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THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FEBRUARY 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	Feb_2018	Nov_2018	Dec_2018	Jan_2019	Feb_2019	Month	Months
	OVERALL INDEX	61841	200.58	209.51	210.93	211.75	212.94	0.56	6.16
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	227.19	237.61	239.13	240.11	241.59	0.62	6.34
011	Food	32914	229.64	240.27	241.83	242.83	244.34	0.62	6.40
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	224.87	237.21	239.18	240.15	241.74	0.66	7.50
0112	Meat	8217	259.93	273.41	275.31	276.57	278.87	0.83	7.28
0113	Fish	2226	197.09	209.60	211.59	212.34	214.78	1.15	8.98
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	171.76	180.12	181.73	182.41	183.01	0.33	6.55
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	258.82	269.71	270.58	272.41	274.18	0.65	5.94
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	218.15	232.73	234.38	235.12	235.67	0.23	8.03
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	215.31	221.07	222.13	222.84	223.65	0.36	3.88
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	260.86	264.95	266.01	266.70	266.90	0.07	2.32
0119	Other Food Products	2248	177.46	182.28	182.90	183.21	183.74	0.29	3.54
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	139.33	142.32	142.54	142.56	142.93	0.26	2.58
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	122.97	124.67	124.69	124.73	125.23	0.40	1.83
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	160.47	168.92	170.33	171.53	172.73	0.70	7.64
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	156.11	163.65	164.95	166.48	167.60	0.67	7.36
032	Footwear	1477	176.54	188.29	190.13	190.13	191.60	0.78	8.53
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	194.31	202.70	203.87	205.44	205.83	0.19	5.93
042	Actual Rent	498	144.64	147.38	147.57	147.57	147.57	0.00	2.03
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	215.46	226.66	228.29	230.58	231.15	0.25	7.29
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	148.08	153.75	154.23	154.58	155.38	0.52	4.93
06	Health	728	139.33	140.53	140.92	140.92	141.16	0.17	1.32
07	Transport	2706	234.32	242.12	242.38	241.76	242.62	0.36	3.54
08	Communication	1822	105.22	105.26	105.26	105.27	105.27	0.00	0.05
09	Recreation and Culture	957	140.67	144.22	145.44	145.55	146.54	0.68	4.18
10	Education	918	110.11	110.66	110.66	110.66	110.66	0.00	0.50
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	209.04	224.09	226.31	227.42	228.68	0.55	9.39
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	247.98	263.75	267.34	268.23	269.13	0.33	8.53
	12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES		194.66	204.16	205.22	206.23	207.26	0.50	6.47
	OVERALL INDEX		200.58	209.51	210.93	211.75	212.94	0.56	6.16
	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		227.19	237.61	239.13	240.11	241.59	0.62	6.34
	NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES		166.26	173.25	174.55	175.16	175.99	0.47	5.85

In February 2019, the overall Consumer Price Index was 212.94, a 0.56 percent increase over the January 2019 overall index of 211.75.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.16 percent from February 2018 to February 2019. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.34 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 5.85 percent.

From February 2018 to February 2019, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fish and fish product’ increased by 8.98 percent, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 8.03 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increased by 7.50 percent, ‘Meat and meat product increased by 7.28 percent, and ‘Milk, Cheese and Eggs’ increased by 6.55 percent.

For the Non-Food items, major increases were recorded by ‘Restaurant and Hotel’, ‘Miscellaneous goods and Services’, ‘Footwear’, ‘Clothing, Garments and tailoring services’ ‘Electricity, Gas and other Fuels’ which rose by 9.39 percent, 8.53 percent, 8.53 percent, 7.36 percent and 7.29 percent respectively.

During the months of January 2019 to February 2019, ‘Fish and fish products’, ‘Meat and meat products’, ‘Bread and cereals’, ‘Oils and Fats’ and ‘Vegetable, root crops and tubers’ shows the highest increase in percentage with 1.15 percent, 0.83 percent, 0.66 percent, 0.65 percent and 0.36 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 6.47 percent in February 2019 compared to 6.49 percent recorded in January 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										

