



## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) NOVEMBER 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	Nov-11	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	61841	<b>135.51</b>	<b>139.79</b>	<b>140.39</b>	<b>141.09</b>	<b>141.92</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>4.73</b>
01	<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	33837	<b>146.40</b>	<b>151.68</b>	<b>152.42</b>	<b>153.13</b>	<b>154.26</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>5.37</b>
011	<b>Food</b>	32 914	<b>147.14</b>	<b>152.50</b>	<b>153.26</b>	<b>153.99</b>	<b>155.15</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>5.45</b>
0111	<b>Bread &amp; Cereals</b>	7 891	<b>141.28</b>	<b>148.76</b>	<b>149.73</b>	<b>150.42</b>	<b>153.68</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>8.78</b>
0112	<b>Meat</b>	8 217	<b>133.95</b>	<b>139.04</b>	<b>140.14</b>	<b>140.61</b>	<b>141.19</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>5.40</b>
0113	<b>Fish</b>	2 226	<b>123.95</b>	<b>127.01</b>	<b>127.89</b>	<b>128.19</b>	<b>128.42</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>3.61</b>
0114	<b>Milk, Cheese and Eggs</b>	1 462	<b>123.10</b>	<b>126.44</b>	<b>126.51</b>	<b>127.23</b>	<b>127.66</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>3.71</b>
0115	<b>Oils and fats</b>	3 469	<b>174.18</b>	<b>182.68</b>	<b>183.54</b>	<b>185.37</b>	<b>185.45</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>6.47</b>
0116	<b>Fruits &amp; nuts</b>	1445	<b>152.20</b>	<b>158.23</b>	<b>158.55</b>	<b>159.34</b>	<b>159.55</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>4.83</b>
0117	<b>Vegetables, root crops &amp; tubers</b>	4 533	<b>169.74</b>	<b>173.16</b>	<b>173.61</b>	<b>174.40</b>	<b>175.46</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>3.37</b>
0118	<b>Sugar, jam, honey &amp; sweets</b>	1 420	<b>203.29</b>	<b>206.49</b>	<b>206.78</b>	<b>207.19</b>	<b>207.58</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>2.11</b>
0119	<b>Other food products</b>	2 248	<b>128.80</b>	<b>131.63</b>	<b>131.80</b>	<b>132.33</b>	<b>132.71</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>3.03</b>
012	<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	923	<b>119.95</b>	<b>122.03</b>	<b>122.11</b>	<b>122.18</b>	<b>122.19</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>1.87</b>
02	<b>Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics</b>	416	<b>108.61</b>	<b>109.92</b>	<b>110.22</b>	<b>110.55</b>	<b>110.72</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>1.95</b>
03	<b>Clothing, textiles and footwear</b>	6 911	<b>115.34</b>	<b>117.64</b>	<b>117.82</b>	<b>118.25</b>	<b>118.48</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>2.72</b>
031	<b>Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services</b>	5 434	<b>114.50</b>	<b>116.63</b>	<b>116.75</b>	<b>117.13</b>	<b>117.28</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>2.43</b>
032	<b>Footwear</b>	1 477	<b>118.43</b>	<b>121.33</b>	<b>121.75</b>	<b>122.35</b>	<b>122.90</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>3.77</b>
04	<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	2 089	<b>131.78</b>	<b>146.85</b>	<b>148.31</b>	<b>149.93</b>	<b>150.69</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>14.35</b>
042	<b>Actual rent</b>	498	<b>121.79</b>	<b>124.35</b>	<b>124.37</b>	<b>124.44</b>	<b>124.50</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>2.23</b>
043	<b>Electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	1 431	<b>138.14</b>	<b>155.22</b>	<b>156.88</b>	<b>159.07</b>	<b>160.02</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>15.83</b>
05	<b>Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	3 215	<b>119.63</b>	<b>121.01</b>	<b>121.69</b>	<b>121.84</b>	<b>122.17</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>2.13</b>
06	<b>Health</b>	728	<b>101.93</b>	<b>102.36</b>	<b>102.36</b>	<b>102.39</b>	<b>102.55</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.61</b>
07	<b>Transport</b>	2 706	<b>156.54</b>	<b>165.87</b>	<b>168.64</b>	<b>176.26</b>	<b>178.21</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>13.84</b>
08	<b>Communication</b>	1 822	<b>102.63</b>	<b>103.07</b>	<b>103.07</b>	<b>103.07</b>	<b>103.17</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.52</b>
09	<b>Recreation and culture</b>	957	<b>109.16</b>	<b>110.59</b>	<b>110.94</b>	<b>111.32</b>	<b>111.52</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>2.16</b>
10	<b>Education</b>	918	<b>106.13</b>	<b>106.87</b>	<b>106.87</b>	<b>106.87</b>	<b>106.94</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.76</b>
11	<b>Restaurants and Hotels</b>	222	<b>137.18</b>	<b>142.27</b>	<b>143.32</b>	<b>143.82</b>	<b>144.38</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>5.25</b>
12	<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	3 639	<b>144.48</b>	<b>148.67</b>	<b>148.82</b>	<b>149.27</b>	<b>150.17</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>3.93</b>
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>		<b>132.89</b>	<b>136.99</b>	<b>137.46</b>	<b>137.95</b>	<b>138.49</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>4.21</b>
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>		<b>135.51</b>	<b>139.79</b>	<b>140.39</b>	<b>141.09</b>	<b>141.92</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>4.73</b>
	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		<b>146.40</b>	<b>151.68</b>	<b>152.42</b>	<b>153.13</b>	<b>154.26</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>5.37</b>
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		<b>121.29</b>	<b>124.48</b>	<b>124.88</b>	<b>125.56</b>	<b>126.02</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>3.90</b>

