



THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MARCH 2013



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	Mar-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-12	Changes in % over	
								1 month	Over 12 Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	137.04	142.70	143.33	143.80	144.37	0.40	5.35
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	33837	148.28	155.32	156.19	156.85	157.56	0.46	6.26
011	Food	32 914	149.04	156.22	157.09	157.76	158.50	0.46	6.34
0111	Bread & Cereals	7 891	144.28	156.60	157.26	158.37	159.05	0.43	10.24
0112	Meat	8 217	135.58	141.76	142.43	142.90	143.74	0.59	6.02
0113	Fish	2 226	124.91	128.94	129.05	129.21	129.55	0.26	3.71
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1 462	124.12	128.26	128.71	128.96	129.07	0.08	3.98
0115	Oils and fats	3 469	176.97	185.61	186.88	187.41	189.03	0.87	6.81
0116	Fruits & nuts	1445	154.06	160.39	161.81	164.02	164.87	0.52	7.02
0117	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	4 533	170.84	175.84	176.50	176.76	177.29	0.30	3.78
0118	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	1 420	204.98	209.11	213.25	214.40	214.67	0.12	4.72
0119	Other food products	2 248	129.93	132.98	133.37	133.81	134.38	0.43	3.43
012	Non-alcoholic beverages	923	120.97	123.13	123.68	123.99	124.07	0.07	2.56
02	Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	109.08	111.13	111.44	111.55	111.66	0.10	2.37
03	Clothing, textiles and footwear	6 911	115.85	118.69	118.93	119.07	119.42	0.29	3.08
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services	5 434	114.93	117.53	117.66	117.78	118.07	0.25	2.74
032	Footwear	1 477	119.26	122.98	123.59	123.82	124.38	0.45	4.29
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2 089	133.75	151.60	152.30	153.47	154.37	0.59	15.42
042	Actual rent	498	122.43	124.72	124.73	124.73	124.81	0.07	1.94
043	Electricity, gas and other fuels	1 431	140.73	161.26	162.27	163.91	165.18	0.77	17.38
05	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	3 215	120.32	122.41	122.81	122.98	123.33	0.28	2.50
06	Health	728	102.19	102.55	102.56	102.56	102.56	0.00	0.37
07	Transport	2 706	160.34	179.49	180.75	181.74	183.15	0.78	14.23
08	Communication	1 822	102.75	103.17	103.18	103.18	103.20	0.02	0.44
09	Recreation and culture	957	109.83	111.73	111.99	112.12	112.35	0.20	2.30
10	Education	918	106.41	106.94	107.14	107.14	107.14	0.00	0.69
11	Restaurants and Hotels	222	139.48	145.23	146.08	146.39	147.37	0.67	5.66
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	3 639	146.30	151.51	151.96	152.14	152.59	0.29	4.30
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE		134.69	139.04	139.63	140.23	140.84	0.44	4.57
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	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		148.28	155.32	156.19	156.85	157.56	0.46	6.26
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		122.32	126.44	126.75	126.97	127.37	0.31	4.12

The overall Consumer Price Index has further moved to 144.37 in March -2013 indicating an increase of 0.40 percent over the February 2013 figure of 143.80.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 5.35 percent from March 2012 to March 2013 compared to the 5.30 percent increase for the February 2012 to February 2013. This increase was primarily due to the food and non- alcoholic beverages, which rose by 0.42 percent during March 2013 whilst Non Food Products and services increased by 0.18 percent.

From March 2012 to March 2013, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, '*Bread and Cereal*' increased by 10.43 percent, '*Meat and meat products*' 5.72 percent '*Oils and Fats*' 6.31 percent, '*Fruits and nuts*' 6.96 percent and '*Sugar, jam, honey & sweets*' 4.71 percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by '*electricity, gas and other fuel*' and '*Transport*' which rose by 17.31 percent and 14.24 percent respectively. There were also some increases in footwear, Restaurants and Hotels and well as the Miscellaneous items during the period.

During the months of February 2013 to March 2013, the 'Oil and Fats' sub-group show the highest increase of 0.87 percent, followed by '*Meat and Meat Products*' with 0.59 percent increase, whilst the '*Bread and Cereal*' went up by 0.43 percent. 'Other food products' sub-group also registered an increase of 0.43 percent as well.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation shows a slight increase recording 4.2 percent during March 2013 compared to 4.1 which was recorded for February 2013.

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
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	4.9
2013	5.2	5.3	5.4									

Figure1. Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (Mar. 2012 to Mar. 2013)

