



SUDAN CONFLICT CONFERENCE

April 14–15, 2026 | Cairo, Egypt



CGIAR

POLICY
INNOVATIONS

FOOD FRONTIERS
AND SECURITY

Challenges, profit, and strategies of essential commodities traders

Feb 2025 – Feb 2026

Hala Abushama

Research Analyst

IFPRI

Rationale

- Traders' perceptions reflected on market dynamics;
 - importing goods or domestic sourcing (within state)
 - single or collaborative merchants
 - transport challenges
- Provide reasoning and justifications for movement of prices and availability
- Understand future direction of merchants plans

Methodology

February 2025 – June 2025

1. Scope:

- Supply chain challenges
- Security challenges
- Liquidity and financial challenges
- Price fluctuation and demand changes
- Opportunities for continuity and expansion

2. Method: Open-ended questions

3. Analytical approach: Thematic and geographic analyses

July 2025 – March 2026

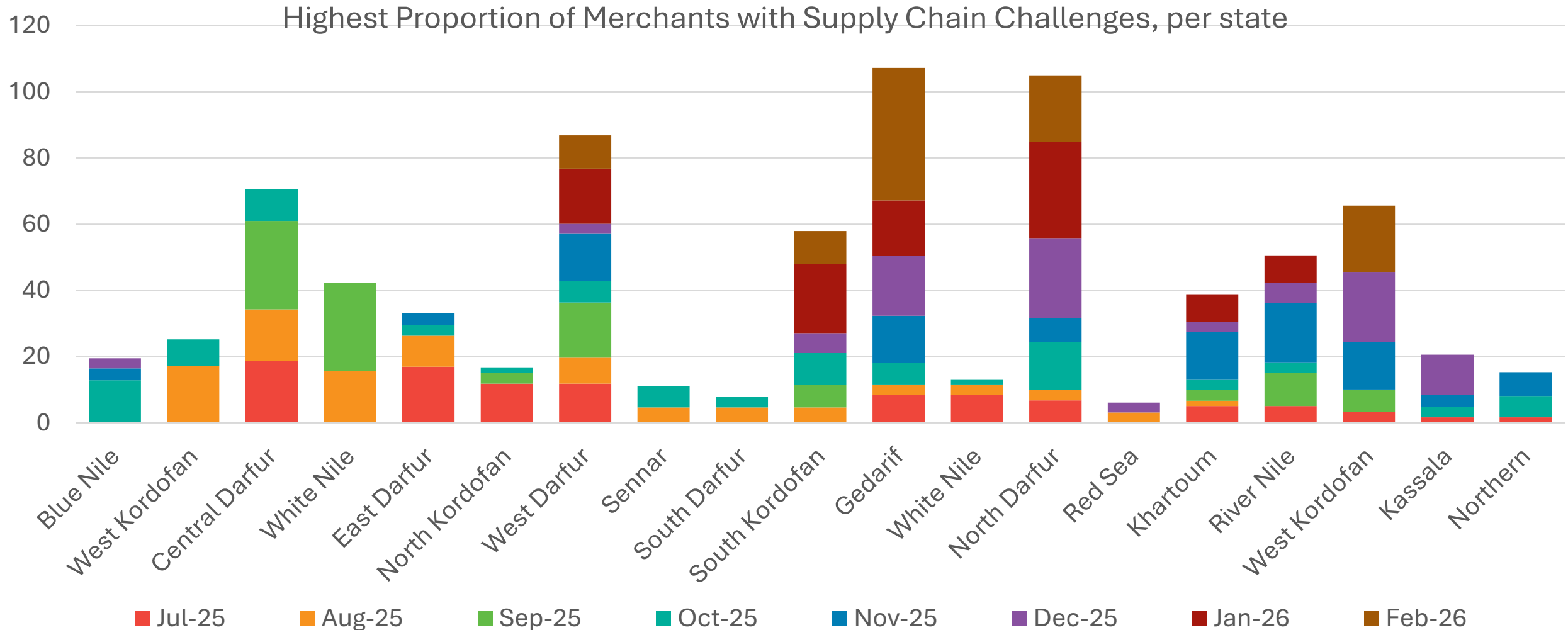
1. Scope:

- Supply chain challenges
- Security challenges
- Liquidity and financial challenges
- Price fluctuation and demand changes
- Opportunities for continuity and expansion