The November 2012 inflation rate measured on year on year basis, that is between November 2011 and November 2012 went up by 4.7 percent resulting from an Overall Index increase from 135.51 to 141.92. Some prices for both Food and Non-food items had gone up. Food and non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 5.37 whilst Non-Food products and Services rose by 3.90 percent.

From November 2011 to November 2012, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, 'Bread and Cereal' increased by 8.78 percent, 'Meat and meat products' 5.40 percent 'Oils and Fats' 6.47 percent, 'Fruits and nuts' 4.83 percent, 'Sugar, jam, honey & sweets' 2.11 and 'Other food products' 3.03 percent

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by 'electricity, gas and other fuel' and 'Transport' which rose by 15.83 percent and 13.84 percent respectively. The rise in the Transport sector was due to the increase in fuel pump price during the month whilst the 'electricity, gas and other fuel' index increase is due to the recent increase of both electricity and water charges by NAWEC.

During the months of October 2012 to November 2012, the 'Bread and Cereals' show the highest increase of 2.17 percent, followed by 'Vegetable, root crops and tubers' with 0.61 percent increase, whilst the 'Meat and meat product' sub-group went up by 0.41 percent. 'Milk, Cheese and eggs' registered an increase of 0.34 percent as well.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate is about 3.8 percent, the same figure that was recorded for October 2012, hence inflationary pressure remain the same during the months, October to November 2012. However, despite this general trend 'Bread and Cereals' and 'Vegetable, root crops and tubers' show 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	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.7	

