

## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) JANUARY 2018

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	
	ALL ITEM (NEW SERIES; 2004=100)	Weights	Jan-17	Oct-17	Nov_17	Dec_2017	Jan_2018	1 Month	Over 12 Months
	<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>	<b>61841</b>	<b>187.61</b>	<b>195.98</b>	<b>196.62</b>	<b>198.22</b>	<b>199.61</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>6.40</b>
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	213.07	222.60	223.17	224.78	226.11	0.59	6.12
011	Food	32914	215.24	224.95	225.52	227.18	228.53	0.60	6.18
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	212.26	220.18	220.87	222.06	223.46	0.63	5.28
0112	Meat	8217	240.27	253.71	254.50	257.38	259.01	0.63	7.80
0113	Fish	2226	180.46	193.41	193.89	195.19	196.29	0.56	8.77
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	160.16	168.99	169.46	170.34	171.12	0.46	6.84
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	244.75	256.38	256.48	257.34	257.36	0.01	5.15
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	197.30	211.11	211.57	212.91	214.97	0.97	8.96
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	205.02	211.34	211.43	213.24	214.92	0.79	4.83
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	251.69	257.74	258.34	259.19	260.25	0.41	3.40
0119	Other Food Products	2248	168.49	171.69	172.95	174.20	176.22	1.16	4.59
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	135.33	138.29	138.65	138.82	139.07	0.18	2.77
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	121.51	122.66	122.78	122.81	122.97	0.13	1.20
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	148.52	156.30	156.66	157.68	158.98	0.82	7.04
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	145.46	152.57	152.89	153.89	154.65	0.50	6.32
032	Footwear	1477	159.76	170.01	170.52	171.65	174.89	1.89	9.47
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	182.85	190.40	191.04	191.54	192.92	0.72	5.51
042	Actual Rent	498	138.37	141.90	142.68	142.68	143.27	0.41	3.54
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	201.13	210.77	211.43	212.14	213.90	0.83	6.35
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	140.66	146.03	146.18	147.20	147.74	0.37	5.04
06	Health	728	136.03	137.80	138.15	138.28	139.33	0.76	2.43
07	Transport	2706	228.19	231.87	231.87	232.94	234.32	0.59	2.68
08	Communication	1822	104.85	105.18	105.18	105.18	105.22	0.03	0.35
09	Recreation and Culture	957	126.39	137.74	137.74	140.48	140.67	0.14	11.30
10	Education	918	109.51	109.79	109.79	109.79	110.11	0.29	0.55
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	196.62	204.70	205.37	206.67	207.93	0.61	5.75
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	216.20	232.13	236.23	240.08	245.96	2.45	13.77
	<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES</b>		<b>179.60</b>	<b>190.53</b>	<b>191.59</b>	<b>192.66</b>	<b>193.66</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>7.83</b>
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	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>		<b>154.78</b>	<b>161.64</b>	<b>162.38</b>	<b>163.96</b>	<b>165.43</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>6.89</b>

In January 2018, the overall Consumer Price Index was 199.61, a 0.70 percent increase over the December 2017 overall index of 198.22.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.40 percent from January 2017 to January 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.12 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 6.89 percent.

From January 2017 to January 2018, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 8.96 percent, ‘Fish and fish products’ increased by 8.77 percent, ‘Meat and meat products’ increased by 7.80 percent, and ‘Milk Cheese and Eggs’ increased by 6.84 percent.

For the Non-Food items, major increases were recorded by ‘Footwear’, ‘Electricity, Gas and other Fuels’ and ‘Clothing, Garments and tailoring services’ which rose by 9.47 percent, 6.35 percent and 6.32 percent respectively.

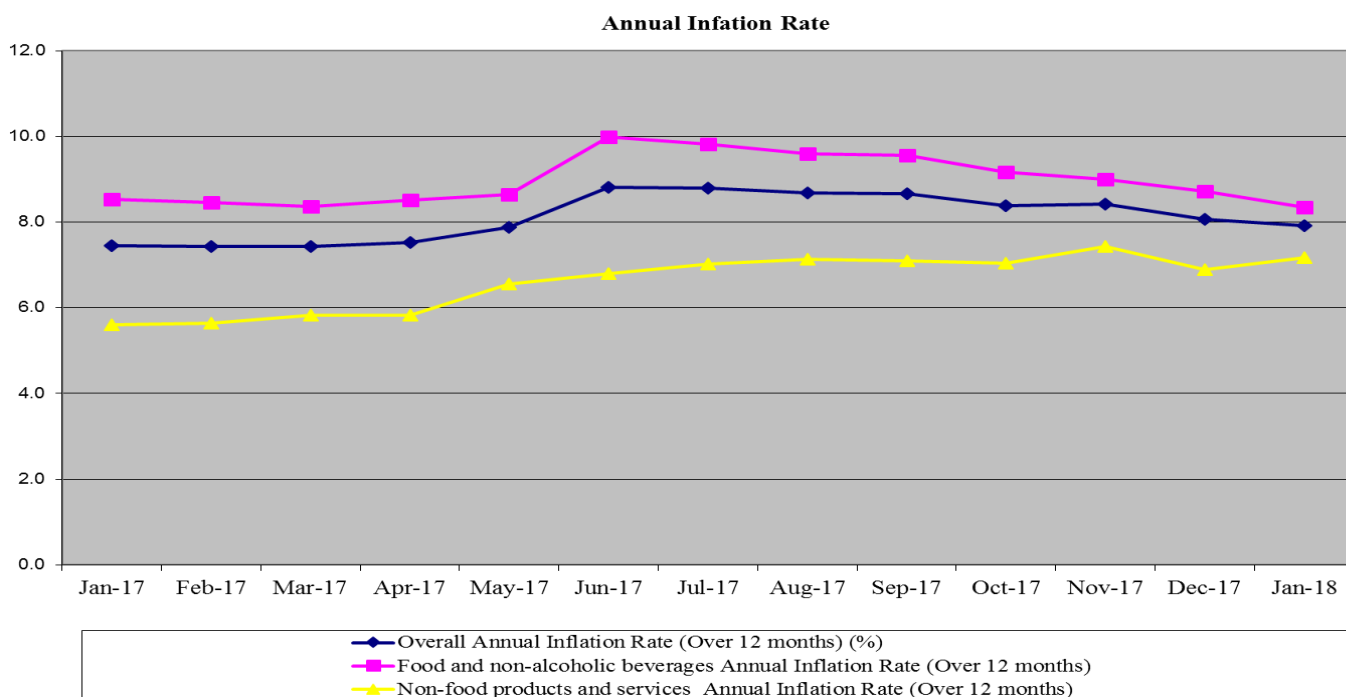
During the months of December 2017 to January 2018, ‘Fruits and Nuts’, ‘Meat and Meat Products’, Bread and Cereals’ and ‘Fish and Fish Products’, shows the highest increase in percentage with 0.97 percent, 0.63 percent, 0.63 percent and 0.56 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 7.83 percent in January 2018 compared to 8.03 percent recorded in December 2017.