2. Method: Yes/No, Categorical, open-ended questions

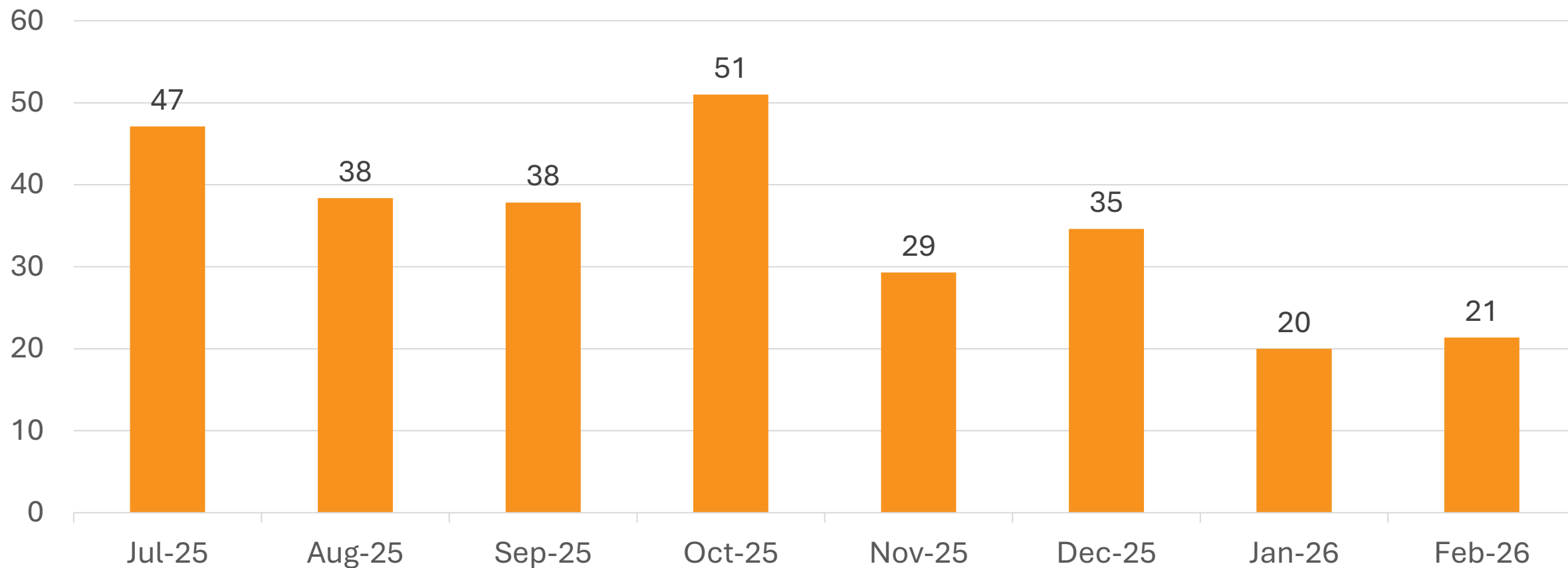
3. Analytical approach: Descriptive statistics and thematic analyses

