



## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) SEPTEMBER 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](http://www.gbosdata.org/downloads), [www.gambia.opendataforafrica.org/nsdp](http://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	Sep-19	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Changes in % Over	
							1 Month	12 Months
0	All-items CPI (OVERALL INDEX)	100000	98.3	101.8	103.12	103.44	0.3	5.2
01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	52623	97.5	101.1	103.71	103.73	0.0	6.4
01.1	FOOD	49529	97.4	101.0	103.73	103.76	0.0	6.5
01.1.1	Bread & Cereals	14258	93.8	98.8	100.81	101.42	0.6	8.2
01.1.2	Meat	5248	96.0	97.6	96.76	97.49	0.8	1.5
01.1.3	Fish	5799	97.7	110.7	115.58	115.94	0.3	18.7
01.1.4	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2710	99.0	98.5	98.47	99.95	1.5	1.0
01.1.5	Oils and fats	4313	94.4	105.9	105.94	104.53	-1.3	10.8
01.1.6	Fruits & nuts	1665	108.6	116.9	116.92	117.41	0.4	8.1
01.1.7	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	8938	98.6	94.9	104.08	102.50	-1.5	4.0
01.1.8	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	3438	102.8	101.6	101.87	101.92	0.0	-0.9
01.1.9	Other food products n.e.c	3159	103.1	102.9	103.43	104.12	0.7	1.0
01.2	Non-alcoholic beverages	3094	100.1	102.4	103.39	103.25	-0.1	3.2
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>47377</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>102.6</b>	<b>102.47</b>	<b>103.11</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>
02	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	1163	106.4	107.8	106.50	109.46	2.8	2.9
02.1	Alcoholic beverages	31	96.4	104.5	105.29	107.93	2.5	12.0
02.2	Tobacco	940	108.6	110.2	108.08	111.96	3.6	3.1
03	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	7895	98.5	101.7	102.01	102.87	0.8	4.4
03.1	GARMENTS	6585	98.4	101.5	101.78	102.73	0.9	4.4
03.1.1	Clothing materials	2195	97.2	97.2	96.81	98.44	1.7	1.3
03.1.2	Garments	1894	98.0	109.9	111.01	111.78	0.7	14.0
03.1.4	Repair and hire of clothing	2495	99.7	99.1	99.34	99.83	0.5	0.1
3.2	Footwear	1310	99.4	102.6	103.22	103.62	0.4	4.3
04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	7302	97.8	100.4	100.15	100.53	0.4	2.8
04.1	Actual rentals for housing	15	98.7	112.6	112.51	112.51	0.0	14.0
04.4.1	Water supply	832	99.8	100.0	100.00	100.00	0.0	0.2
04.5	Electricity, gas and other fuels	5998	97.5	100.0	99.75	100.31	0.6	2.9
05	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT, ETC	7306	96.8	102.4	101.82	101.35	-0.5	4.7
05.1	Furniture, decorations, floor coverings and repairs	397	100.2	110.7	111.06	105.77	-4.8	5.6
05.2	Household textiles	319	99.2	103.1	100.66	100.67	0.0	1.5
05.3	Household appliances	52	96.8	96.8	97.60	97.88	0.3	1.1
05.6	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	5669	95.6	101.7	101.35	101.07	-0.3	5.7
06	HEALTH	574	103.1	103.0	103.06	103.18	0.1	0.0
07	TRANSPORT	9644	99.6	99.7	101.41	102.20	0.8	2.6
08	COMMUNICATIONS	8809	99.8	97.5	95.49	96.77	1.3	-3.0
09	RECREATION AND CULTURE	428	99.4	95.5	96.23	96.47	0.3	-2.9
09.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	69	109.5	102.8	102.79	104.46	1.6	-4.6
09.5	Newspapers, books and stationery	268	104.7	101.4	101.35	101.35	0.0	-3.2
10	Education	20	99.9	100.0	100.00	100.00	0.0	0.1
11	HOTELS, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS	754	97.4	107.8	107.67	107.36	-0.3	10.2
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	3482	97.2	116.0	116.05	116.42	0.3	19.8
12.1	Personal care	1823	97.9	126.3	126.36	127.07	0.6	29.8
	<b>ALL ITEM INDEX</b>	<b>100000</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>103.12</b>	<b>103.44</b>		<b>5.2</b>
	<b>12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>							<b>4.7</b>
	<b>Year on Year inflation</b>							<b>5.2</b>

From September 2019 to September 2020, the year on year All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate increased by 5.18 percent. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.37 percent whilst Non-Food Products rose by 3.69 percent.