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

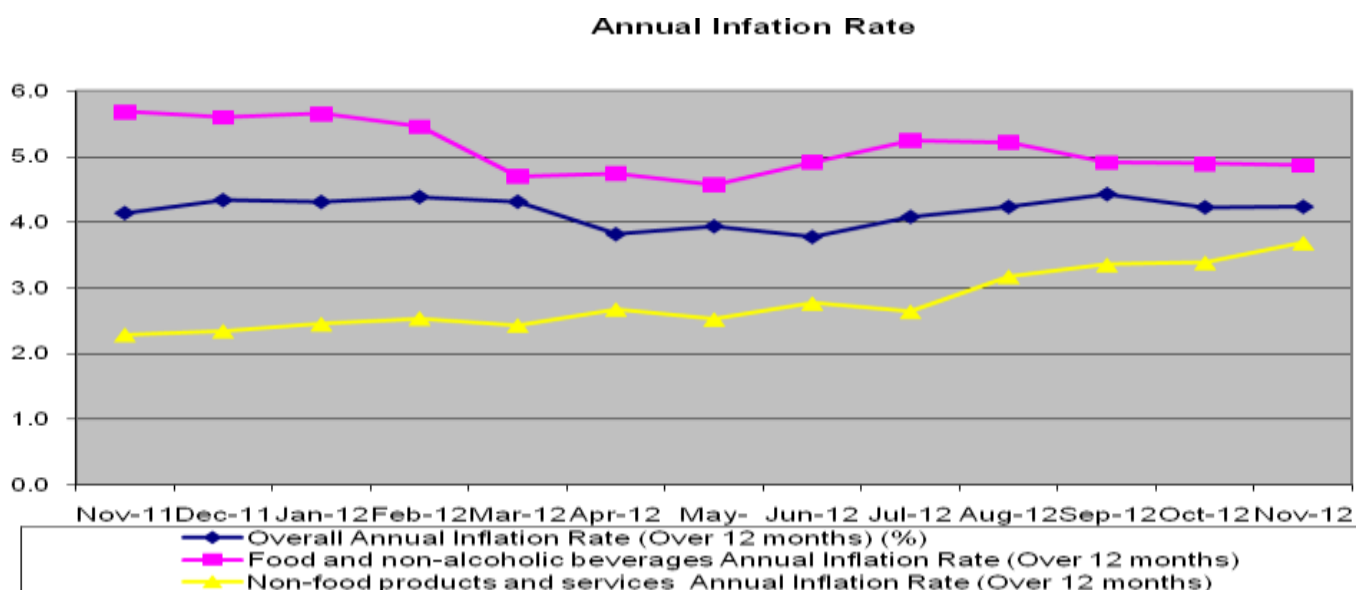
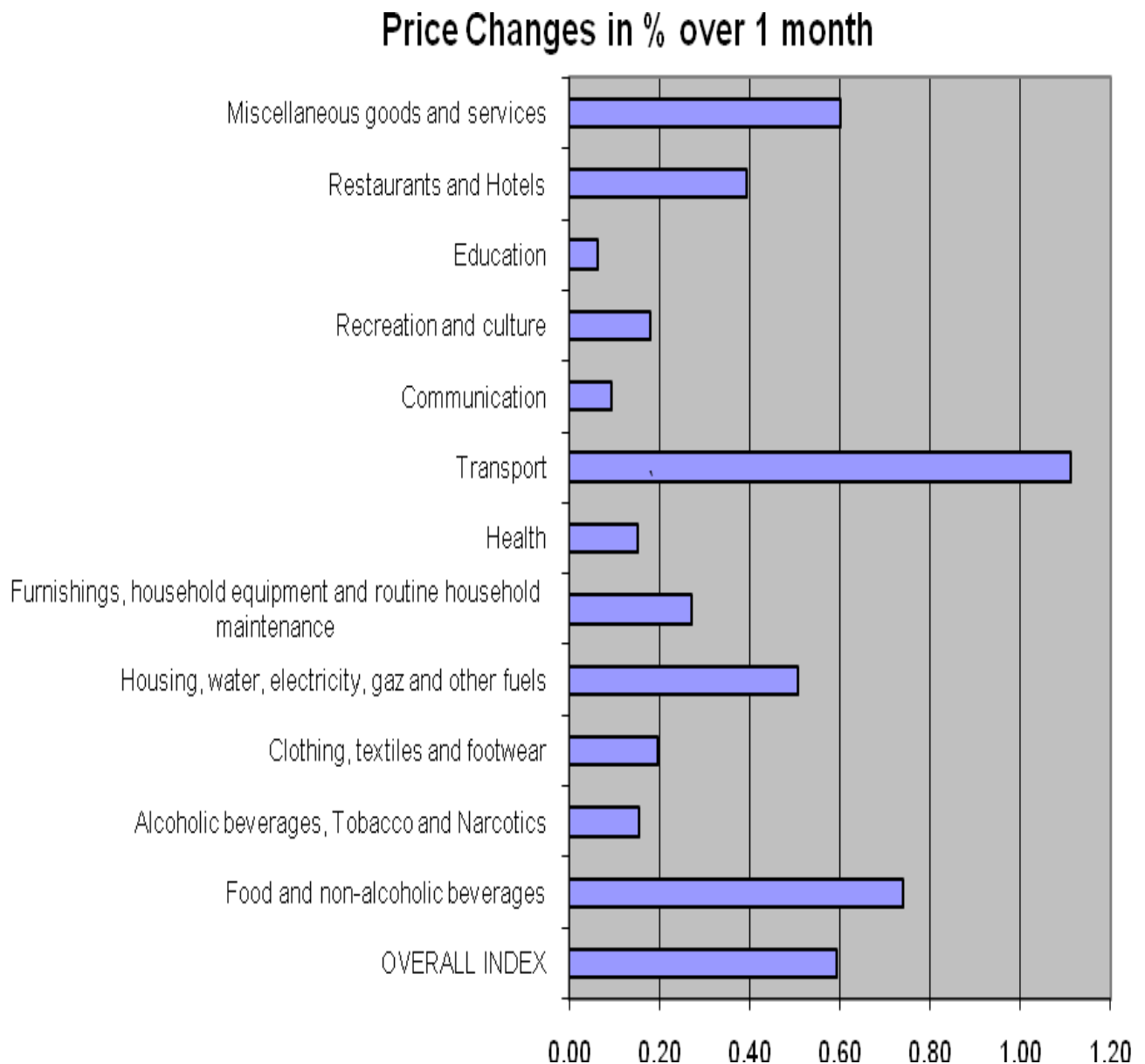


Figure 2.

Monthly changes – Comparison with the previous month: October 2012 to November 2012



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