



## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) DECEMBER 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	Dec-19	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Changes in % Over	
							1 Month	12 Months
0	All-items CPI (OVERALL INDEX)	100000	99.91	104.29	105.00	105.57	0.53	5.67
01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	52623	99.33	104.54	105.04	106.06	0.98	6.78
01.1	FOOD	49529	99.20	104.61	105.09	106.19	1.04	7.04
01.1.1	Bread & Cereals	14258	95.50	101.13	100.49	102.20	1.70	7.02
01.1.2	Meat	5248	97.46	97.23	98.76	102.50	3.79	5.17
01.1.3	Fish	5799	99.79	122.93	123.60	125.46	1.51	25.72
01.1.4	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	2710	100.81	100.09	103.46	101.77	-1.63	0.95
01.1.5	Oils and fats	4313	95.92	104.73	106.50	106.31	-0.18	10.83
01.1.6	Fruits & nuts	1665	111.49	120.87	115.76	118.88	2.70	6.63
01.1.7	Vegetables, root crops & tubers	8938	101.14	102.64	103.28	103.33	0.04	2.17
01.1.8	Sugar, jam, honey & sweets	3438	104.32	101.89	103.43	102.84	-0.58	-1.42
01.1.9	Other food products n.e.c	3159	105.19	103.89	104.21	104.37	0.15	-0.79
01.2	Non-alcoholic beverages	3094	101.57	103.42	104.16	104.04	-0.11	2.44
	<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>47377</b>	<b>100.55</b>	<b>104.01</b>	<b>104.93</b>	<b>104.97</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>4.40</b>
02	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	1163	107.25	109.74	111.17	110.31	-0.77	2.85
02.1	Alcoholic beverages	31	97.37	107.93	118.84	118.97	0.11	22.18
02.2	Tobacco	940	109.42	111.93	113.22	112.24	-0.87	2.58
03	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	7895	99.72	102.36	102.40	103.46	1.03	3.75
03.1	GARMENTS	6585	99.55	101.86	102.31	103.57	1.23	4.03
03.1.1	Clothing materials	2195	98.35	98.32	98.85	100.50	1.67	2.19
03.1.2	Garments	1894	99.19	108.85	109.46	112.28	2.58	13.19
03.1.4	Repair and hire of clothing	2495	100.87	99.83	100.08	99.83	-0.25	-1.03
3.2	Footwear	1310	100.62	104.94	102.90	102.92	0.02	2.28
04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	7302	99.37	101.09	101.21	101.26	0.05	1.91
04.1	Actual rentals for housing	15	99.90	112.51	112.51	112.51	0.00	12.62
04.4.1	Water supply	832	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
04.5	Electricity, gas and other fuels	5998	99.23	100.98	101.12	101.17	0.05	1.96
05	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT, ETC	7306	97.60	104.18	104.61	104.75	0.13	7.33
05.1	Furniture, decorations, floor coverings and repairs	397	101.79	105.65	105.72	105.99	0.25	4.12
05.2	Household textiles	319	99.87	100.97	102.24	102.13	-0.11	2.26
05.3	Household appliances	52	97.69	97.93	98.06	98.21	0.16	0.53
05.6	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	5669	96.16	104.33	104.48	104.61	0.13	8.79
06	HEALTH	574	103.56	103.33	103.56	103.64	0.07	0.07
07	TRANSPORT	9644	99.87	102.55	104.97	104.97	0.00	5.11
08	COMMUNICATIONS	8809	100.00	95.68	96.18	95.36	-0.86	-4.64
09	RECREATION AND CULTURE	428	100.00	96.66	97.92	98.13	0.22	-1.87
09.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	69	111.28	104.46	106.57	106.57	0.00	-4.23
09.5	Newspapers, books and stationery	268	105.14	101.35	102.48	102.67	0.18	-2.35
10	Education	20	100.00	100.00	185.35	185.35	0.00	85.35
11	HOTELS, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS	754	99.35	108.90	109.03	109.58	0.50	10.29
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	3482	99.12	124.14	126.77	126.82	0.04	27.94
12.1	Personal care	1823	99.86	122.67	128.35	128.44	0.07	28.62
	<b>ALL ITEM INDEX</b>	<b>100000</b>	<b>99.91</b>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>105.00</b>	<b>105.57</b>		<b>5.6</b>
	<b>12-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>							<b>5.6</b>
	<b>Year on Year inflation</b>							<b>5.7</b>

From December 2019 to December 2020, the year on year All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate increased by 5.67 percent. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.78 percent whilst Non-Food Products rose by 4.40 percent.

