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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) OCTOBER 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 15th.

	ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Oct-11	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	135.21	139.29	139.79	140.39	141.09	0.50	4.35
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	146.02	150.91	151.68	152.42	153.13	0.46	4.87
011	Food	32 914	146.75	151.72	152.50	153.26	153.99	0.47	4.93
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	140.80	147.60	148.76	149.73	150.42	0.46	6.83
0112	Meat	8 217	133.43	138.32	139.04	140.14	140.61	0.33	5.38
0113	Fish	2 226	123.39	126.65	127.01	127.89	128.19	0.23	3.89
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	123.06	125.87	126.44	126.51	127.23	0.57	3.39
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	173.98	181.32	182.68	183.54	185.37	1.00	6.55
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	151.57	157.26	158.23	158.55	159.34	0.49	5.13
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	169.53	172.69	173.16	173.61	174.40	0.46	2.88
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	202.76	206.35	206.49	206.78	207.19	0.20	2.18
0119	Other food products	2 248	128.47	131.23	131.63	131.80	132.33	0.40	3.00
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	119.80	121.95	122.03	122.11	122.18	0.06	1.99
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	108.59	109.91	109.92	110.22	110.55	0.30	1.81
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	115.21	116.77	117.64	117.82	118.25	0.37	2.64
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	114.47	115.76	116.63	116.75	117.13	0.33	2.32
032	Footwear	1 477	117.92	120.51	121.33	121.75	122.35	0.50	3.76
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	131.63	144.26	146.85	148.31	149.93	1.09	13.90
042	Actual rent	498	121.67	124.01	124.35	124.37	124.44	0.05	2.27
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	137.97	153.35	155.22	156.88	159.07	1.40	15.29
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	119.53	120.82	121.01	121.69	121.84	0.12	1.93
06	Health	728	101.93	102.31	102.36	102.36	102.39	0.03	0.45
07	Transport	2 706	156.20	164.42	165.87	168.64	176.26	4.52	12.84
08	Communication	1 822	102.63	102.88	103.07	103.07	103.07	0.00	0.43
09	Recreation and culture	957	108.82	110.49	110.59	110.94	111.32	0.34	2.29
10	Education	918	106.13	106.81	106.87	106.87	106.87	0.00	0.70
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	136.90	141.83	142.27	143.32	143.82	0.35	5.05
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	143.97	148.37	148.67	148.82	149.27	0.30	3.68
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		132.43	139.29	136.99	137.46	137.95	0.36	4.17
	OVERALL INDEX		135.21	150.91	139.79	140.39	141.09	0.50	4.35
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		146.02	124.06	151.68	152.42	153.13	0.46	4.87
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		121.10	136.51	124.48	124.88	125.56	0.55	3.69

The October inflation rate as measured on year on year basis, that is between October 2011 and October 2012 went up by 4.3 percent resulting from an Overall Index increase from 135.21 to 141.09. Some prices for both Food and Non-food items had gone up. Food and non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 4.87 whilst Non Food products and Services rose by 3.69 percent.

From October 2011 to October 2012, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, 'Bread and Cereal' increased by 6.83 percent, 'Meat and meat products' 5.38 percent 'Oils and Fats' 6.55 percent, 'Fruits and nuts' 5.13 percent, 'Sugar, jam, honey & sweets' 2.18 and 'Other food products' 3.00 percent

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by 'electricity, gas and other fuel' and 'Transport' which rose by 15.29 percent and 12.84 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 September 2012 to October 2012, the 'Oil and fats' show the highest increase of 1.00 percent, followed by 'Milk, Cheese and Eggs' with 0.57 percent increase, 'whilst the 'Bread & Cereals' sub-group went up by 0.46 percent. 'Fruits and nuts products' registered an increase of 0.49 percent as well.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate is about 3.8 percent, the same figure that was recorded for September 2012, hence inflationary pressure has remain the same during the months, September to October 2012. However, despite this general trend 'Bread and Cereals' and 'Oil and Fats' 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		

