

## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) APRIL 2011

### 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	Apr-10	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-11	Apr-11	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	61841	<b>125.30</b>	<b>130.65</b>	<b>131.54</b>	<b>131.85</b>	<b>132.24</b>	0.29	<b>5.54</b>
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	<b>132.14</b>	<b>139.76</b>	<b>141.09</b>	<b>141.56</b>	<b>142.02</b>	0.32	<b>7.48</b>
011	Food	32 914	<b>132.63</b>	<b>140.40</b>	<b>141.77</b>	<b>142.24</b>	<b>142.71</b>	0.33	<b>7.60</b>
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	<b>130.16</b>	<b>135.98</b>	<b>136.70</b>	<b>136.88</b>	<b>137.55</b>	0.49	<b>5.68</b>
0112	Meat	8 217	<b>123.80</b>	<b>128.41</b>	<b>128.42</b>	<b>128.56</b>	<b>128.79</b>	0.18	<b>4.03</b>
0113	Fish	2 226	<b>116.71</b>	<b>120.35</b>	<b>120.44</b>	<b>120.56</b>	<b>120.88</b>	0.26	<b>3.57</b>
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	<b>117.83</b>	<b>120.45</b>	<b>121.00</b>	<b>121.33</b>	<b>121.79</b>	0.38	<b>3.36</b>
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	<b>154.26</b>	<b>163.60</b>	<b>168.38</b>	<b>169.32</b>	<b>169.71</b>	0.23	<b>10.02</b>
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	<b>142.63</b>	<b>144.44</b>	<b>144.84</b>	<b>145.57</b>	<b>146.28</b>	0.49	<b>2.56</b>
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	<b>140.21</b>	<b>160.85</b>	<b>164.32</b>	<b>165.62</b>	<b>166.19</b>	0.35	<b>18.53</b>
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	<b>173.09</b>	<b>190.96</b>	<b>191.04</b>	<b>191.16</b>	<b>191.56</b>	0.20	<b>10.67</b>
0119	Other food products	2 248	<b>118.53</b>	<b>121.22</b>	<b>123.50</b>	<b>124.34</b>	<b>124.87</b>	0.43	<b>5.35</b>
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	<b>114.72</b>	<b>116.76</b>	<b>117.08</b>	<b>117.14</b>	<b>117.48</b>	0.29	<b>2.40</b>
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	<b>106.68</b>	<b>107.79</b>	<b>107.86</b>	<b>107.86</b>	<b>107.88</b>	0.02	<b>1.12</b>
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	<b>113.34</b>	<b>113.97</b>	<b>114.01</b>	<b>114.01</b>	<b>114.10</b>	0.08	<b>0.68</b>
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	<b>112.89</b>	<b>113.49</b>	<b>113.53</b>	<b>113.53</b>	<b>113.62</b>	0.08	<b>0.64</b>
032	Footwear	1 477	<b>114.98</b>	<b>115.75</b>	<b>115.78</b>	<b>115.78</b>	<b>115.90</b>	0.10	<b>0.79</b>
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	<b>124.32</b>	<b>126.43</b>	<b>127.92</b>	<b>128.16</b>	<b>128.89</b>	0.57	<b>3.67</b>
042	Actual rent	498	<b>120.41</b>	<b>120.54</b>	<b>120.54</b>	<b>120.54</b>	<b>120.65</b>	0.09	<b>0.20</b>
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	<b>127.81</b>	<b>130.79</b>	<b>132.96</b>	<b>133.31</b>	<b>134.34</b>	0.77	<b>5.11</b>
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	<b>116.44</b>	<b>118.10</b>	<b>118.12</b>	<b>118.25</b>	<b>118.57</b>	0.28	<b>1.83</b>
06	Health	728	<b>101.82</b>	<b>101.93</b>	<b>101.93</b>	<b>101.93</b>	<b>101.93</b>	0.00	<b>0.11</b>
07	Transport	2 706	<b>122.88</b>	<b>149.20</b>	<b>153.01</b>	<b>153.66</b>	<b>154.52</b>	0.56	<b>25.75</b>
08	Communication	1 822	<b>102.50</b>	<b>102.57</b>	<b>102.57</b>	<b>102.59</b>	<b>102.59</b>	0.00	<b>0.09</b>
09	Recreation and culture	957	<b>105.80</b>	<b>107.03</b>	<b>107.55</b>	<b>107.56</b>	<b>107.77</b>	0.20	<b>1.86</b>
10	Education	918	<b>102.99</b>	<b>105.72</b>	<b>105.72</b>	<b>105.72</b>	<b>105.72</b>	0.00	<b>2.66</b>
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	<b>121.00</b>	<b>130.66</b>	<b>131.99</b>	<b>132.03</b>	<b>132.60</b>	0.44	<b>9.59</b>
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	<b>134.89</b>	<b>137.25</b>	<b>137.26</b>	<b>137.41</b>	<b>138.23</b>	0.60	<b>2.48</b>
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		<b>122.28</b>	<b>127.78</b>	<b>128.35</b>	<b>128.91</b>	<b>129.49</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>5.89</b>
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	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		<b>132.14</b>	<b>139.76</b>	<b>141.09</b>	<b>141.56</b>	<b>142.02</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>7.48</b>
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		<b>116.88</b>	<b>118.75</b>	<b>119.06</b>	<b>119.14</b>	<b>119.43</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>2.19</b>

