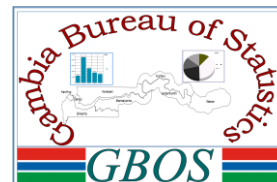




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## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FEBRUARY 2016



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|  | ALL ITEMS(NEW SERIES;<br>2004=100)                                 | Weights | Feb-15 | Nov-15 | Dec-15 | Jan-16 | Feb-15 | Changes in % over |                |
|  |  |         |        |        |        |        |        | 1 month           | Over 12 Months |
|  | <b>OVERALL INDEX</b>   | 61841   | 162.20 | 171.10 | 171.82 | 172.41 | 173.32 | 0.53              | 6.86           |
| 01   | Food and non-alcoholic beverages                                   | 33837   | 180.74 | 191.82 | 192.81 | 193.70 | 194.96 | 0.65              | 7.87           |
| 011  | Food   | 32 914  | 182.20 | 193.53 | 194.55 | 195.45 | 196.73 | 0.66              | 7.98           |
| 0111   | Bread & Cereals  | 7 891   | 175.89 | 187.71 | 189.25 | 189.51 | 191.01 | 0.79              | 8.59           |
| 0112   | Meat   | 8 217   | 188.04 | 207.95 | 209.42 | 211.00 | 213.07 | 0.98              | 13.31          |
| 0113   | Fish   | 2 226   | 147.63 | 157.46 | 159.55 | 161.02 | 162.58 | 0.97              | 10.12          |
| 0114   | Milk, Cheese and Eggs  | 1 462   | 144.30 | 148.68 | 148.84 | 149.97 | 151.00 | 0.68              | 4.64           |
| 0115   | Oils and fats  | 3 469   | 214.64 | 225.04 | 225.47 | 227.56 | 228.90 | 0.59              | 6.64           |
| 0116   | Fruits & nuts  | 1445    | 178.72 | 185.47 | 185.54 | 185.79 | 186.02 | 0.12              | 4.08           |
| 0117   | Vegetables, root crops & tubers                                    | 4 533   | 190.64 | 194.61 | 194.91 | 195.07 | 195.53 | 0.23              | 2.56           |
| 0118   | Sugar, jam, honey & sweets   | 1 420   | 229.92 | 237.87 | 238.39 | 238.65 | 239.00 | 0.15              | 3.95           |
| 0119   | Other food products  | 2 248   | 147.48 | 153.03 | 153.35 | 153.77 | 154.19 | 0.28              | 4.55           |
| 012  | Non-alcoholic beverages  | 923     | 128.65 | 130.61 | 130.73 | 131.16 | 131.49 | 0.25              | 2.21           |
| 02   | Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics                         | 416     | 115.68 | 117.85 | 118.34 | 118.88 | 118.90 | 0.01              | 2.78           |
| 03   | Clothing, textiles and footwear                                    | 6 911   | 128.32 | 135.71 | 136.29 | 136.39 | 137.16 | 0.57              | 6.89           |
| 031  | Clothing, Garments and Tailoring services                          | 5 434   | 126.40 | 134.34 | 134.80 | 134.88 | 135.46 | 0.43              | 7.17           |
| 032  | Footwear   | 1 477   | 135.38 | 140.76 | 141.76 | 141.94 | 143.39 | 1.02              | 5.92           |
| 04   | Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels                   | 2 089   | 169.81 | 175.94 | 176.18 | 176.76 | 177.54 | 0.44              | 4.55           |
| 042  | Actual rent  | 498     | 128.77 | 131.71 | 132.10 | 132.59 | 133.18 | 0.44              | 3.42           |
| 043  | Electricity, gas and other fuels                                   | 1 431   | 185.75 | 193.54 | 193.75 | 194.43 | 195.32 | 0.46              | 5.15           |
| 05   | Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 3 215   | 128.83 | 134.13 | 134.42 | 134.81 | 135.30 | 0.36              | 5.02           |
| 06   | Health   | 728     | 130.72 | 133.11 | 134.02 | 134.05 | 134.12 | 0.05              | 2.60           |
| 07   | Transport  | 2 706   | 225.45 | 228.57 | 228.69 | 229.05 | 227.06 | -0.87             | 0.72           |
| 08   | Communication  | 1 822   | 104.11 | 104.48 | 104.48 | 104.50 | 104.58 | 0.08              | 0.46           |
| 09   | Recreation and culture   | 957     | 117.74 | 120.04 | 120.04 | 120.59 | 121.18 | 0.49              | 2.93           |
| 10   | Education  | 918     | 108.42 | 109.15 | 109.19 | 109.23 | 109.23 | 0.00              | 0.75           |
| 11   | Restaurants and Hotels   | 222     | 166.64 | 175.31 | 175.98 | 177.09 | 177.75 | 0.38              | 6.67           |
| 12   | Miscellaneous goods and services                                   | 3 639   | 171.45 | 184.21 | 184.94 | 185.12 | 186.50 | 0.74              | 8.78           |
|  | <b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGE</b>                                     |         | 157.45 | 165.41 | 166.31 | 167.21 | 168.14 | 0.55              | 6.78           |
|  | <b>OVERALL INDEX</b>   |         | 162.20 | 171.10 | 171.82 | 172.41 | 173.32 | 0.53              | 6.86           |
|  | <b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>                            |         | 180.74 | 191.82 | 192.81 | 193.70 | 194.96 | 0.65              | 7.87           |
|  | <b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>                              |         |        |        |        |        |        |                   |                |

