



THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) APRIL 2020



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Important announcement

With the publication of the January 2020 index, GBoS has updated the official CPI series. This involves updating the weights and product basket as well as a number of methodological improvements. These updates improve the transparency, relevance and representativity of the CPI. For the first time, GBoS will also be calculating CPI indexes for urban and rural areas. These estimates are available on our website. See www.gbosdata.org/downloads, www.gambia.opendataforafrica.org/nsdp or the Annex to this release for full details.

To highlight these improvements, the long run CPI index has been re-referenced (rescaled) to January 2020=100. Please note that historical inflation rates are unaffected by this rescaling.

Please visit our website for the full CPI series.

The Gambia Bureau of Statistics presents to users the Consumer Price Index (CPI) based on January 2019 =100 (Re-referenced to January 2020=100). The CPI is published on 15th of every month for the preceding month

COICOP	ALL ITEMS(JANUARY 2020=100)	Weights 2015/16	Apr-19	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	Changes in % Over	
							1 Month	12 Months
0	All-items CPI (OVERALL INDEX)	100000	95.3	101.0	101.2	100.7	-0.6	5.6
01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	52623	94.2	98.8	100.8	100.6	-0.2	6.9
01.1	FOOD	49529	94.0	99.0	100.8	100.6	-0.2	7.0
01.1.1	Bread & Cereals	14258	90.5	94.6	100.5	99.5	-0.9	10.0
01.1.2	Meat	5248	93.2	95.1	101.1	100.8	-0.3	8.1
01.1.3	Fish	5799	93.7	109.3	106.0	110.6	4.3	18.0
01.1.4	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2710	96.4	95.8	99.3	102.8	3.5	6.6
01.1.5	Oils and fats	4313	92.1	96.4	107.9	107.5	-0.4	16.7
01.1.6	Fruits & nuts	1665	103.9	101.8	108.8	122.5	12.6	17.9
01.1.7	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	8938	94.3	97.5	92.4	88.4	-4.4	-6.3
01.1.8	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	3438	101.8	104.0	100.1	100.2	0.1	-1.6
01.1.9	Other food products n.e.c	3159	100.1	111.0	103.1	98.7	-4.2	-1.3
01.2	Non-alcoholic beverages	3094	98.4	96.7	101.9	101.5	-0.4	3.1
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES	47377	97.5	103.5	101.7	100.7	-1.0	3.3
02	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	1163	104.7	105.1	99.5	101.1	1.6	-3.4
02.1	Alcoholic beverages	31	94.4	116.4	100.2	100.2	0.1	6.1
02.2	Tobacco	940	106.9	106.0	99.9	101.8	2.0	-4.7
03	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	7895	96.2	103.7	99.5	99.1	-0.4	3.0
03.1	GARMENTS	6585	96.0	104.5	98.6	98.9	0.2	3.0
03.1.1	Clothing materials	2195	95.2	95.5	98.4	99.2	0.8	4.2
03.1.2	Garments	1894	95.8	106.1	107.3	107.7	0.4	12.4
03.1.4	Repair and hire of clothing	2495	96.9	111.2	92.4	92.0	-0.5	-5.1
3.2	Footwear	1310	97.2	99.9	103.9	100.4	-3.3	3.3
04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	7302	95.6	100.2	100.2	90.1	-10.1	-5.8
04.1	Actual rentals for housing	15	94.2	112.3	112.3	112.3	0.0	19.2
04.4.1	Water supply	832	99.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.7
04.5	Electricity, gas and other fuels	5998	95.6	100.0	100.3	87.6	-12.7	-8.4
05	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT, ETC	7306	95.6	101.0	99.6	101.8	2.2	6.5
05.1	Furniture, decorations, floor coverings and repairs	397	99.4	111.6	107.3	109.0	1.6	9.6
05.2	Household textiles	319	98.0	99.3	99.3	102.4	3.2	4.5
05.3	Household appliances	52	95.9	96.1	94.3	98.2	4.1	2.4
05.6	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	5669	94.1	100.3	98.9	101.3	2.5	7.6
06	HEALTH	574	102.4	104.8	102.6	102.6	0.0	0.2
07	TRANSPORT	9644	99.2	101.1	101.9	102.6	0.7	3.4
08	COMMUNICATIONS	8809	99.5	95.2	96.7	97.3	0.5	-2.2
09	RECREATION AND CULTURE	428	98.6	96.3	95.8	92.8	-3.1	-6.0
09.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	69	106.4	103.1	103.1	104.2	1.1	-2.1
09.5	Newspapers, books and stationery	268	104.4	99.0	97.9	96.7	-1.3	-7.4
10	Education	20	99.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.8
11	HOTELS, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS	754	94.2	102.1	99.0	99.5	0.5	5.6
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	3482	93.7	116.2	115.9	115.9	0.0	23.7
12.1	Personal care	1823	94.4	126.6	126.0	126.1	0.1	33.6
	ALL ITEM INDEX	100000	95.3	101.0	101.2	100.7		5.6
	12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE							4.6
	Year on Year inflation							5.6

From April 2019 to April 2020, the year on year All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate increased by 5.6 percent. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.9 percent whilst Non-Food Products rose by 3.3 percent.