Supply Chain Challenges



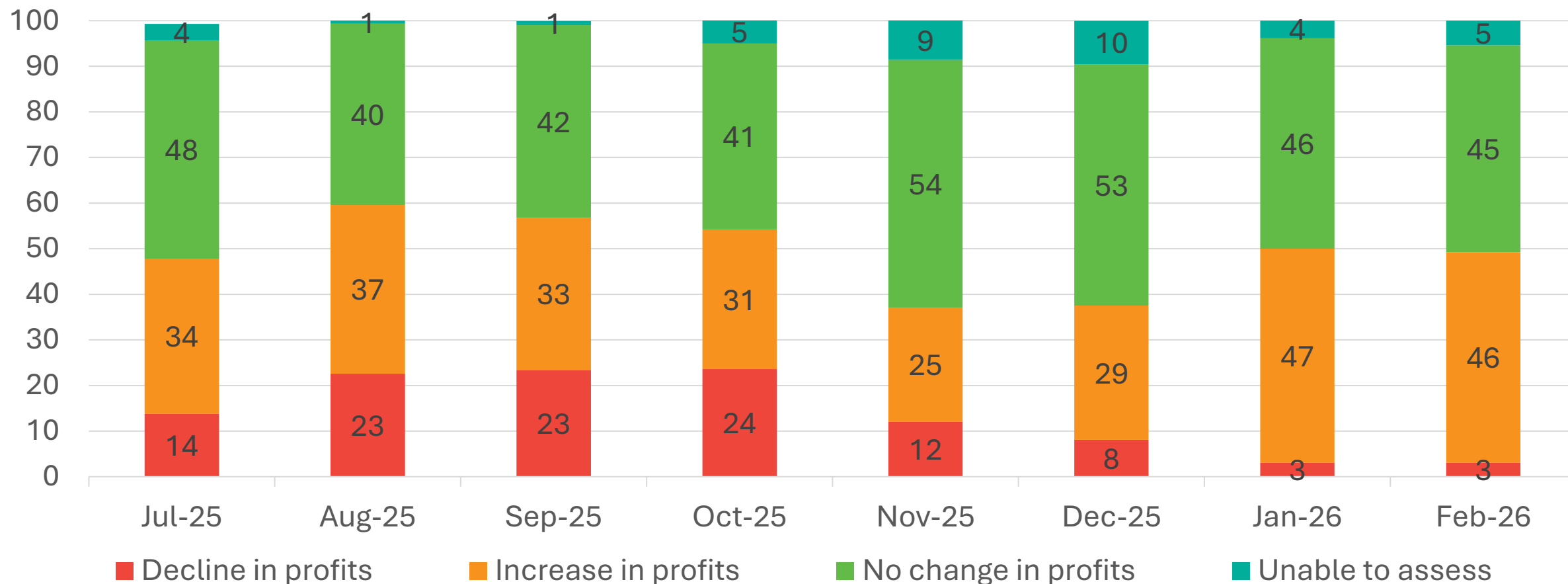
Changes in Demand

Traders Reporting Changes in Demand Conditions



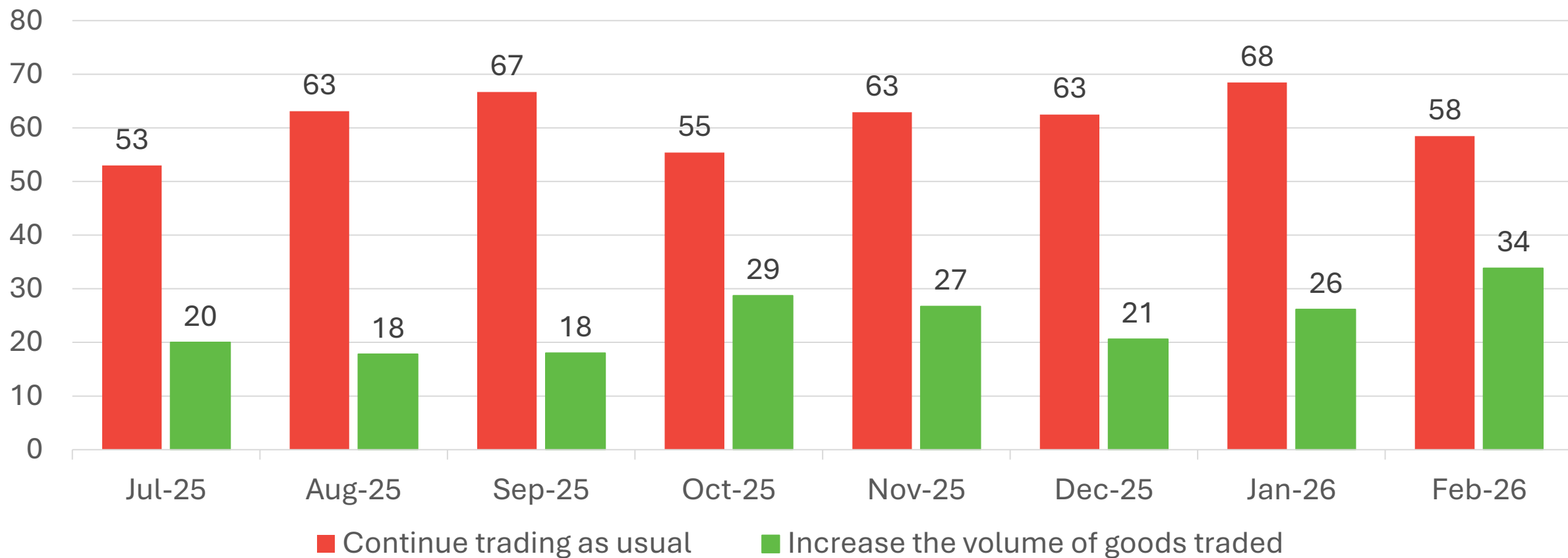
Changes in profits

Traders Reporting Changes in Profits



Merchants Plans in the next 3 months (examples)

Trends for merchants' plans





SUDAN CONFLICT CONFERENCE



CGIAR

POLICY
INNOVATIONS

FOOD FRONTIERS
AND SECURITY

Thank you