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## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) APRIL 2012



### 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-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	61841	<b>132.24</b>	<b>136.28</b>	<b>136.56</b>	<b>137.04</b>	<b>137.23</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>3.77</b>
01	<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	33837	<b>142.02</b>	<b>147.39</b>	<b>147.72</b>	<b>148.28</b>	<b>148.51</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>4.57</b>
011	<b>Food</b>	32 914	<b>142.71</b>	<b>148.14</b>	<b>148.49</b>	<b>149.04</b>	<b>149.28</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>4.60</b>
0111	<b>Bread &amp; Cereals</b>	7 891	<b>137.55</b>	<b>142.93</b>	<b>143.41</b>	<b>144.28</b>	<b>144.54</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>5.08</b>
0112	<b>Meat</b>	8 217	<b>128.79</b>	<b>134.83</b>	<b>135.16</b>	<b>135.58</b>	<b>135.95</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>5.56</b>
0113	<b>Fish</b>	2 226	<b>120.88</b>	<b>124.34</b>	<b>124.60</b>	<b>124.91</b>	<b>125.20</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>3.58</b>
0114	<b>Milk, Cheese and Eggs</b>	1 462	<b>121.79</b>	<b>123.56</b>	<b>123.84</b>	<b>124.12</b>	<b>124.55</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>2.27</b>
0115	<b>Oils and fats</b>	3 469	<b>169.71</b>	<b>175.96</b>	<b>176.28</b>	<b>176.97</b>	<b>177.24</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>4.43</b>
0116	<b>Fruits &amp; nuts</b>	1445	<b>146.28</b>	<b>152.94</b>	<b>153.35</b>	<b>154.06</b>	<b>154.43</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>5.57</b>
0117	<b>Vegetables, root crops &amp; tubers</b>	4 533	<b>166.19</b>	<b>170.19</b>	<b>170.42</b>	<b>170.84</b>	<b>170.71</b>	<b>-0.08</b>	<b>2.72</b>
0118	<b>Sugar, jam, honey &amp; sweets</b>	1 420	<b>191.56</b>	<b>204.16</b>	<b>204.76</b>	<b>204.98</b>	<b>205.03</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>7.03</b>
0119	<b>Other food products</b>	2 248	<b>124.87</b>	<b>129.44</b>	<b>129.50</b>	<b>129.93</b>	<b>130.11</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>4.19</b>
012	<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	923	<b>117.48</b>	<b>120.24</b>	<b>120.50</b>	<b>120.97</b>	<b>120.99</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>2.99</b>
02	<b>Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics</b>	416	<b>107.88</b>	<b>108.86</b>	<b>108.96</b>	<b>109.08</b>	<b>109.18</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>1.20</b>
03	<b>Clothing, textiles and footwear</b>	6 911	<b>114.10</b>	<b>115.60</b>	<b>115.68</b>	<b>115.85</b>	<b>115.96</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>1.63</b>
031	<b>Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services</b>	5 434	<b>113.62</b>	<b>114.74</b>	<b>114.84</b>	<b>114.93</b>	<b>115.03</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>1.24</b>
032	<b>Footwear</b>	1 477	<b>115.90</b>	<b>118.76</b>	<b>118.76</b>	<b>119.26</b>	<b>119.40</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>3.02</b>
04	<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	2 089	<b>128.89</b>	<b>132.65</b>	<b>132.97</b>	<b>133.75</b>	<b>133.96</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>3.93</b>
042	<b>Actual rent</b>	498	<b>120.65</b>	<b>121.95</b>	<b>122.13</b>	<b>122.43</b>	<b>122.55</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>1.58</b>
043	<b>Electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	1 431	<b>134.34</b>	<b>139.35</b>	<b>139.73</b>	<b>140.73</b>	<b>140.98</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>4.94</b>
05	<b>Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	3 215	<b>118.57</b>	<b>120.12</b>	<b>120.22</b>	<b>120.32</b>	<b>120.49</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>1.62</b>
06	<b>Health</b>	728	<b>101.93</b>	<b>101.93</b>	<b>101.93</b>	<b>102.19</b>	<b>102.19</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.25</b>
07	<b>Transport</b>	2 706	<b>154.52</b>	<b>158.38</b>	<b>159.08</b>	<b>160.34</b>	<b>161.10</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>4.26</b>
08	<b>Communication</b>	1 822	<b>102.59</b>	<b>102.66</b>	<b>102.73</b>	<b>102.75</b>	<b>102.77</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.18</b>
09	<b>Recreation and culture</b>	957	<b>107.77</b>	<b>109.31</b>	<b>109.50</b>	<b>109.83</b>	<b>109.96</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>2.03</b>
10	<b>Education</b>	918	<b>105.72</b>	<b>106.13</b>	<b>106.14</b>	<b>106.41</b>	<b>106.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.65</b>
11	<b>Restaurants and Hotels</b>	222	<b>132.60</b>	<b>138.30</b>	<b>138.63</b>	<b>139.48</b>	<b>140.00</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>5.58</b>
12	<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	3 639	<b>138.23</b>	<b>145.20</b>	<b>145.59</b>	<b>146.30</b>	<b>146.61</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>6.06</b>
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		<b>129.49</b>	<b>133.84</b>	<b>134.26</b>	<b>134.69</b>	<b>135.10</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>4.34</b>
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	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		<b>142.02</b>	<b>147.39</b>	<b>147.72</b>	<b>148.28</b>	<b>148.51</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>4.57</b>
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		<b>119.43</b>	<b>121.75</b>	<b>121.95</b>	<b>122.32</b>	<b>122.44</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>2.52</b>