In December 2020, the All-items CPI index was 105.57, an increase of 0.5 percent over the November 2020 All-items index of 105.00

From December 2019 to December 2020, within Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fish’ increased by 25.72 percent, ‘Oils and Fats’ increased by 10.83 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increase by 7.02, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 6.63 percent, and ‘Meat’ increased by 5.17 percent.

Over the same period, for the Non-Food products, major increases were recorded by ‘Education’, 85.35 percent, ‘Miscellaneous’, 27.94 percent, ‘Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant’, 10.29 percent, ‘Furnishing, Household Equipment, etc.’, 7.33 percent, ‘Transport’ 5.11 percent, ‘Clothing and Footwear’, 3.75 percent, and ‘Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics’, 2.85 percent.

From November 2020 to December 2020, the highest inflation rates were for ‘Meat’ 3.79 percent, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ 2.70 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’, 1.70 percent, ‘Fish’, 1.51 percent, and ‘Other food products’, 0.15 percent.

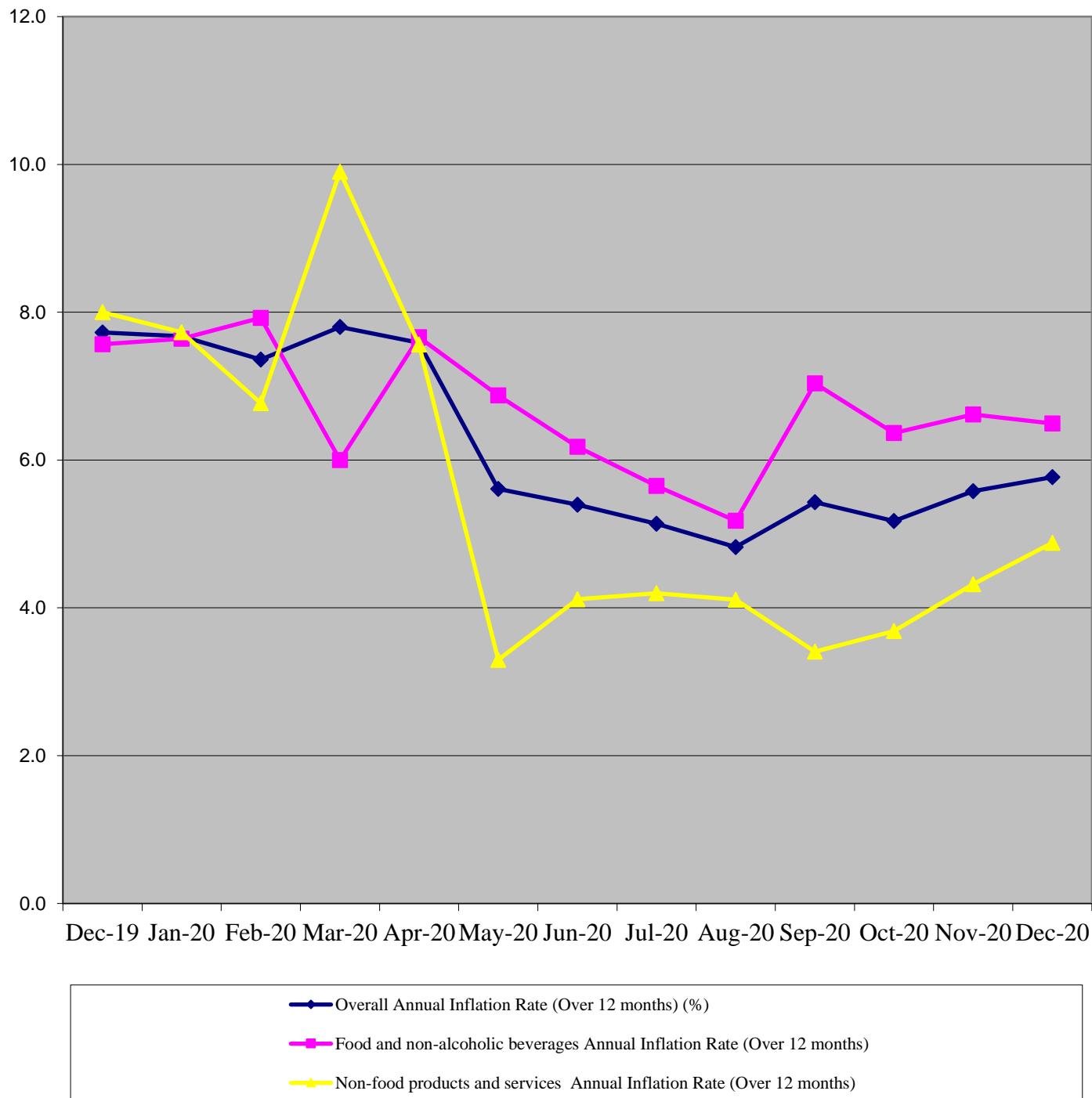
Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, the annual inflation rate was 5.6 percent in December 2020 compared to 5.1 percent recorded in November 2020.

