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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) APRIL 2019



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	Apr_2018	Jan_2019	Feb_2019	Mar_2019	Apr_2019	Month	Months
OVERALL INDEX		61841	202.69	211.75	212.94	213.94	216.70	1.29	6.91
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	229.77	240.11	241.59	242.68	244.00	0.54	6.19
011	Food	32914	232.29	242.83	244.34	245.47	246.86	0.57	6.27
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	227.97	240.15	241.74	243.19	245.37	0.89	7.63
0112	Meat	8217	264.35	276.57	278.87	279.20	281.64	0.87	6.54
0113	Fish	2226	201.49	212.34	214.78	216.88	219.68	1.29	9.03
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	174.20	182.41	183.01	184.08	185.62	0.84	6.55
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	259.57	272.41	274.18	276.19	277.68	0.54	6.98
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	220.60	235.12	235.67	236.59	239.33	1.16	8.49
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	216.13	222.84	223.65	224.77	225.86	0.49	4.50
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	261.97	266.70	266.90	267.36	269.77	0.90	2.97
0119	Other Food Products	2248	178.08	183.21	183.74	184.81	185.59	0.42	4.22
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	139.40	142.56	142.93	142.94	143.83	0.63	3.18
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	123.30	124.73	125.23	125.28	125.94	0.52	2.13
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	161.93	171.53	172.73	174.18	175.61	0.82	8.45
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	157.18	166.48	167.60	169.09	170.57	0.87	8.51
032	Footwear	1477	179.39	190.13	191.60	192.91	194.15	0.64	8.23
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	196.19	205.44	205.83	206.45	207.84	0.68	5.94
042	Actual Rent	498	144.64	147.57	147.57	147.97	148.61	0.44	2.75
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	218.12	230.58	231.15	231.91	233.63	0.74	7.11
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	149.91	154.58	155.38	156.07	157.22	0.74	4.87
06	Health	728	139.78	140.92	141.16	141.19	141.37	0.13	1.14
07	Transport	2706	235.63	241.76	242.62	242.93	243.57	0.26	3.37
08	Communication	1822	105.24	105.27	105.27	105.27	168.55	60.12	60.16
09	Recreation and Culture	957	141.59	145.55	146.54	146.61	147.90	0.88	4.45
10	Education	918	110.53	110.66	110.66	110.66	110.88	0.19	0.32
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	211.70	227.42	228.68	230.45	232.18	0.75	9.67
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	251.15	268.23	269.13	271.39	272.60	0.45	8.54
12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES			196.73	206.23	207.26	208.29	209.46	0.56	6.47
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FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES			229.77	240.11	241.59	242.68	244.00	0.54	6.19
NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES			167.75	175.16	175.99	176.86	182.34	3.10	8.70

In April 2019, the overall Consumer Price Index was 216.70, a 1.29 percent increase over the March 2019 overall index of 213.94.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.91 percent from April 2018 to April 2019. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.19 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 8.70 percent.

From April 2018 to April 2019, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fish and fish product’ increased by 9.03 percent, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 8.49 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increased by 7.63 percent, ‘Oils and fats’ increased by 6.98 percent, and ‘Meat and meat products’ increased by 6.54 percent.

For the Non-Food items, major increases were recorded by ‘Communication’, ‘Restaurant and Hotel’, ‘Miscellaneous goods and Services’, ‘Clothing, Garments and tailoring services’, ‘Footwear’ ‘Electricity, Gas and other Fuels’ which rose by 60.16 percent, 9.67 percent, 8.54 percent, 8.51 percent, 8.23 percent and 7.11 percent respectively.

During the months of March 2019 to April 2019, ‘Fish and fish products’, ‘Fruits and Nuts’, ‘Sugar, Jam, Honey and Sweets’, ‘Bread and cereals’ and ‘Meat and meat products’ shows the highest increase in percentage with 1.29 percent, 1.16 percent, 0.90 percent, 0.89 percent and 0.87 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 6.47 percent in April 2019 compared to 6.44 percent recorded in March 2019.

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
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	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.9	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.4
2019	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.9								

Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (April 2018 – April 2019)