In September 2020, the All-items CPI index was 103.44, an increase of 0.3 percent over the August 2020 All-items index of 103.12

From September 2019 to September 2020, within Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fish’ increased by 18.66 percent, ‘Oils and Fats’ increased by 10.76 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increase by 8.16, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 8.14 percent, and ‘Vegetables, Root Crops and Tubers’ 4.0 percent.

Over the same period, for the Non-Food products, major increases were recorded by ‘Miscellaneous’, 19.76 percent, ‘Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant’, 10.22 percent, ‘Clothing and Footwear’, 4.39 percent. ‘Furnishing, Household Equipment, etc.’ 4.17 percent, and ‘Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics’, 2.88 percent.

From August 2020 to September 2020, the highest inflation rates were for ‘Milk Cheese and Eggs’, 1.50 percent, ‘Meat’, 0.75 percent, ‘Other Food products’, 0.67 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’, 0.61 percent, and ‘Fruits and Nuts’, 0.41 percent.

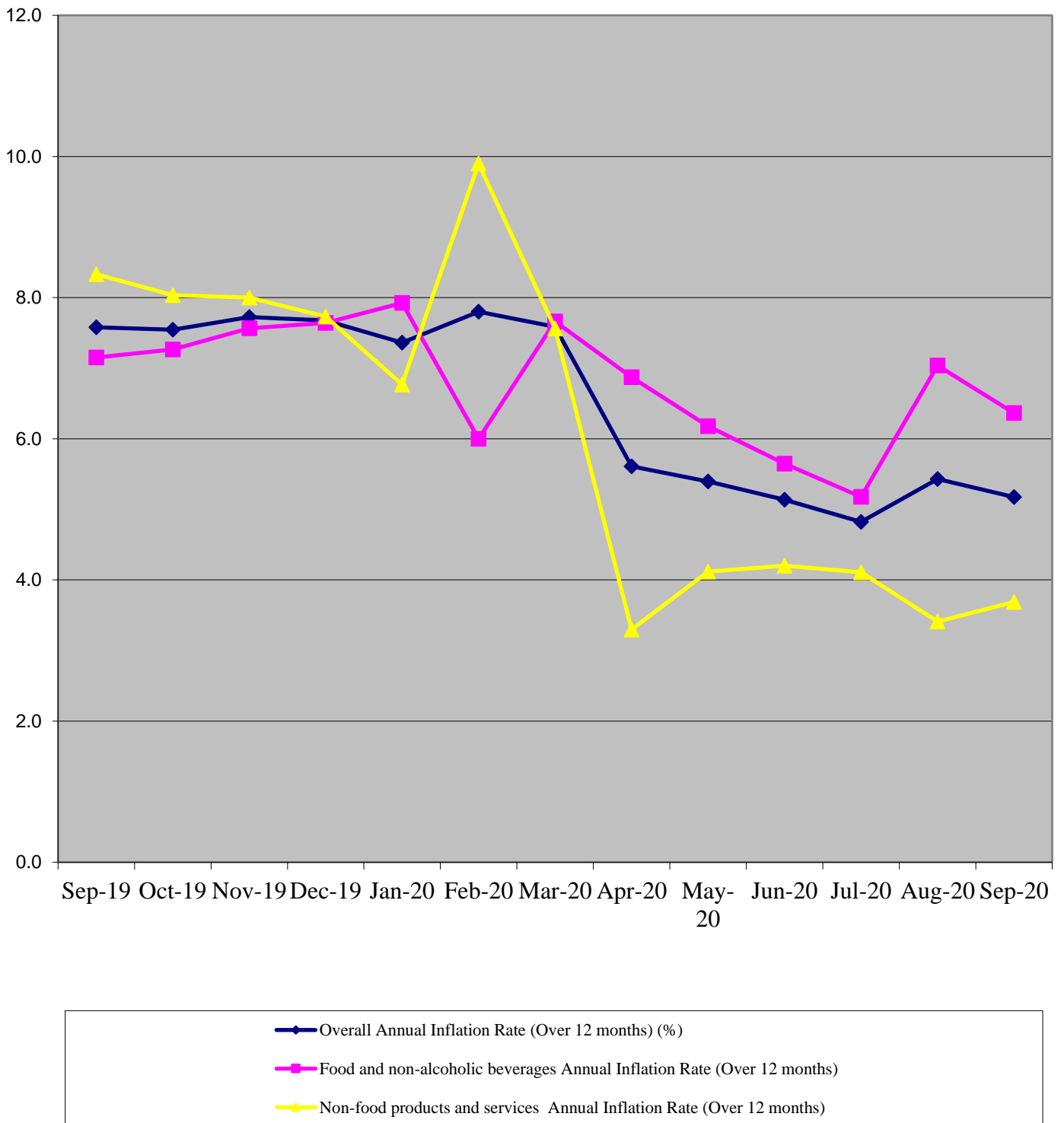
Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, the annual inflation rate was 4.7 percent in September 2020 compared to 4.9 percent recorded in August 2020.