In April 2020, the All-items CPI index was 100.70, a decrease of -0.6 percent over the March 2020 All-items index of 101.02.

From April 2019 to April 2020, within Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fish’ increased by 18.0 percent, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 17.9 percent, ‘Oils and Fats’ increased by 16.7 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increased by 10.0 percent, and ‘Meat’ increased by 8.1 percent.

Over the same period, for the Non-Food products, major increases were recorded by ‘Personal Care’, 33.6 percent, ‘Miscellaneous’, 23.7 percent, ‘Furnishing, Household Equipment, etc.’, 6.5 percent, ‘Transport’, 3.4 percent, and ‘Clothing and Footwear’, 3.0 percent,

From March 2020 to April 2020, the highest inflation rates were for ‘Fruits’, 12.6 percent, ‘Fish’, 4.3 percent and ‘Milk, Cheese and Eggs’, 3.5 percent.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, the annual inflation rate was 4.6 percent in April 2020 compared to 6.2 percent recorded in March 2020.

All-items year on year Inflation Rate (Comparison with the same month for the previous year)

Year	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	6.08	6.16	6.13	6.91	7.46	7.35	7.31	7.36	7.58	7.55	7.73	7.68
2020	7.36	7.84	7.58	5.61								

Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (April 2019 – April 2020)

