

## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) August 2010

### CAUTION

The Gambia Bureau of Statistics is very pleased to deliver to users the new Consumer Price Index (CPI) based in 2004 that replace the previous one which was based in 1974. The CPI is published every month by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Aug-09	May- 10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	<b>61841</b>	<b>120.84</b>	<b>125.50</b>	<b>126.02</b>	<b>128.32</b>	<b>128.58</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>6.13</b>
01	<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	<b>33837</b>	<b>125.96</b>	<b>132.49</b>	<b>132.96</b>	<b>136.29</b>	<b>136.70</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>8.15</b>
011	Food	32 914	126.34	132.98	133.46	136.86	137.28	0.31	8.29
0111	Bread Cereals	7 891	128.89	130.66	131.06	131.41	131.52	0.08	1.77
0112	Meat	8 217	118.83	124.14	124.59	126.43	126.80	0.29	6.60
0113	Fish	2 226	114.35	116.74	116.85	117.52	118.04	0.44	2.66
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	114.76	117.98	118.31	118.92	118.97	0.04	3.73
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	151.16	154.27	154.92	156.43	156.83	0.26	3.31
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	139.97	142.91	142.99	143.12	143.18	0.04	2.26
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	133.02	141.03	141.94	155.93	157.10	0.75	17.29
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	107.77	173.24	174.12	189.33	189.46	0.07	74.39
0119	Other food products	2 248	116.64	118.67	118.79	119.35	119.64	0.25	2.40
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	112.53	114.76	115.10	115.69	115.80	0.10	2.66
02	<b>Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>106.26</b>	<b>106.76</b>	<b>106.91</b>	<b>106.91</b>	<b>107.58</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>1.11</b>
03	<b>Clothing, textiles and footwear</b>	<b>6 911</b>	<b>111.46</b>	<b>113.38</b>	<b>113.47</b>	<b>113.68</b>	<b>113.67</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>1.87</b>
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	111.19	112.94	113.04	113.30	113.23	-0.06	1.73
032	Footwear	1 477	112.46	115.00	115.04	115.08	115.30	0.19	2.38
04	<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	<b>2 089</b>	<b>122.40</b>	<b>124.33</b>	<b>124.61</b>	<b>124.76</b>	<b>124.77</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>1.83</b>
042	Actual rent	498	119.02	120.41	120.42	120.42	120.43	0.00	1.02
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	125.52	127.83	128.18	128.40	128.40	0.00	2.20
05	<b>Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	<b>3 215</b>	<b>115.45</b>	<b>116.45</b>	<b>116.56</b>	<b>116.71</b>	<b>116.74</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.99</b>
06	<b>Health</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>101.80</b>	<b>101.82</b>	<b>101.83</b>	<b>101.83</b>	<b>101.90</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.10</b>
07	<b>Transport</b>	<b>2 706</b>	<b>119.95</b>	<b>122.89</b>	<b>127.23</b>	<b>149.12</b>	<b>149.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>24.31</b>
08	<b>Communication</b>	<b>1 822</b>	<b>102.02</b>	<b>102.50</b>	<b>102.54</b>	<b>102.54</b>	<b>102.54</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.52</b>
09	<b>Recreation and culture</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>104.95</b>	<b>105.88</b>	<b>105.97</b>	<b>105.97</b>	<b>105.98</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.95</b>
10	<b>Education</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>102.27</b>	<b>102.99</b>	<b>102.95</b>	<b>102.95</b>	<b>102.95</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.30</b>
11	<b>Restaurants and Hotels</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>116.73</b>	<b>121.13</b>	<b>121.21</b>	<b>127.29</b>	<b>127.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8.84</b>
12	<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	<b>3 639</b>	<b>126.22</b>	<b>134.92</b>	<b>135.15</b>	<b>135.18</b>	<b>135.58</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>7.06</b>
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		<b>120.15</b>	<b>123.11</b>	<b>123.58</b>	<b>124.18</b>	<b>124.80</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>3.87</b>
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>		<b>121.15</b>	<b>125.50</b>	<b>126.02</b>	<b>128.32</b>	<b>128.58</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>6.13</b>
	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		<b>126.39</b>	<b>132.49</b>	<b>132.96</b>	<b>136.29</b>	<b>136.70</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>8.15</b>
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		<b>114.71</b>	<b>116.90</b>	<b>117.61</b>	<b>117.89</b>	<b>117.96</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>2.84</b>

In August 2010, the overall consumer Price Index was 128.58, a 0.20 percent increase over the July 2010 overall index of 128.32

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.13 percent from August 2009 to August 2010. Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 8.15 percent whilst Non Food Products and Services rose by 2.84 percent.