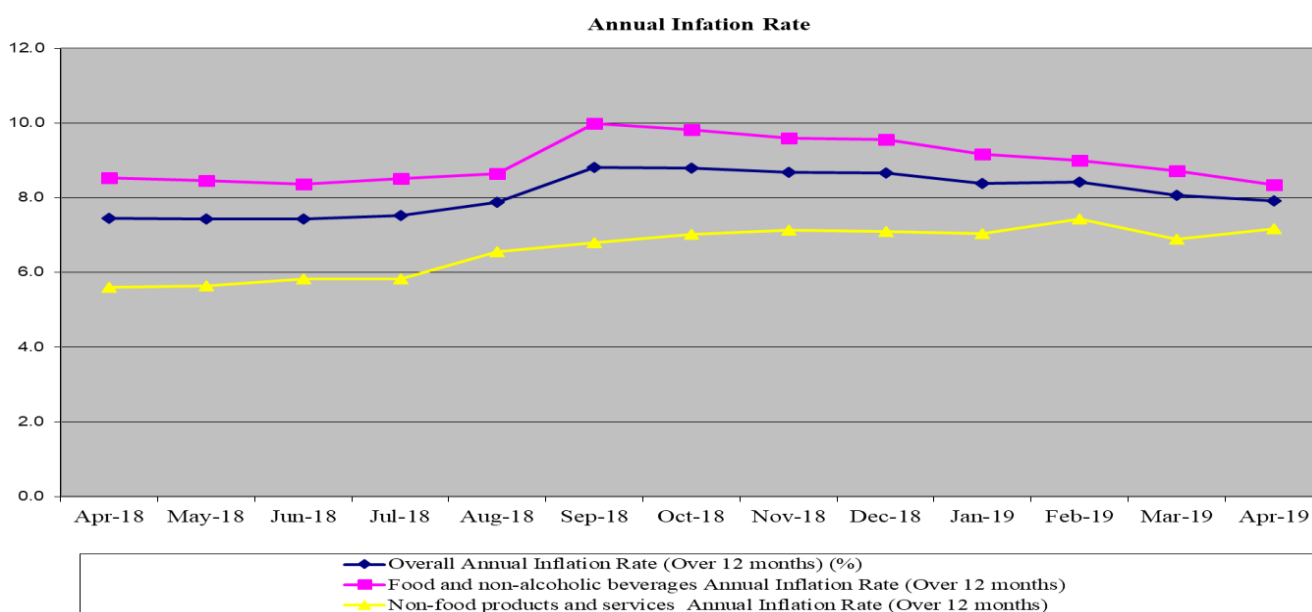
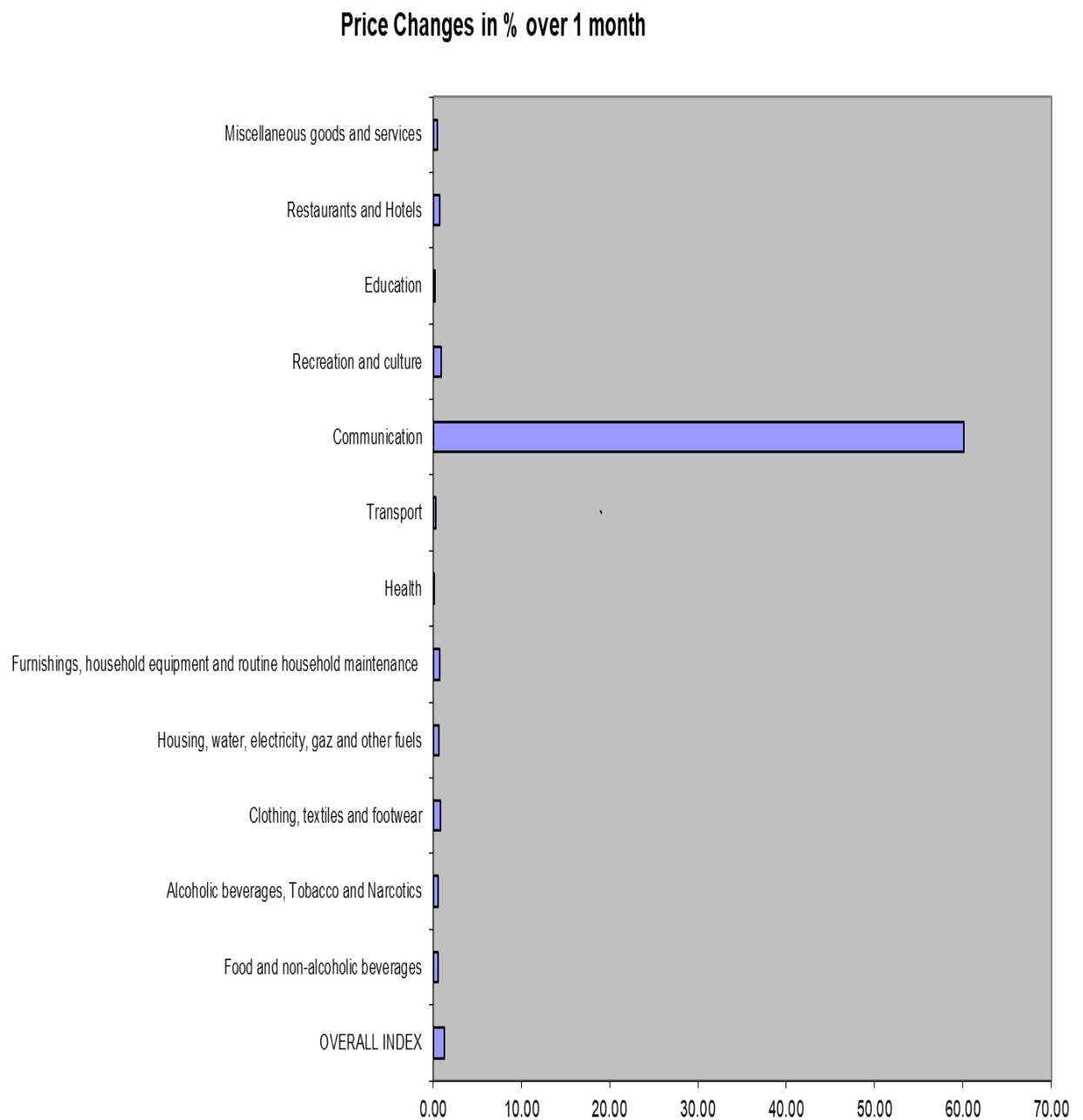


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: March 2019 to April 2019



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