|  |  |  |               |               |               |               |               |             |             |
|--|--|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
|  |  |  | <b>138.28</b> | <b>144.38</b> | <b>144.73</b> | <b>144.94</b> | <b>145.41</b> | <b>0.33</b> | <b>5.16</b> |
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In February 2016, the overall consumer Price Index was 173.32, a 0.91 percent increase over the January 2016 overall index of 172.41.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.86 percent from February 2015 to February 2016. Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages increased by 7.87percent whilst Non Food Products and Services rose by 5.16 percent.

From February 2015 to February 2014, within the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, 'Meat and meat products' increased by 13.31 percent, 'Fish and fish products' 10.12 and 'Bread and Cereal' 8.59 percent.

For the Non Food items, the major increases were recorded by 'Clothing Garments and Tailoring services', 'Footwear' and 'Electricity Gas and other Fuels' which rose by 7.17 percent, 5.92 percent and 5.15 percent respectively.

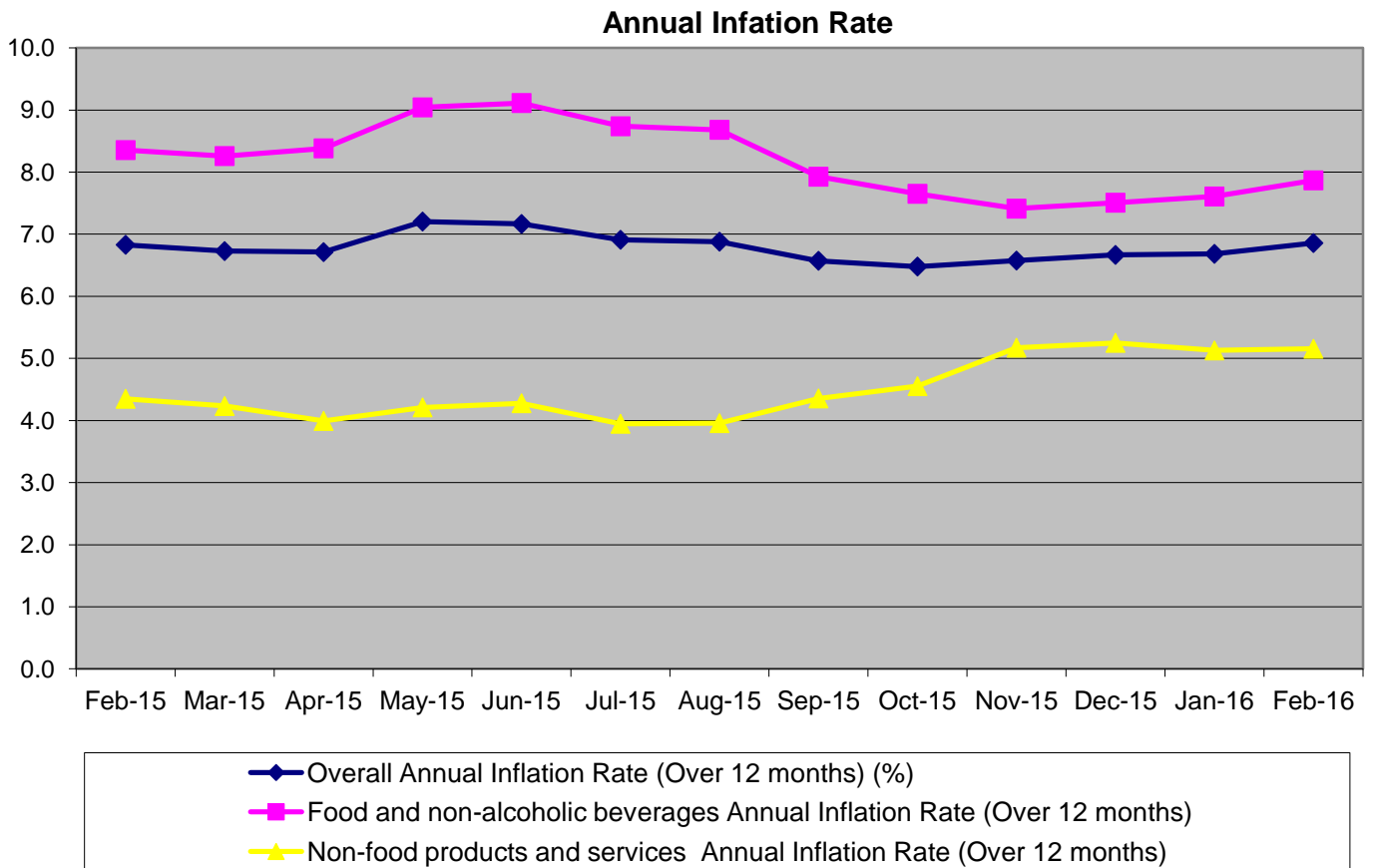
During the months of January 2016 to February 2016, the 'Meat and meat products' , 'Fish and Fish products', 'Bread and cereal products', and 'Milk, cheese and eggs' show the highest increase in percentage of 0.98 percent, 0.97 percent, 0.79 percent and 0.68 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate is about 6.78 percent, showing the same inflationary pressure as in January 2016

