

3.5.1 Solomon Islands Food Suppliers

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Main Food Suppliers

The staples of the Solomon Islands include root crops (taro, yams, sweet potato and cassava) and rice. Bread is also eaten but grain and flour are imported. Canned meat and fish are popular and fresh fish and other seafood is available. There is a wide variety of tropical fruits as well as vegetables available from local markets.

There are a number of stores/companies that import and sell goods. Much of what is sold in the supermarkets/shops is imported. Most of these stores are able to supply the staples. As there is a reliance on imported goods, obviously any break in the supply chain can result in shortages of certain items. There have been times when certain items, such as rice have run out.

Solomon Islands does not have a food security issue.

Additional information can be located from sources which are regularly maintained and reflect current facts and figures. For more specific and detailed overviews of food availability and market conditions, please consult the following sources:

WFP Vulnerability and Analysis Mapping (VAM): INSERT a link directly to the VAM country page if available (<http://vam.wfp.org/>) **Not available**

USAID Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET): INSERT a link directly to the FEWS NET country page if available (<http://www.fews.net/>) **Not available**

For more information on food supplier contact details, please see the following link: **HQ staff will input a link to section 4.10 Supplier Contact List here.**

Retail Sector

There is a robust retail sector in Honiara supplying all basic items to the market. Supplies are imported principally from NZ, Australia and China. Whilst there are no global retailers present, global brands are. Wholesale importers often have retail outlets direct to the public.

Credit is generally not used by / or offered to, all locals. It is available to larger recognised entities (i.e Humanitarian agencies)

Types of Retailers Available	
Type of Retailer	Rank (1-5)
Supermarket – concentrates mainly in supplying a range of food, beverage, cleaning and sanitation products; have significant purchasing power; are often part of national/regional/global chains.	2
Convenience Store/Mini Market – medium sized shop; offers a more limited range of products than supermarkets; usually has good/stable purchasing power; may be part of chain or cooperative.	3
Permanent shop with strong supply capacity – individually/family owned store; usually offers fewer commodities and a limited selection of brands; good storage and reliable supply options.	1
Permanent shop with limited supply capacity – individually/family owned store; offers fewer commodities and a limited selection of brands; limited storage and unstable supply options.	5
Mobile Shop/Market Stand – individually/family owned store; usually offers fewer commodities and a limited selection of brands; may be found at outdoor markets, camps or unstable environments.	4

Note: The above table relates to Honiara. in outer and smaller islands supply will be predominantly market and small stores/stalls. They are largely self sufficient for food

There are a number of wholesalers/retailers in Honiara.

All and every food product can be sourced and supplied by these merchants. They are generally of Chinese ethnicity and have been running their businesses as family concerns for several generations. They have their own storage facilities and capacity to transport to wharf side, they then use the local coastal shipping facilities to transport goods to small outer island retailers.

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Wholesale – Central Developments Ltd

Supplier Overview	
Company Name	Central Developments Ltd
Address	Old Chinatown
Does the supplier have its own production / manufacturing capacity?	No
Does the supplier have its own retail capacity?	Yes. Can supply direct to the public
Does the supplier have its own transport capacity?	Yes
Does the supplier have its own storage facilities?	Yes
Approximate Turnover in MT	Figures not available
Payment Methods Accepted	Cash, credit card, credit by prior arrangement
Other Comments or Key Information	

Honiara based only.

Other Locations	
Region(s)	Service Location(s)
No	N/A

Primary Goods / Commodities Available		
Commodities by Type** <i>(SITC Rev 4 Division Code - Title)</i>		Comments
00 - Live animals (other than fish, crustaceans, molluscs, etc.)	No	Imported. No limitations on availability or season or variations
01 - Meat and meat preparations	Meat. Sausage. (Frozen)	Imported. No limitations on availability or season or variations
02 - Dairy products and birds' eggs	UHP or powdered milk	Imported. No limitations on availability or season or variations
03 - Fish (not marine mammals), crustaceans, molluscs...	Canned fish	Imported. No limitations on availability or season or variations
04 - Cereals and cereal preparations	Wheat, rice, flour of maize, pasta.	Imported. No limitations on availability or season or variations
05 - Vegetables and fruit	Fruit , vegetables ,Nuts, jams/jellies, fruit juices	Imported. No limitations on availability or season or variations. Also fresh local fruit and vegetables
06 - Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	Sugars (beet or cane) raw, natural honey, fruit /nuts preserved by sugar ...	Imported. No limitations on availability or season or variations
07 - Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	Coffee, cocoa, chocolate, tea, mate, pepper, all spices	Imported. No limitations on availability or season or variations
09 - Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	Ready-to-eat foods, margarine, sauces, soups and broths, yeasts, soft drinks	Imported. No limitations on availability or season or variations
41 - Animal oils and fats	Lard, fats and oils...	Imported. No limitations on availability or season or variations

42/43 - Fixed vegetable fats and oils, crude, refined or fractionated	Soya bean oil, olive oil, maize oil, vegetable oil	Imported. No limitations on availability or season or variations
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****For non-FOOD products please see section 3.5.2 Additional Suppliers, and for FUEL/PETROLEUM products please see section 3.1 Fuel.**

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