In April 2011, the overall consumer Price Index was 132.24, a 0.29 percent increase over the March 2011 overall index of 131.23.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 5.54 percent from April 2010 to April 2011. Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 7.48 percent whilst Non Food Products and Services rose only by 2.19 percent.

Comparing April 2010 to April 2011, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, 'Vegetable, root crops and tubers' increased by 18.53 Percent, 'Sugar, jam, honey and sweets' increased by 10.67 percent, 'Oils and fats' increased by 10.02 percent and 'Bread and Cereals' increased by 5.68 Percent.

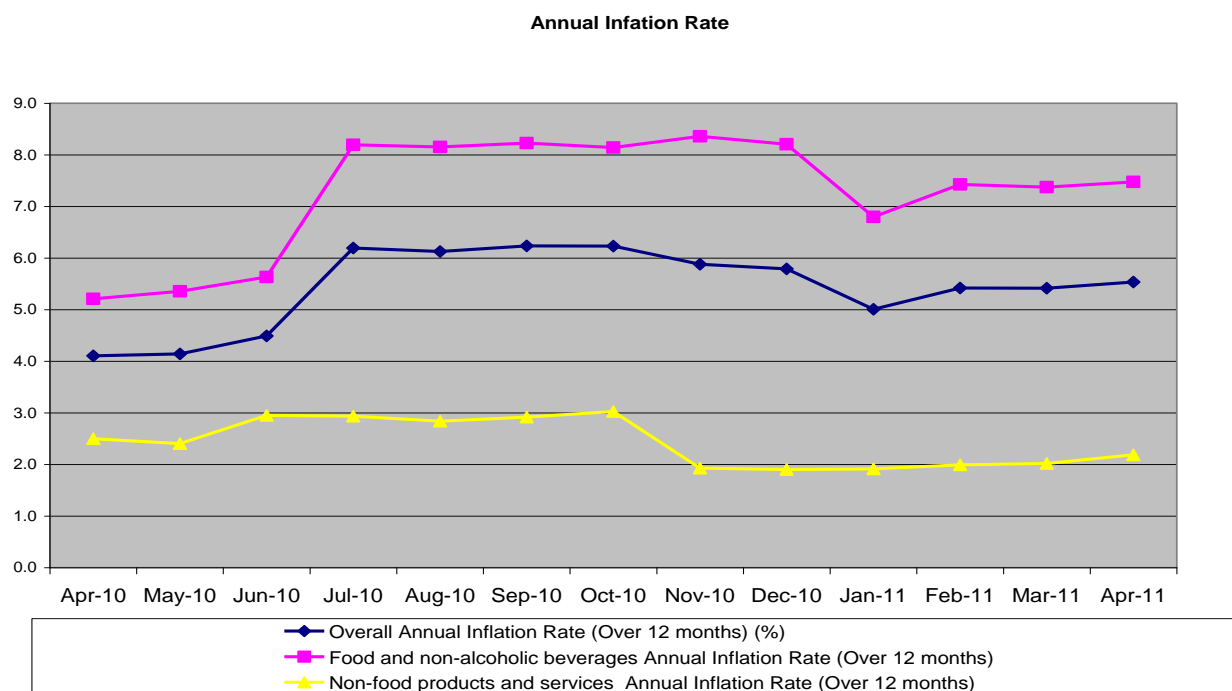
For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by *Transport* and 'Hotel and Restaurants' which rose by 25.75 percent and 9.59 percent respectively. Other contributors to the increase were the 'electricity, gas and other fuel', 'Private Education' 'miscellaneous goods and services' sub groups.