Annual Inflation Rate

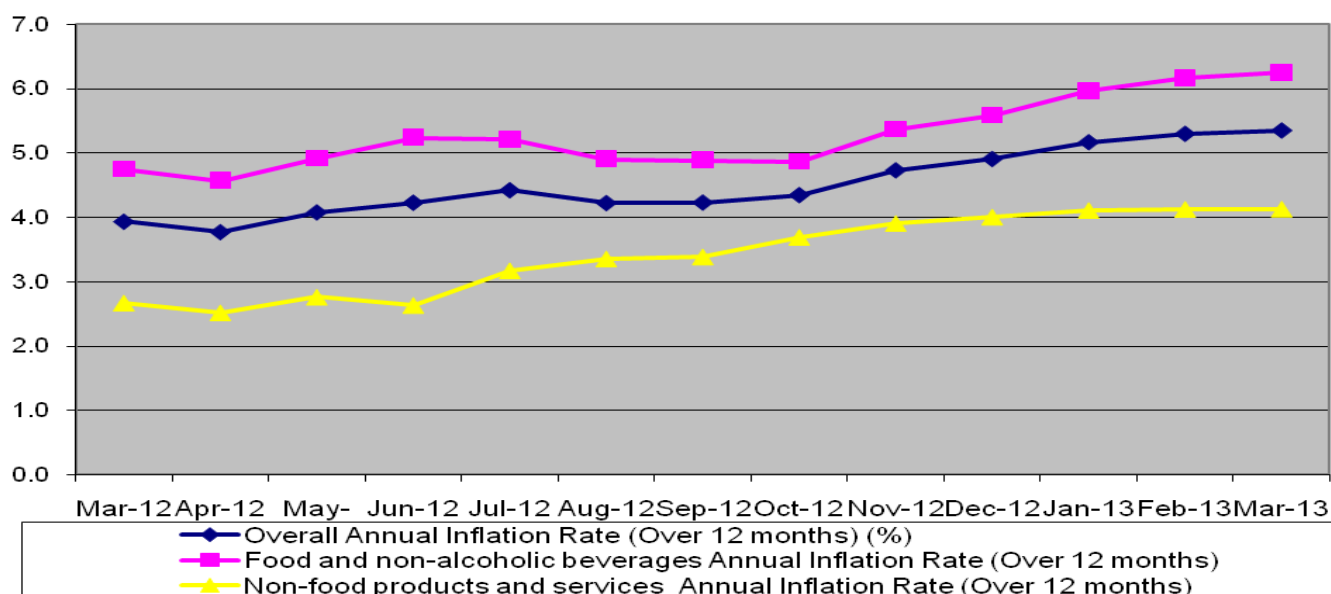
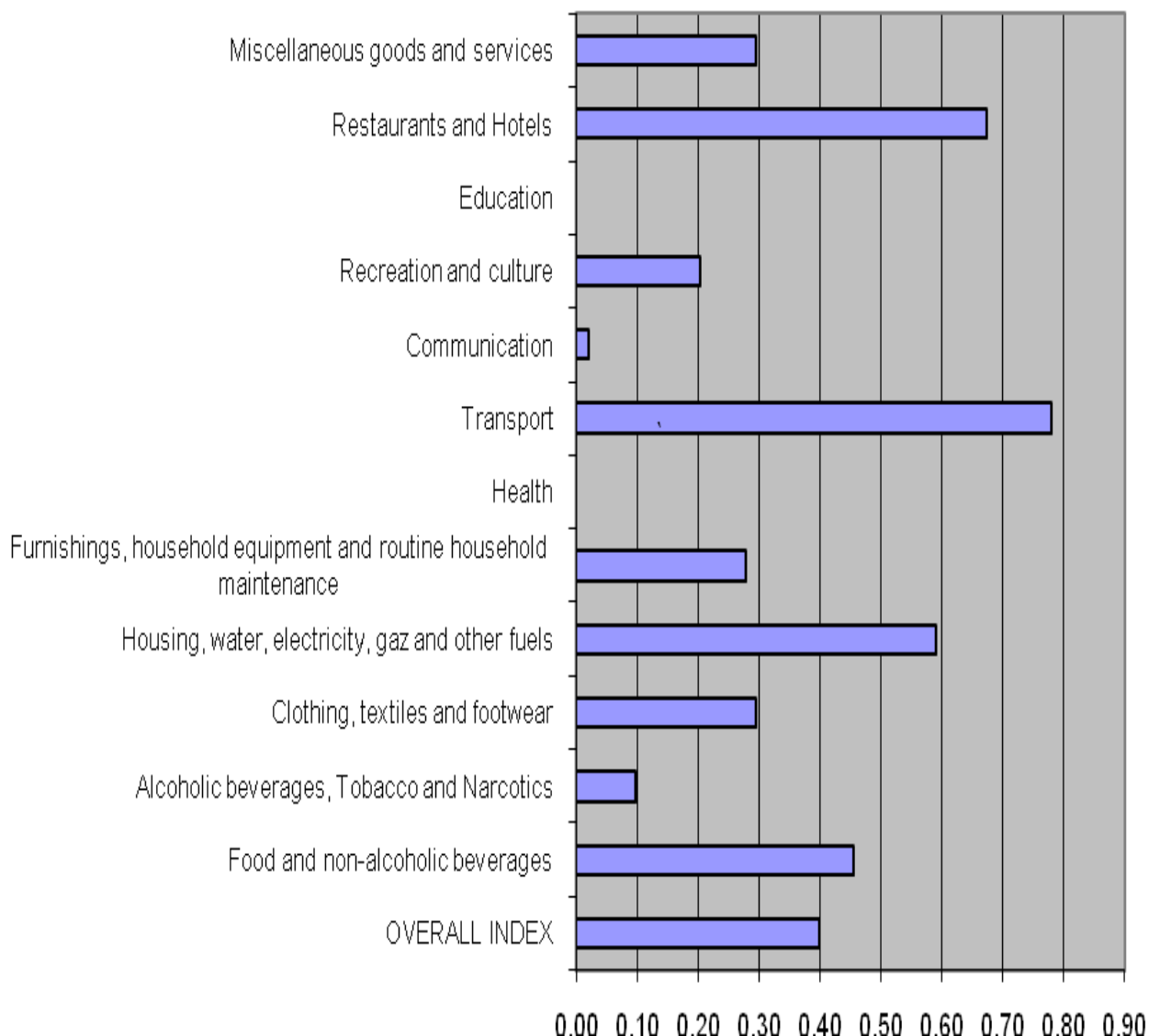


Figure 2.

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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