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

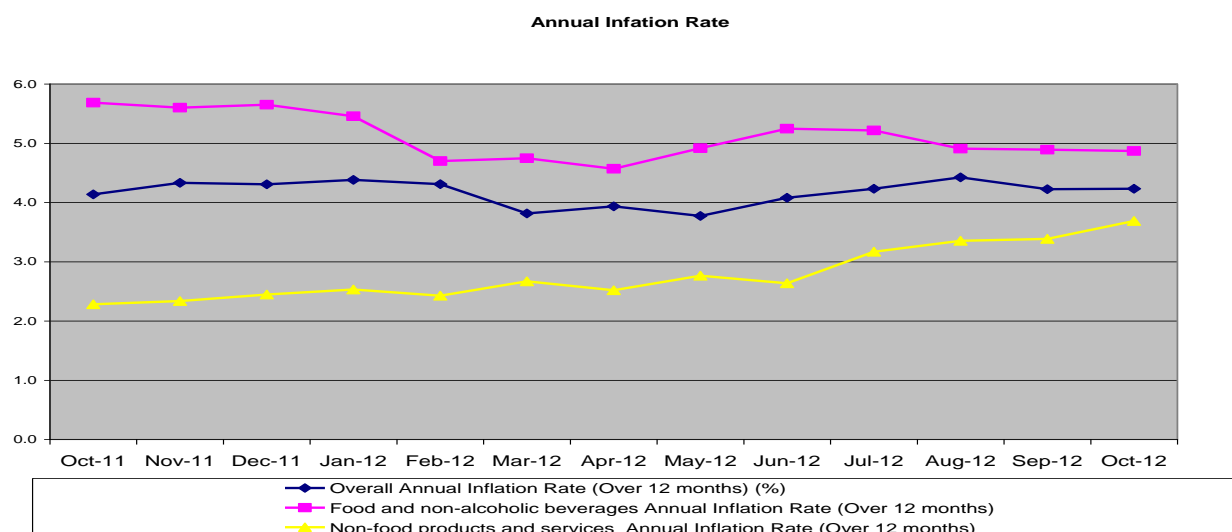
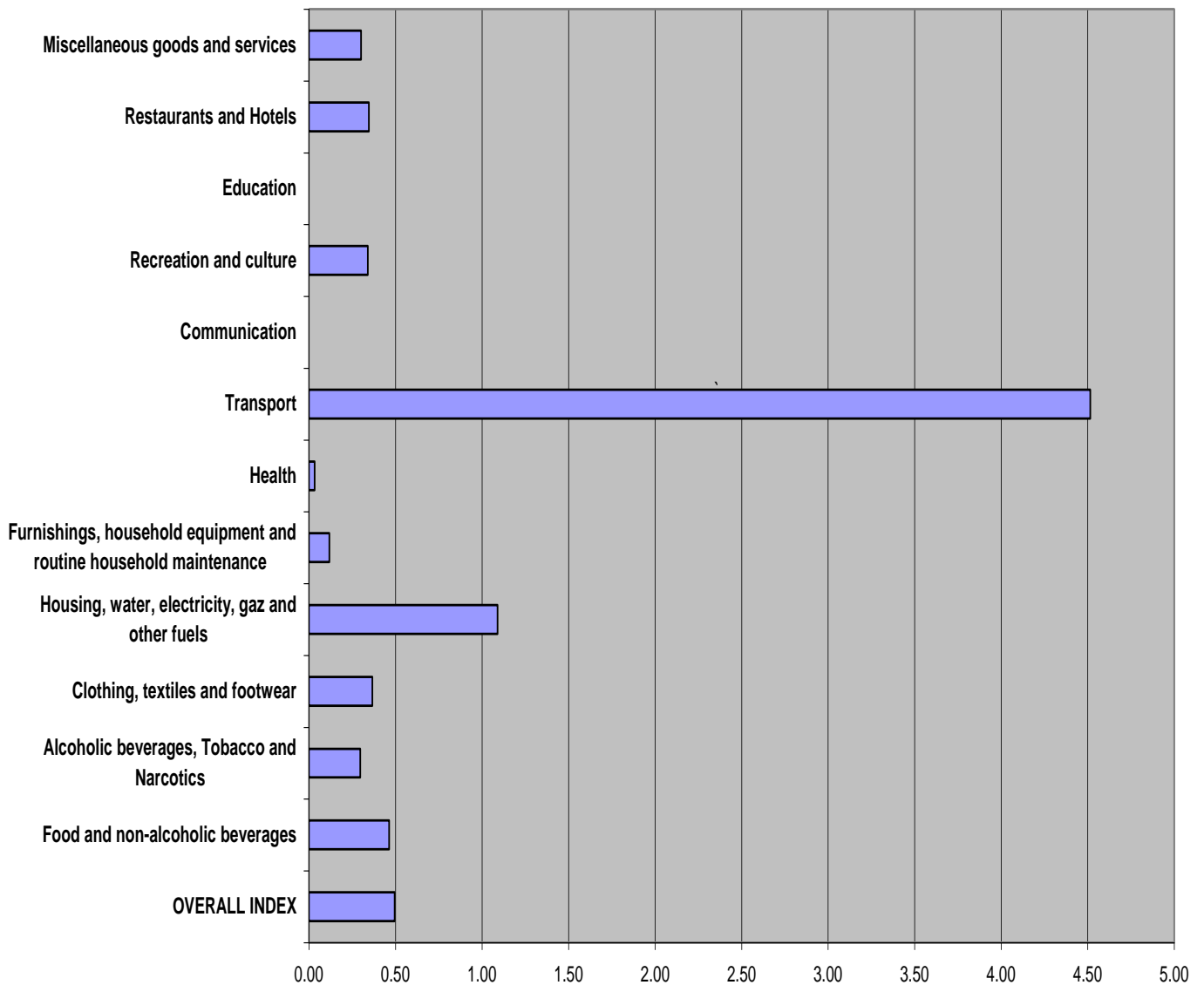


Figure 2.

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

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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