During the months of March 2011 to April 2011, both 'fruits and nuts' and 'Bread and Cereals' show the highest increase of 0.49 percent each, whilst 'other food product' sub-group went up by 0.43 percent. 'Milk, Cheese and Eggs' registered an increase of 0.38 percent.

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

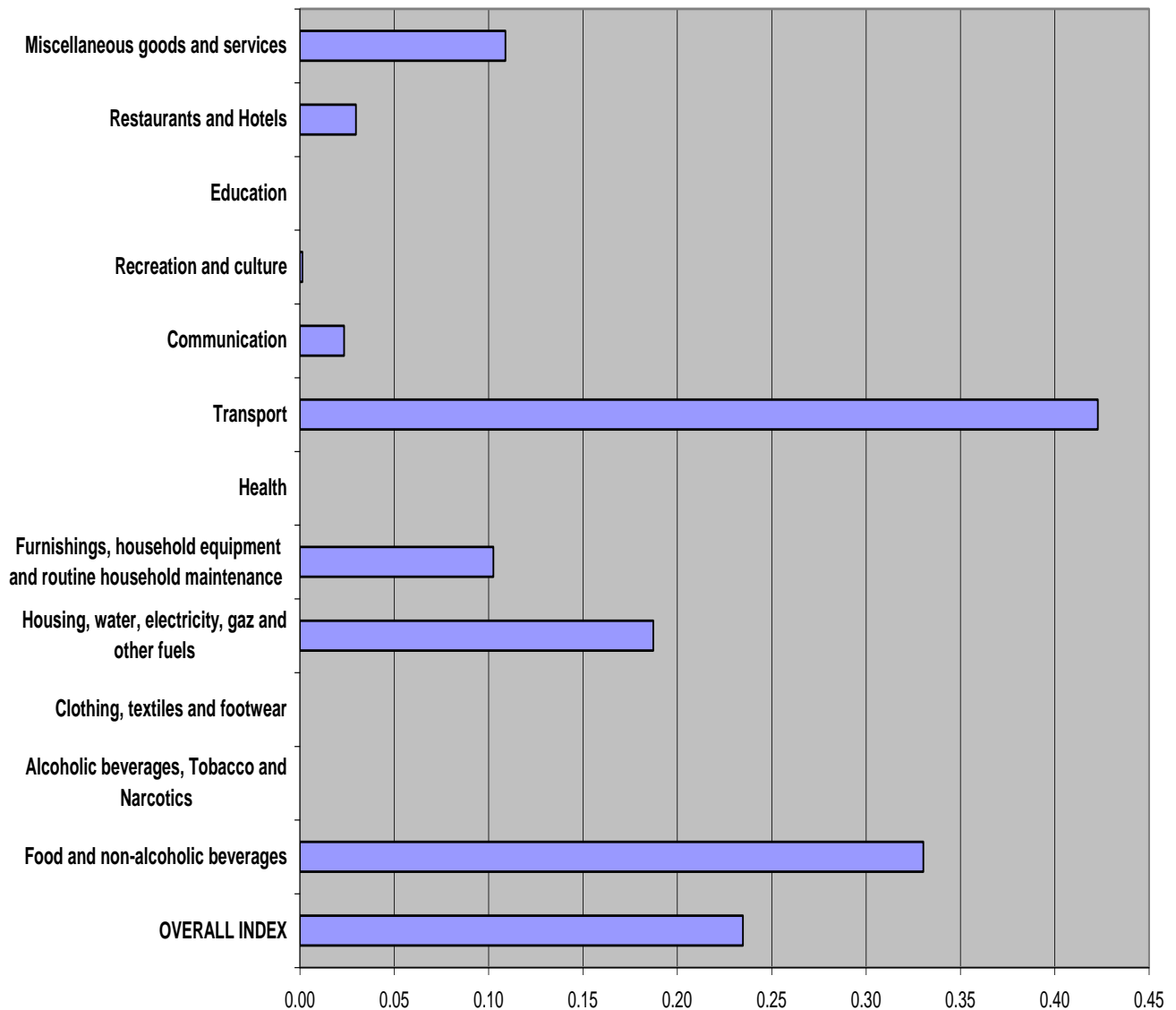
Year	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2008	5.1	5.0	3.1	1.4	1.6	2.2	3.7	5.0	6.3	6.5	6.6	6.8
2009	7.0	7.0	6.7	6.3	5.9	5.4	4.1	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.7
2010	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.5	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.2	5.9	5.8
2011	5.0	5.4	5.4	5.5								

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



**Figure 2. Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: February 2011 to March 2011**

## Price Changes in % over 1 month



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