

	Source and frequency	Comments on use	Hyperlinks and examples
Commodity prices, food prices and hunger			
Commodity prices (global prices)	Available immediately (e.g. FT for oil/copper prices; IMF/WB weekly/monthly averages with a short time lag (a few weeks)	Variable reflecting many issues such as supply/demand and others	Oil price (paywall) IMF World Bank Price data (pink sheet) GroAgro
Food prices (domestic prices)	FAO food prices, monthly (a week time lag) IFPRI's Food Price Monitor covers daily price data for domestic markets in India, Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi National statistics offices	Localised data patchy	FAO food price index IFPRI dashboard
Hunger	WFP, number of people with insufficient food consumption, countries with very high levels of hunger, updated daily and weekly	Limited countries now (9 African now) but 16 more planned in coming weeks; it is a forecast. Weekly snapshots for 14 countries	WFP Food Hunger Map WFP daily report Weekly snapshots
COVID cases, deaths	Daily across countries	Available widely, commonly used sources but difficult to compare across countries	Johns Hopkins
High frequency telephone interviews around social and food security impacts	Monthly updates from May 2020. Cover topics including (i) knowledge of existence of and channels of transmission of COVID-19; (ii) knowledge of and compliance with preventive measures with specific emphasis on social distancing and self-isolation; (iii) prices and access to food and non-food necessities; (iv) employment; (v) food insecurity; and (6) subjective well-being – with a focus on understanding the dynamics of economic impacts	Once available will be very valuable, for Ethiopia, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda	LSMS high frequency phone surveys
Global and bilateral trade, trade costs and mobility			
Trade costs	Baltic Exchange Dry Index Trading Economics, daily	Specific cost measure, does not cover many transport uses/modes	Trading Economics
World trade	CPB world trade indicator, monthly, available with a one- to two-month time lag IMF tracking of world trade using real-time shipping data	Partly a leading indicator, partly real data Uses data for dry bulk, contain, vehicle, oil shipping data	CPB indicator described in FT IMF tracker

Bilateral trade	National statistics office and ITC trade map (monthly data for major countries such as UK, EU, US, China and Japan available with a six-week time lag; annual data for low-income country source) International data reported monthly with time lag (UN Comtrade)	Trade data variable but long-runs are available	UK monthly trade stats German monthly data Comtrade
Mobility and entertainment	Aircraft departures, bus and rail journeys; Google searches for entertainment, seated diners, retail footfall (updated daily) Google Mobility data for retail, grocery, parks, transit, workplaces, residential visits (weekly)	Not easily available beyond reports Google data for all countries on a weekly basis	Bank of England Monetary Policy Report Chart 2.26 COVID-19 Community Mobility Reports
Capital markets, finance flows and monetary statistics			
Remittances	Central banks, monthly data, available with one to three months time lag	Can vary much between months	Nigeria Kenya
Stock market prices, exchange rates, bond yields	Available daily and immediately, e.g. FT or central bank Bond prices and bond spreads (yield difference countries and safe havens such as US/German bonds)	Varied sources but often subscription is needed FT/Bloomberg often report statistics/figures	FT (paywall)
Private capital flows to emerging markets	IIF monthly updates on portfolio flow but not FDI flows, available with one to two years of lag (committed FDI data more recent)	Lacks country details	IIF
Bank lending statistics	BIF international bank lending, quarterly, available with five-month time lag		BIS
Monetary statistics (central bank)	Central banks maintain monthly and quarterly data on the monetary base and broad money, credit aggregates (e.g. to the private sector) and foreign assets and liabilities. Includes claims by banks on government	Quality data on a select number of variables	Kenya
Debt interest payments	Monthly/quarterly, central bank websites, lags can be six months		Kenya (Table 13) Nigeria debt service in 2019 Ethiopia
Aid flows	OECD DAC Humanitarian finance: COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan	DAC (and national) data are available with long time gaps (a year) but humanitarian finance data are updated weekly; announcements are available	OCHA ODI donor announcement tracker

Employment and production			
Employment	ILOSTAT provides monthly and quarterly labour force statistics (with a time lag of at least two months)	Up-to-date data are patchy with respect to country coverage	ILO COVID-19 and labour market statistics
Production	National accounts, quarterly, available with six-week time lag in developed countries, or a lag of three to five months in some poorer countries UNIDO has recent data on industrial production, e.g. for the US, China, Russia, Korea, Vietnam, Argentina, Chile, Poland	Data available with long time lag, and industrial production data cover few countries	UNIDO on impact of COVID-19 on manufacturing
Others (selected)			
Data Portals	World Bank, updated in an ongoing manner Several others exist ODI's tracker of trackers (tba)		Datasets from the World Bank World Bank: COVID and trade UN Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data