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

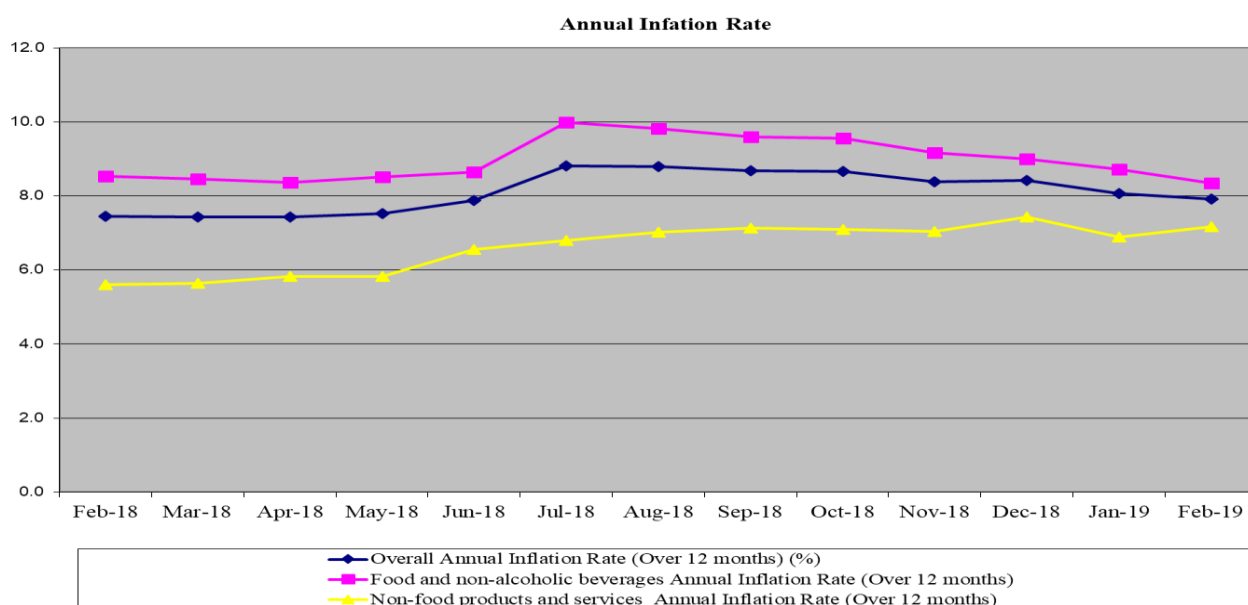
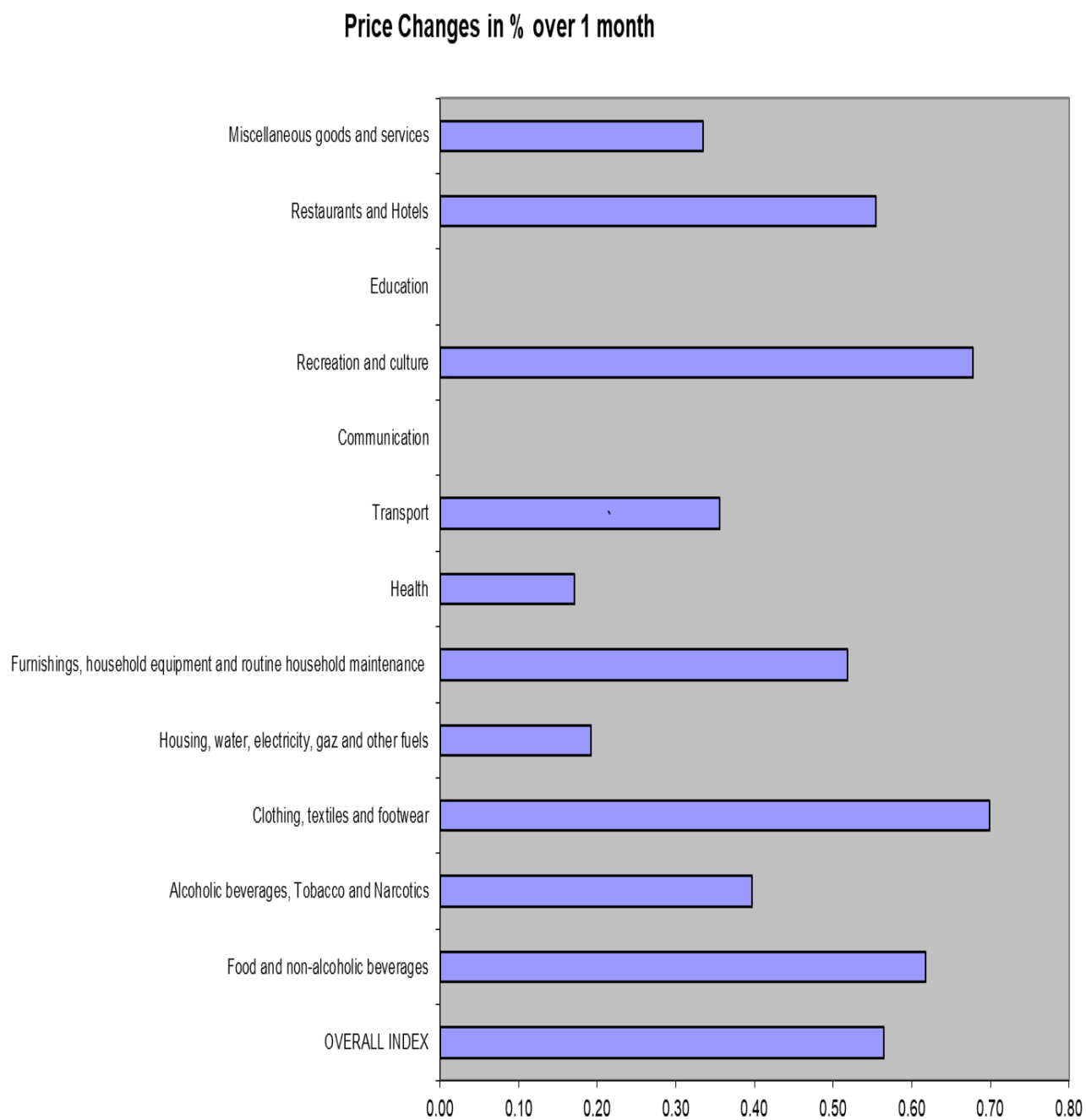


Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: January 2019 to February 2019



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