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

<b>Year</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>6.08</b>	<b>6.16</b>	<b>6.13</b>	<b>6.91</b>	<b>7.46</b>	<b>7.35</b>	<b>7.31</b>	<b>7.36</b>	<b>7.58</b>	<b>7.55</b>	<b>7.73</b>	<b>7.68</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>7.36</b>	<b>7.84</b>	<b>7.58</b>	<b>5.61</b>	<b>5.40</b>	<b>5.13</b>	<b>4.82</b>	<b>5.43</b>	<b>5.18</b>			

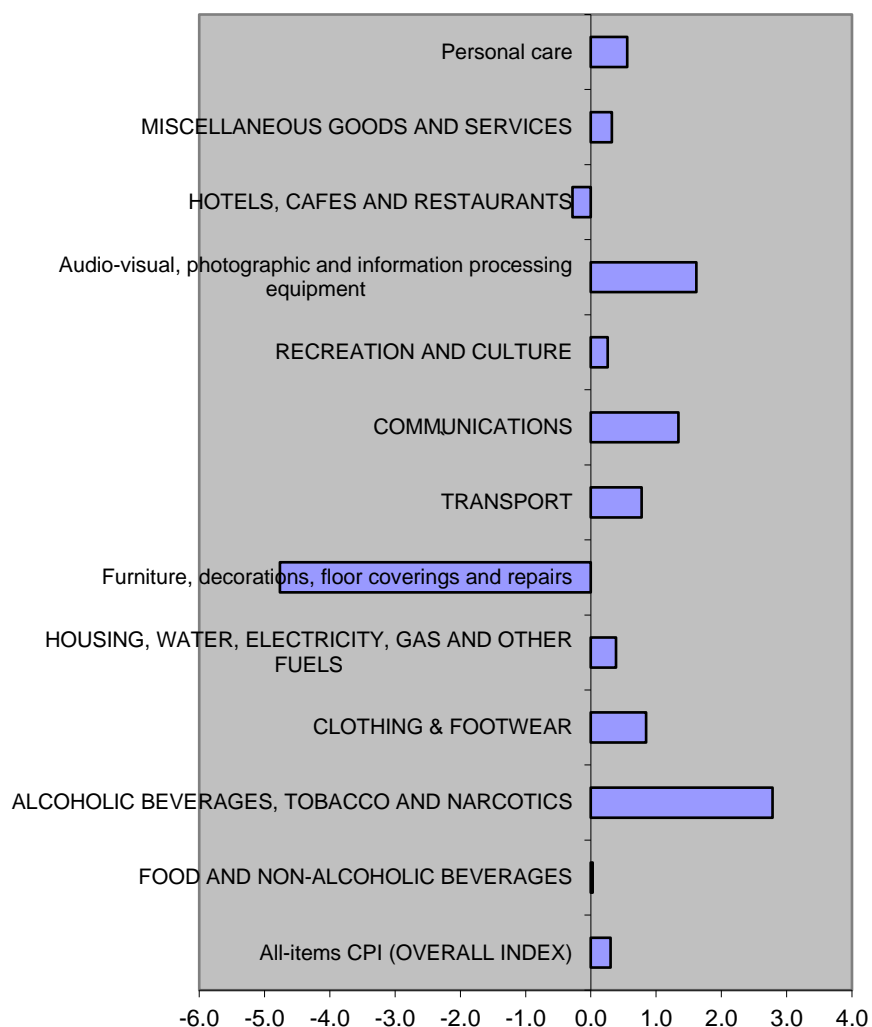
**Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (September 2019 – September 2020)**

**Annual Inflation Rate**



**Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: August 2020 to September 2020**

**Price Changes in % over 1 month**



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