Inflation on year-on-year basis for April 2012 is 3.77 percent which is slightly lower than the previous month (March 2012) by 0.17 percent. The April inflation is explained by increases in cost of food, electricity, gas and other fuel, transport and miscellaneous goods and services which increased by 4.60, 4.94, 4.26 and 6.06 percent respectively. For the food inflation, 'Bread & Cereals', 'Meat', 'oil and fats', 'Fruits and nuts', 'sugar, jam honey and sweets' were the main contributors to the increase.

For the Non-Food items, the major increases were recorded by 'electricity, gas and other fuel', 'Transport,' 'Restaurants' and 'miscellaneous goods and service'. There were also some increases within the 'Foot wear' and 'Recreation and culture', sub groups.

During the months of March 2012 to April 2012, for the food items, 'Milk, Cheese and egg' show the highest increase of 0.35, followed by 'Meat' with 0.27 percent increase, 'whilst 'Fruits and nuts' sub-group went up by 0.24 percent. 'Bread and Cereals' registered an increase of 0.18 percent as well.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate is about 3.9 percent compared to the 4.0 percent that was recorded for March 2012, hence inflationary pressure has reduced by 0.1 percent during the months, March 2012 to April 2012. However, despite this general trend 'Milk, Cheese and Eggs and Meat products' shows some increases during the period

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
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	5.5	5.4	3.9	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.4
2012	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.8								

