

WHAT DOES FOOD INSECURITY LOOK LIKE?

Some examples from Liberia

GRAN says:

The root causes of hunger are many and varied, and they rarely occur in isolation. Instead, they overlap and interact, reinforcing each other and making already difficult situations worse.

- Poverty
- Inequality
- Armed conflict and political instability
- Climate change and natural disasters
- Economic shocks and rising food prices
- Food system failures





Poverty

- 178/191 countries HDI
- 2 wells for 500 people
- Limited diet
- 1 clinic with 1 nurse, 1-2 days walk
- 13% literacy rate among women
- 1 primary school, 1 jr high school, nearest high school a day's drive away
- No gov't services





Inequality

- Monrovia-centric
- Subsidised rice
- Highly corrupt at all levels
- Gender inequality, GBV



Armed conflict and political instability

- Impact of civil war
- 2017 was first peaceful transfer of power
- Corruption at all levels



Climate change and natural disasters

- Deforestation and degradation



Economic shocks and rising food prices

- rising fuel prices and no fuel
- Rising food prices

PRICE OF PETROL IN LIBERIA EXCEEDS THE DAILY WAGE AS CITIZENS COMPLAIN OF HARD TIME

ROARING PETROLEUM PRICES

Up this morning and went to the filling station, but we were surprised to say L\$1000 for gallon. We are still buying it because, we can't like to be parked. When the bike is parked, the children and I, who here will not eat, too. Since this morning, I have not even made L\$200 in my bag now. Before gas price could go up, I have made \$1500 by this time." – **Solomon Manobah, 42, Father of Three**

**REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
MONROVIA**

For Review: Petrol Price Increase

March 7, 2022

New Price Ceiling For Petroleum Products on the Liberian Market Effective 1st March, 2022

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in close consultation with the management of the State Petroleum Marketing Company (SPMC), has announced that the prices of gasoline (PMS) has been regulated for one dollar (one dollar and eleven cents) (L\$1.11) per gallon. This price is based on the current market price of L\$1.47 per gallon. The price increase is based on the international petroleum market price. The new price ceiling is based on the current market price of L\$1.47 per gallon. The price increase is based on the international petroleum market price. The new price ceiling is based on the current market price of L\$1.47 per gallon.

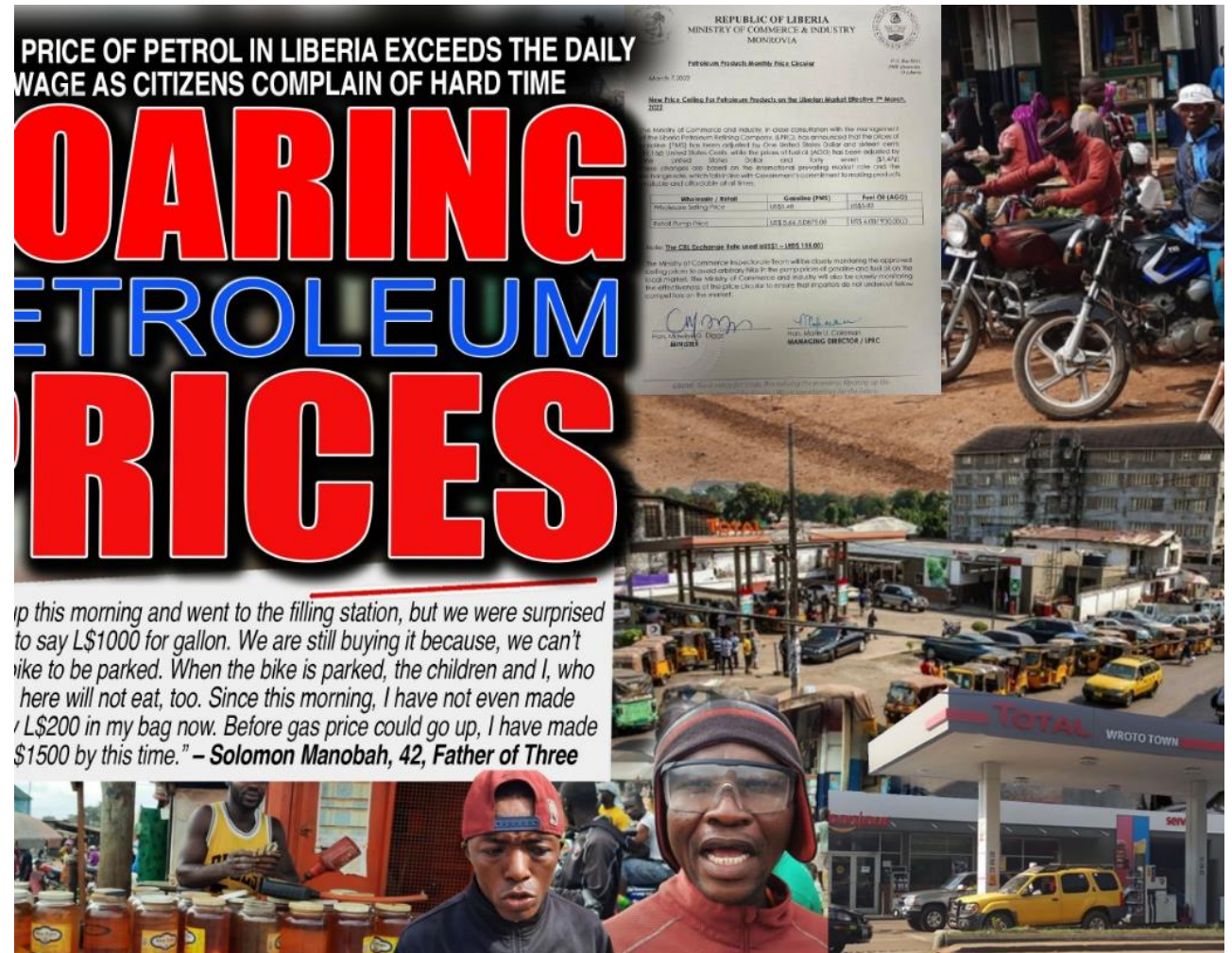
Category	Current Price (PMS)	New Price (L\$)
Wholesale / Retail	1.47	1.11
Private Pump Price	1.47	1.11

Note: The CRI Exchange Rate used is L\$1 = 1805.115.00

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry will be closely monitoring the approved ceiling price to ensure that it is not exceeded. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry will also be closely monitoring the effectiveness of the price ceiling to ensure that it is not undermined by any other means.

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Minister of Commerce and Industry

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MANAGING DIRECTOR / SPMC



Food system failures

- Oil palm plantations
- Subsidies for imported rice



POTENTIAL FOR CHANGE











Thank you