Comparing August 2009 to August 2010, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, *Sugar, jam, honey and sweets* increased by 74.39 Percent, *Vegetable, root crops and tubers* increased by 17.29 percent, *Meat* increased by 6.60 percent and *Milk, Cheese and Egg* increased by 3.73 Percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded for *Transport and Hotel and Restaurants* which rose by 24.31 percent and 8.84 percent respectively. Other marginal contributors to the increase were the *miscellaneous goods and services sub group* and *footwear*.

During the months of July 2010 to August 2010, *Vegetables, root crops and tubers* show the highest increase of 0.75 percent primarily due increase in price of onion, Irish Potatoes etc. *Fish and fish products* registered an increase of 0.44 percent.

Overall Annual Inflation Rate (over 12 months - Comparison with the same month for the previous year)

Year	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005								3.90	3.8	4.1	4.3	4.8
2006	4.0	2.8	3.8	2.7	2.7	2.2	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.4
2007	2.0	2.1	4.5	6.3	6.6	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
2008	5.1	5.0	3.1	1.4	1.6	2.2	3.7	5.0	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.8
2009	7.0	7.0	6.7	6.3	5.9	5.4	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.7
2010	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.5	6.2	6.1				

Figure1. Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year

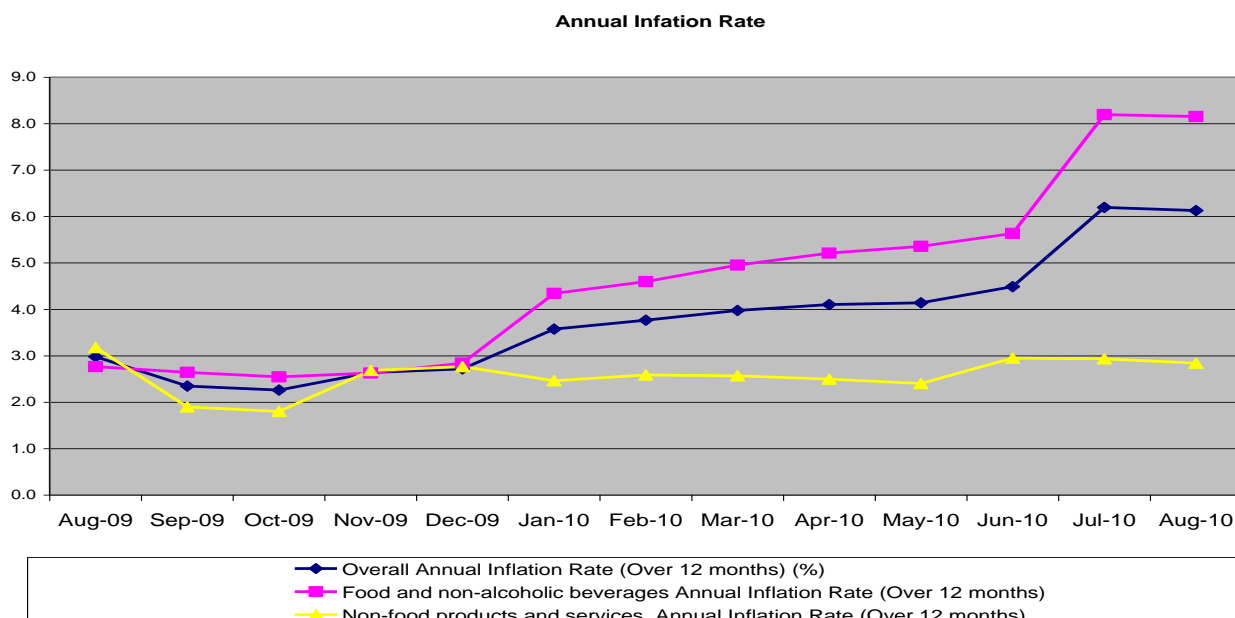
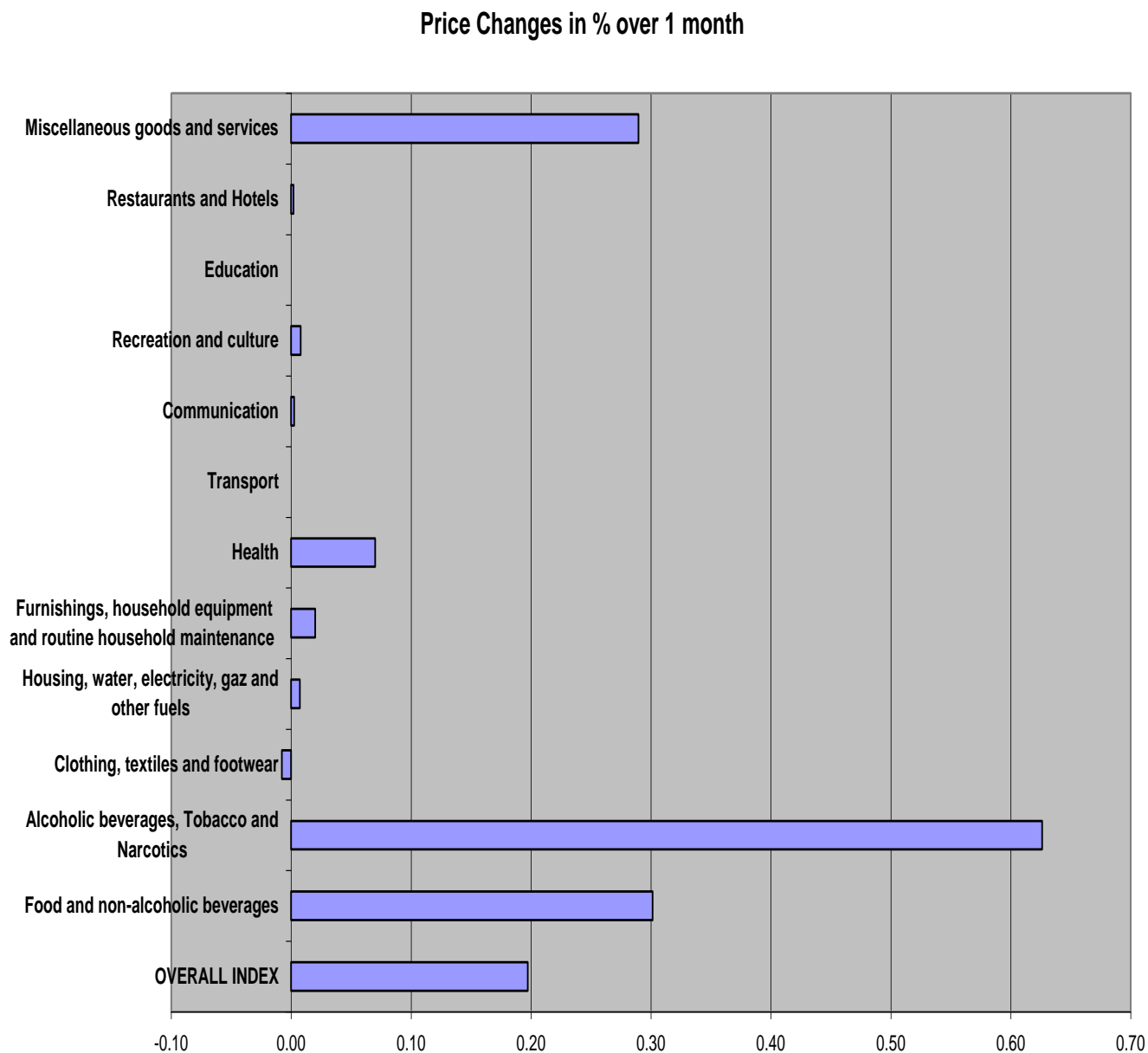


Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: July 2010 to August 2010



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