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

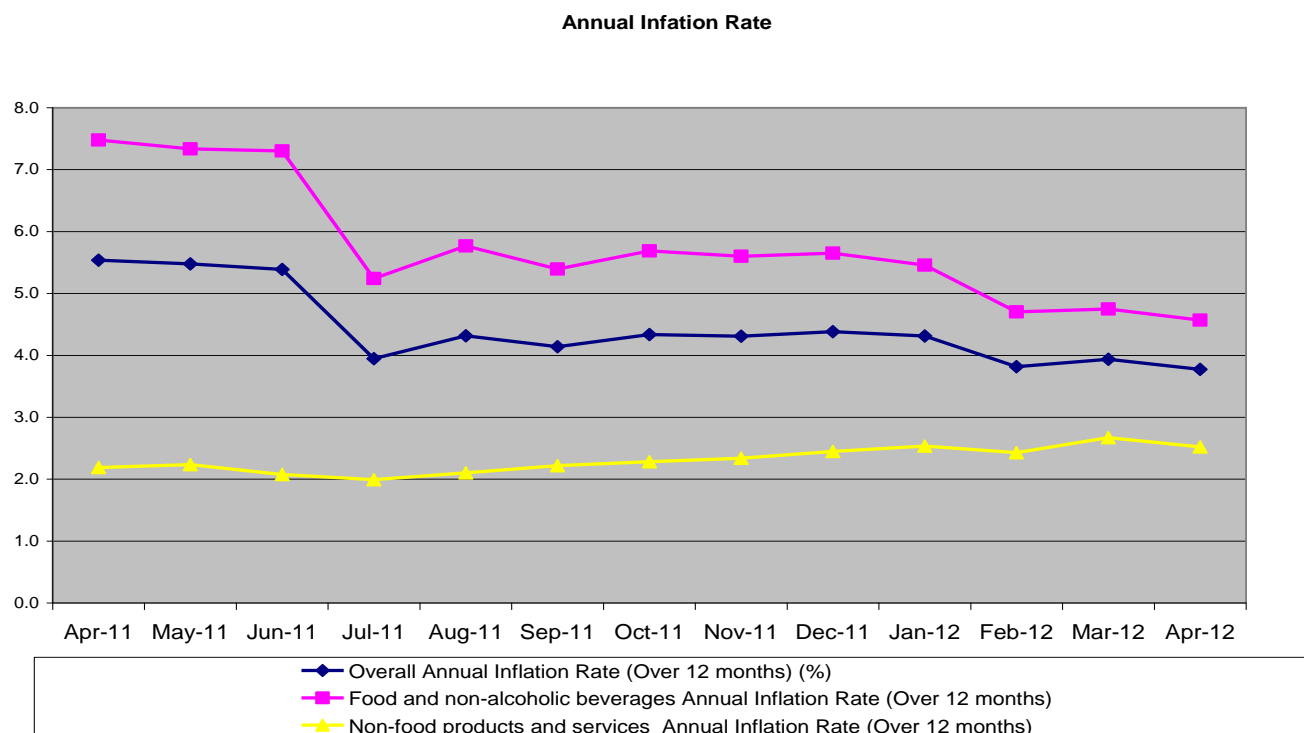
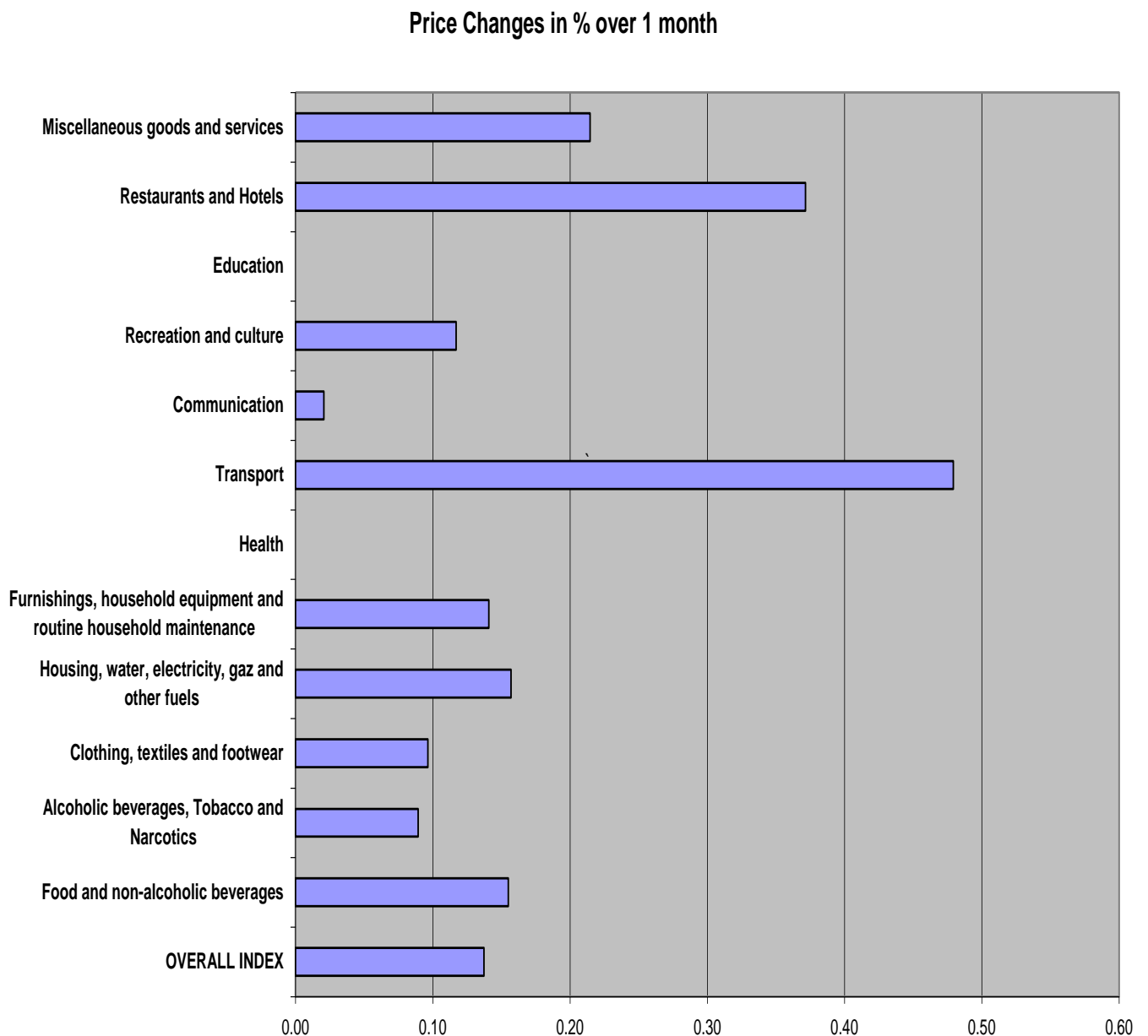


Figure 2.

Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: March 2012 to April 2012



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