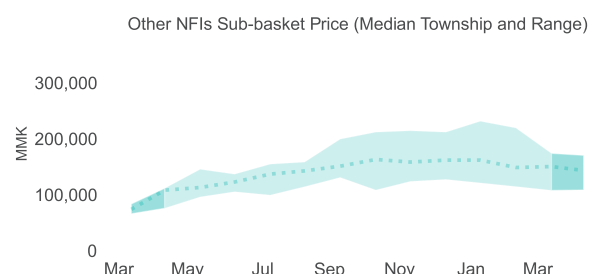
Meat/Fish

Past Month: **2%**
Past Year: **38%**



Other NFIs

Past Month: **-5%**
Past Year: **33%**



Price Table - March 2025

	Kyauktaw	Maungdaw	Minbya	Mrauk-U	Myebon	Paletwa	Pauktaw	Ponnagyun	Rathedaung	Sittwe
Better Rice (1 kg)	2,000	3,500	2,500	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	2,500	2,000	5,500
Cheaper Rice (1 kg)	1,500	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,500	-	1,800	1,500	1,500	2,650
Cooking Oil (1 liter)	8,500	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	-	11,000	16,000	9,000	9,500
Pulse (1 viss)	12,000	21,000	13,000	12,000	13,000	-	15,000	17,000	12,000	15,000
Garlic (1 viss)	18,000	18,000	12,000	25,000	25,000	-	25,000	20,000	18,000	25,000
Onion (1 viss)	8,000	13,000	9,000	10,000	10,000	-	8,000	7,000	7,000	5,000
Eggplant (1 viss)	2,500	2,000	2,000	1,500	2,500	-	3,000	2,000	4,250	4,000
Long Bean (1 viss)	2,500	7,000	2,000	-	4,000	-	3,000	5,000	2,500	4,000
Watercress (1 viss)	2,500	6,000	1,000	-	3,000	-	2,000	1,500	3,000	4,000
Green Chilli (1 viss)	6,750	20,000	3,000	9,000	5,000	-	4,500	7,000	7,500	6,000
Banana (1 bunch)	1,500	2,000	3,000	2,000	2,500	-	1,500	2,500	1,500	6,000
Chicken (1 viss)	65,000	75,000	43,000	40,000	45,000	-	38,000	48,000	50,000	55,000
Shrimp (1 viss)	25,000	28,000	18,000	7,500	10,000	-	15,000	16,000	17,500	30,000
Fresh Fish (1 viss)	25,000	35,000	28,000	25,000	27,000	-	18,000	25,000	38,000	49,000
Dried Fish (1 viss)	22,000	56,000	25,500	22,000	25,000	-	15,000	15,000	23,000	30,000
Fish Paste (1 viss)	4,500	14,000	10,000	8,000	8,000	-	4,000	8,000	6,000	19,500
Toothpaste (140 g)	7,250	5,000	8,000	10,000	7,000	-	12,000	7,000	5,500	6,500
Detergent (400 g)	4,500	5,000	6,000	5,000	5,500	-	5,000	3,500	6,000	4,500
Soap (60 g)	2,500	3,000	2,000	3,500	3,000	-	2,500	2,000	2,000	1,500
Sanitary Pad (10 pc)	2,500	5,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,200
Charcoal (1 viss)	1,500	5,500	3,000	2,500	2,500	-	2,000	1,800	1,500	3,500
Cooking Pot (4 cans)	18,000	15,000	22,000	25,000	20,000	-	29,000	22,000	17,750	9,000
Blanket	24,000	25,000	25,000	30,000	24,000	-	27,000	30,000	15,000	18,000
Mosquito Net	23,000	10,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	-	21,000	20,000	20,000	13,000
Plastic Tarpaulin	24,000	-	11,000	24,000	24,000	-	20,000	16,000	14,000	14,000
Men's Longyi	14,000	20,000	13,000	20,000	15,000	-	18,000	16,000	15,000	15,250
Women's Longyi	8,000	15,000	16,000	18,000	17,000	-	27,500	17,000	17,000	14,750
Umbrella	18,000	25,000	18,000	15,000	18,000	-	15,000	15,000	18,000	-
Towel	2,500	10,000	15,000	5,000	15,000	-	11,000	8,000	8,000	3,250
Paracetamol (500 mg)	1,500	2,000	1,500	2,500	2,500	-	2,500	3,000	1,500	2,600
Amoxicillin (500 mg)	3,500	5,000	3,500	2,500	4,500	-	3,000	2,500	3,500	2,800

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