**Overall Annual Inflation Rate (over 12 months - Comparison with the same month for the previous year)**

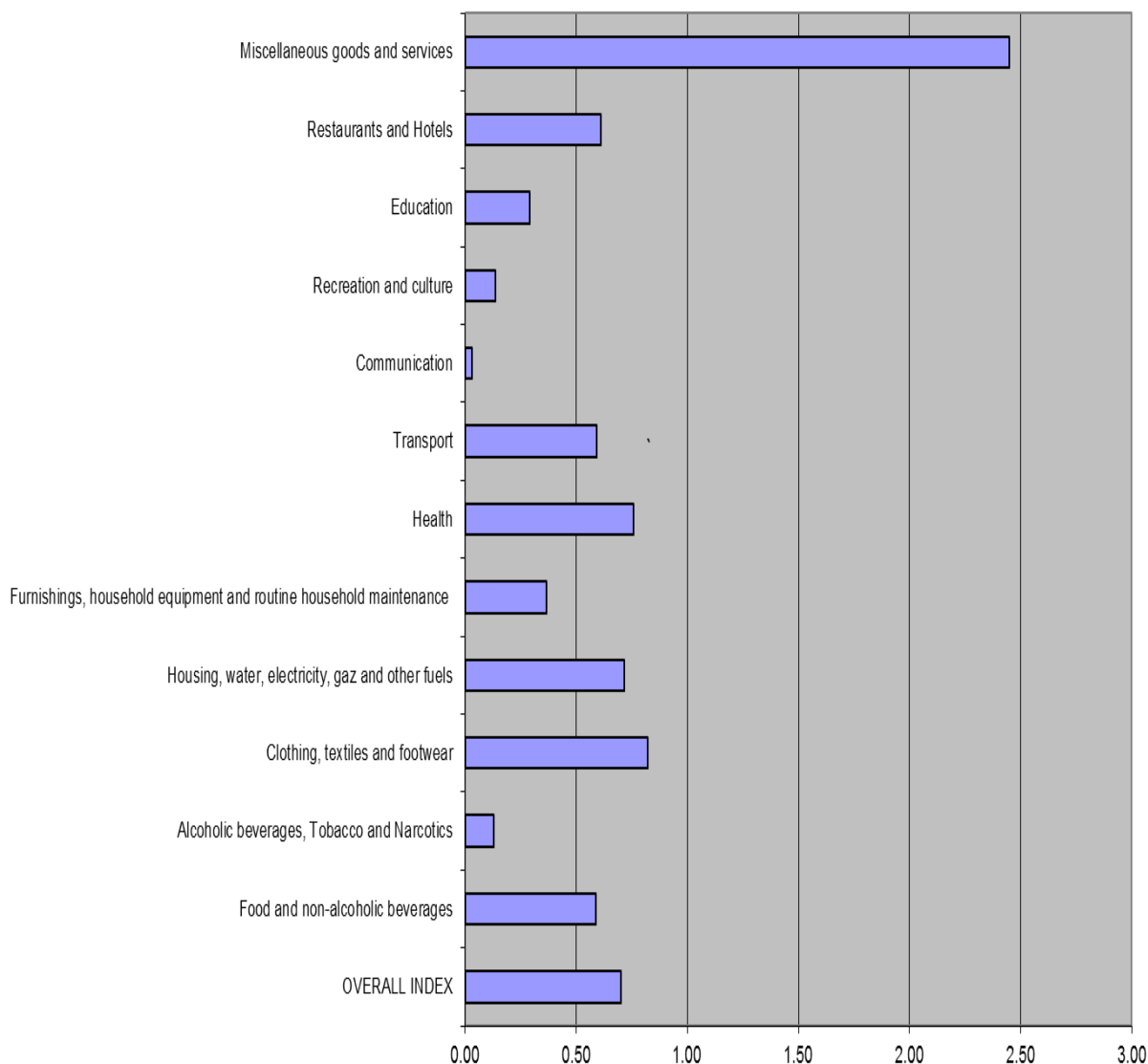
Year	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2015	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.7	7.2	7.2	6.9	6.9	6.6	6.5	6.6	6.7
2016	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.9
2017	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.4	8.4	8.1	7.9	7.6	7.4	6.9	6.9
2018	6.4											

**Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (January 2017 – January 2018)**



**Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: December 2017 to January 2018**

**Price Changes in % over 1 month**



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