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

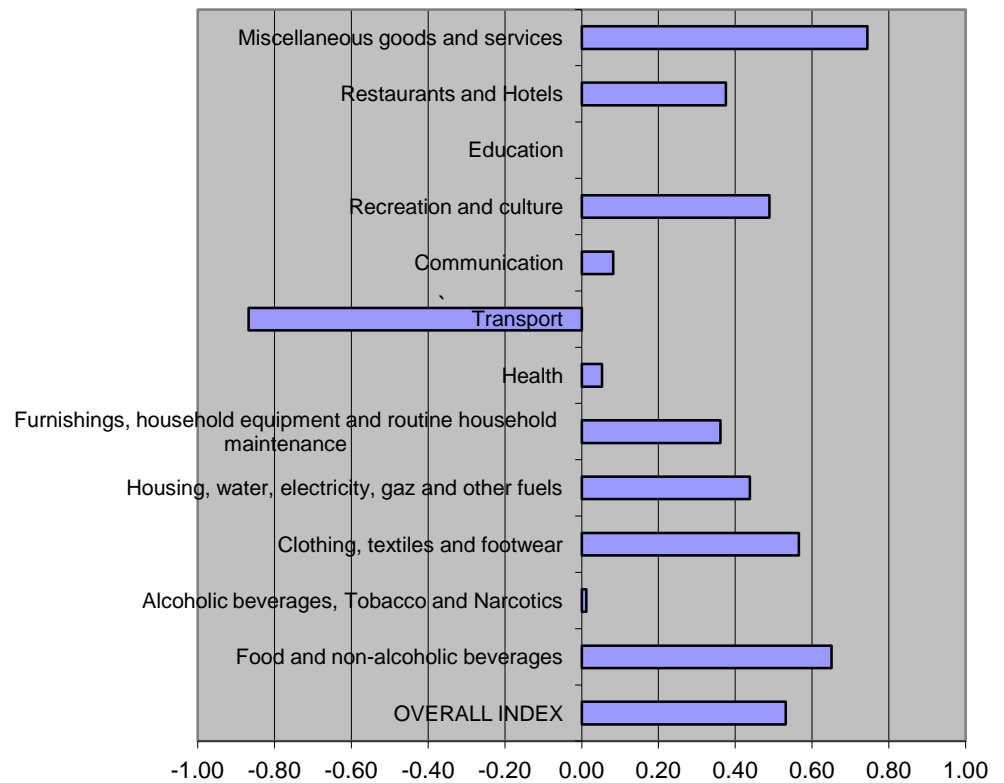
| Year | Jan | Feb | March | April | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 2013 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.4   | 5.6   | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.9  | 6.0 | 6.1  | 6.1 | 5.9 | 5.5 |
| 2014 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.6   | 5.7   | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.6  | 5.7 | 6.3  | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.9 |
| 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 |       |       |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |     |

**Figure1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year. (Feb 2015 –Feb 2016)**



**Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: January 2015 to February 2016**

## Price Changes in % over 1 month



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