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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FEBRUARY 2017



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

								Changes in % Over	
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ALL ITEM (NEW SERIES; 2004=100)		Weights	Feb-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Month	Months
OVERALL INDEX		61841	173.32	183.97	185.35	187.61	188.57	0.51	8.80
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	194.96	208.15	209.49	213.07	214.11	0.49	9.82
011	Food	32914	196.73	210.22	211.59	215.24	216.31	0.50	9.95
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	191.01	205.03	206.89	212.26	212.46	0.10	11.23
0112	Meat	8217	213.07	232.57	234.43	240.27	241.28	0.42	13.24
0113	Fish	2226	162.58	175.51	177.40	180.46	182.65	1.21	12.35
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	151.00	159.14	159.23	160.16	162.91	1.72	7.89
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	228.90	243.30	243.55	244.75	247.00	0.92	7.91
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	186.02	194.96	195.45	197.30	199.74	1.24	7.38
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	195.53	202.16	202.86	205.02	205.58	0.27	5.14
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	239.00	249.82	250.88	251.69	252.75	0.42	5.75
0119	Other Food Products	2248	154.19	164.82	166.72	168.49	168.91	0.25	9.54
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	131.49	133.77	134.24	135.33	135.47	0.11	3.03
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	118.90	120.74	121.31	121.51	121.64	0.10	2.31
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	137.16	146.67	147.90	148.52	149.12	0.40	8.72
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	135.46	144.24	145.13	145.46	145.83	0.25	7.65
032	Footwear	1477	143.39	155.63	158.06	159.76	161.20	0.90	12.42
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	177.54	181.00	182.19	182.85	183.66	0.44	3.45
042	Actual Rent	498	133.18	136.41	138.37	138.37	139.35	0.71	4.63
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	195.32	199.11	200.17	201.13	201.93	0.40	3.38
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	135.30	139.73	140.24	140.66	140.86	0.15	4.11
06	Health	728	134.12	135.90	136.03	136.03	136.65	0.46	1.88
07	Transport	2706	227.06	226.17	226.53	228.19	229.62	0.62	1.13
08	Communication	1822	104.58	104.85	104.85	104.85	104.86	0.01	0.27
09	Recreation and Culture	957	121.18	124.85	126.19	126.39	126.66	0.21	4.52
10	Education	918	109.23	109.44	109.44	109.51	109.51	0.00	0.26
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	177.75	191.82	194.19	196.62	197.75	0.57	11.25
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	186.50	208.60	214.75	216.20	219.83	1.68	17.87
12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES			168.14	177.20	178.33	179.60	180.87	0.71	7.57
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NON-FOOD PRODUCTS ANND SERVICES			145.41	152.79	154.21	154.78	155.62	0.55	7.03

In February 2017, the overall consumer Price Index was 188.57, a 0.51 percent increase over the January 2017 overall index of 187.61.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 8.80 percent from February 2016 to February 2017. Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 9.82 percent whilst Non Food Products and Services rose by 7.03 percent.

From February 2016 to February 2017, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Meat and meat products’ increased by 13.24 percent, ‘Fish and fish products’ 12.35 and ‘Bread and Cereal’ 11.23 percent.

For the Non-Food items, the major increases were recorded by ‘Footwear’, ‘Clothing Garments and tailoring services’ and ‘Electricity Gas and other Fuels’ which rose by 12.42 percent, 7.65 percent and 3.38 percent respectively.

During the months of January 2017 to February 2017, ‘Milk, Cheese and Eggs’, Fruits and Nuts and ‘fish’ show the highest increase in percentage of 1.72 percent, 1.24 percent, 1.21 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was about 7.57percent, compared to 7.41 percent recorded in January 2017.

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
2014	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.4	5.6	5.7	6.3	6.6	6.8	6.9
2015	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.7
2016	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.9
2017	8.8	8.8										

Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (Feb 2016 –Feb 2017)