**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>	<b>5.58</b>	<b>5.77</b>	<b>5.57</b>

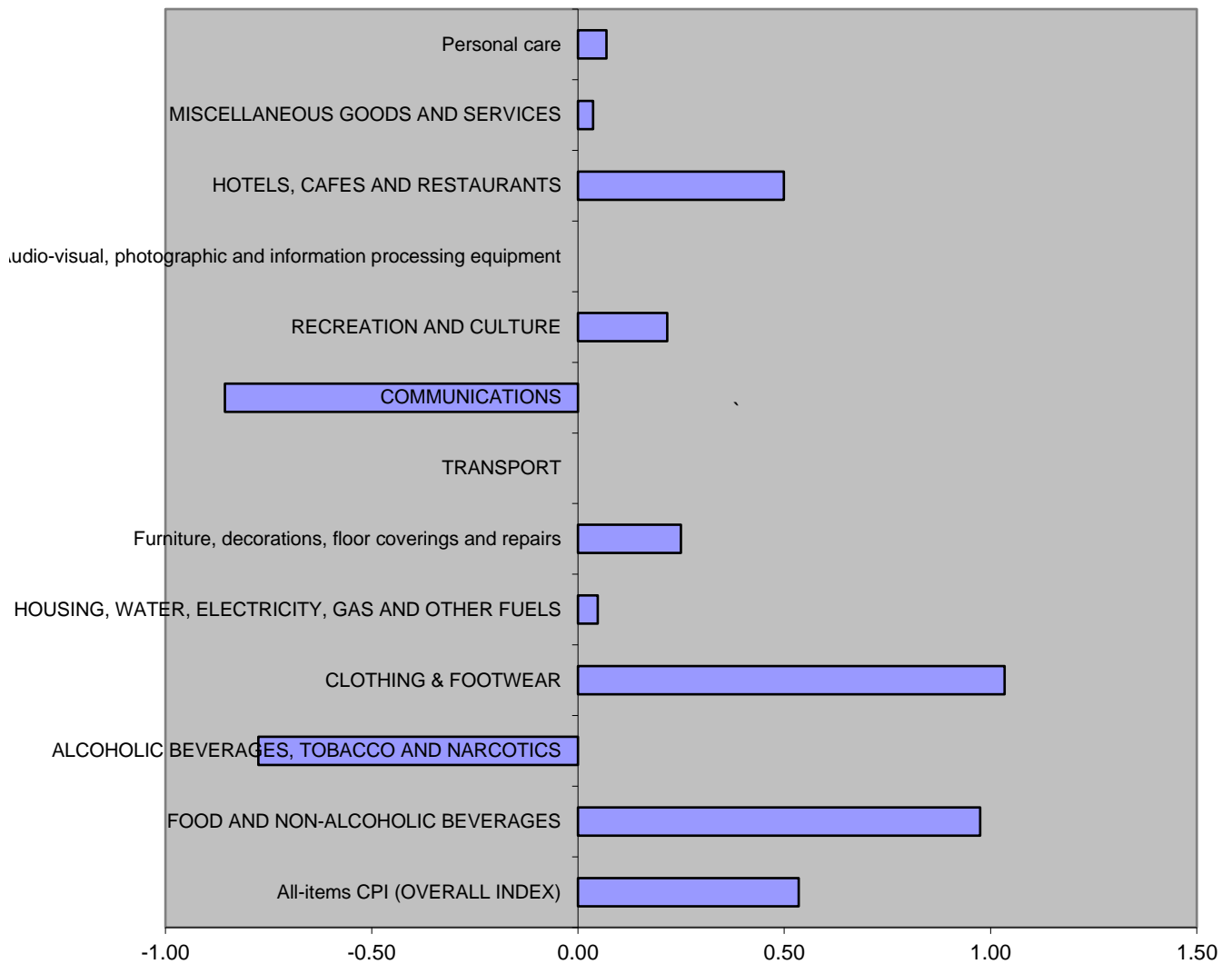
**Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year  
(December 2019 – December 2020)**

**Annual Inflation Rate**



**Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: November 2020 to December 2020**

**Price Changes in % over 1 month**



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