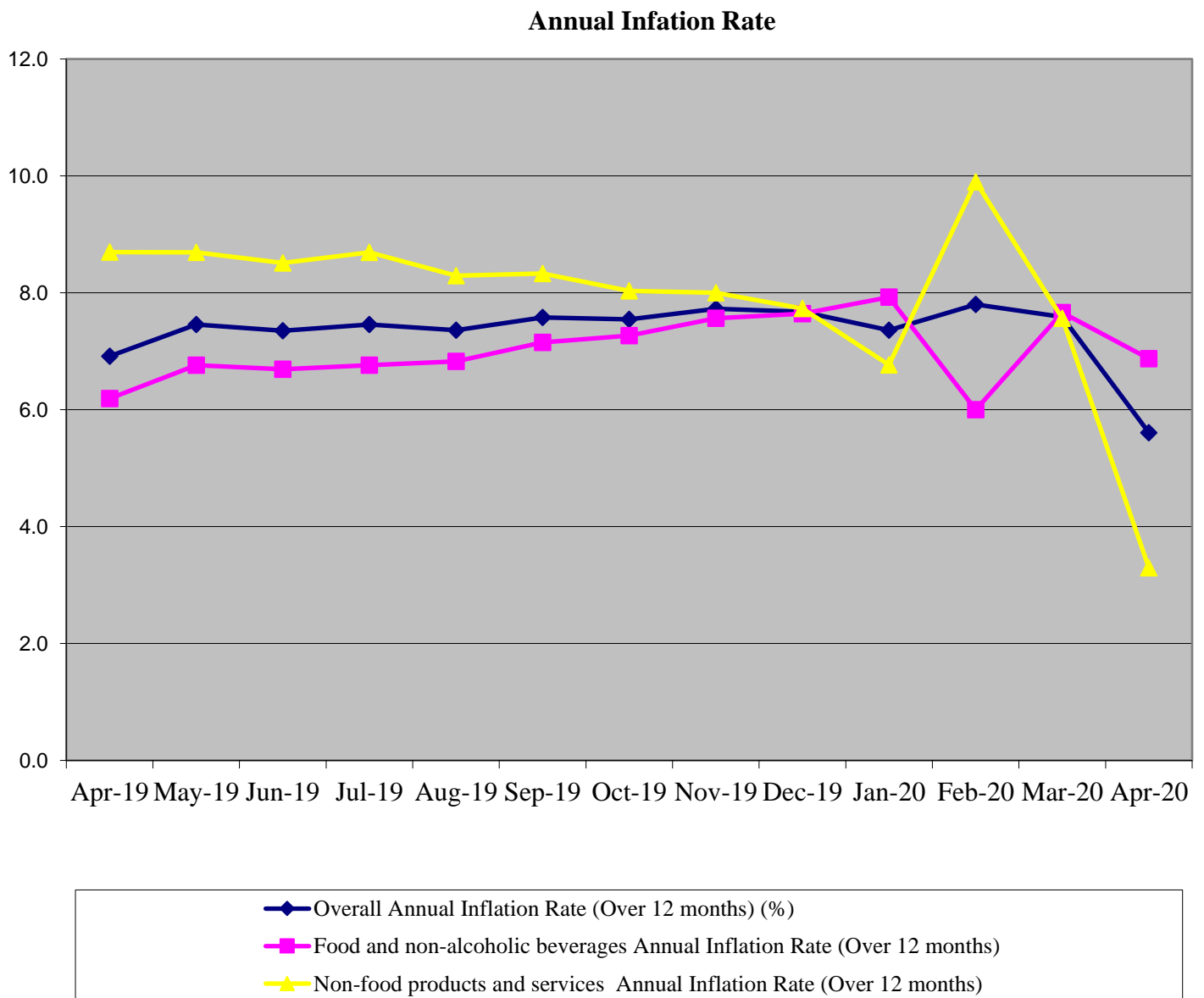
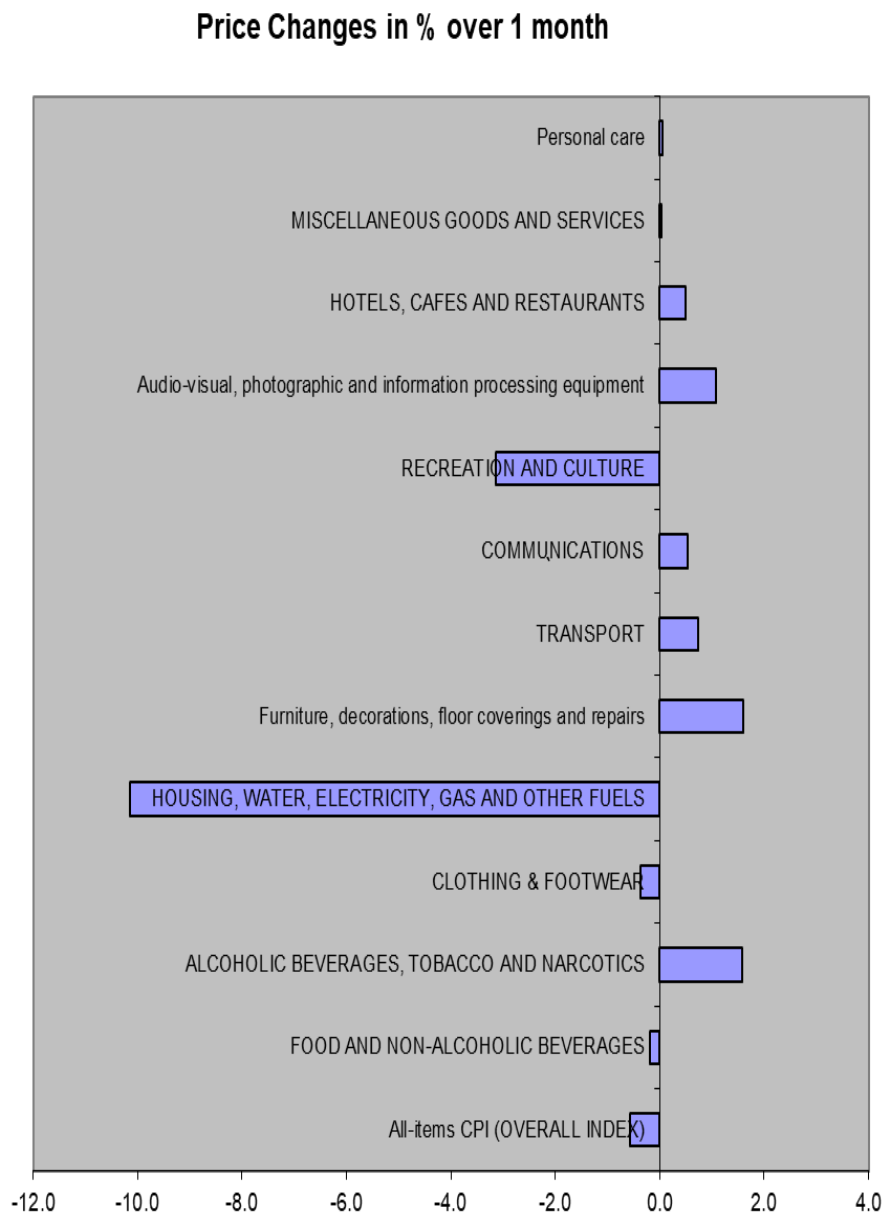


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: March 2020 to April 2020



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