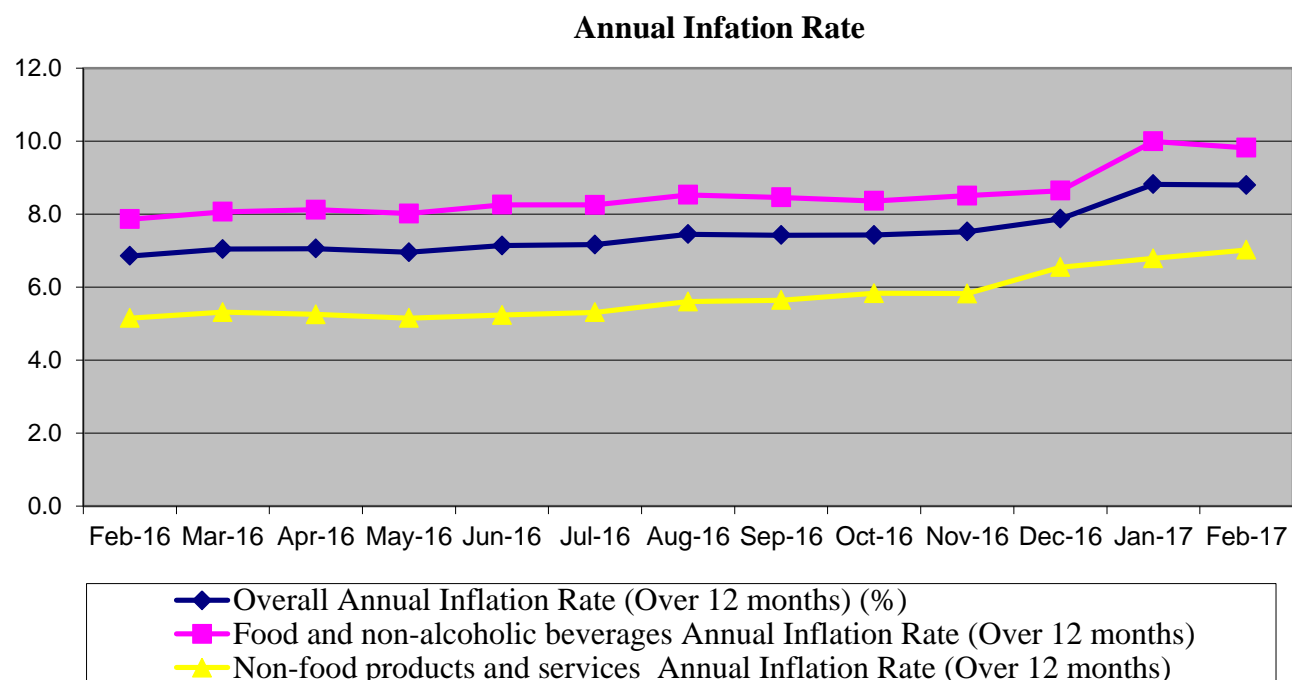
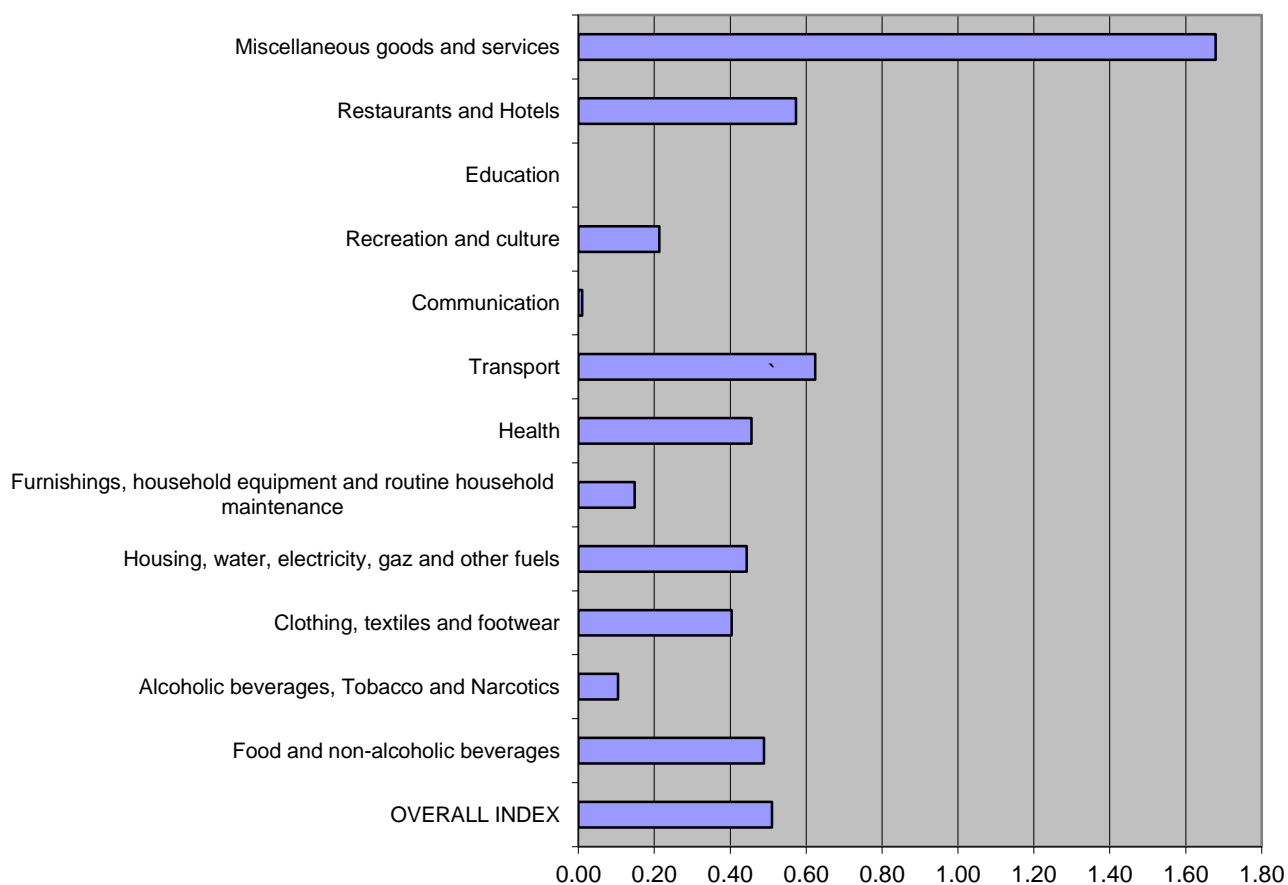


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: January 2017 to February 2017

Price Changes in % over 1 month



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