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## THE GAMBIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) MARCH 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	Mar_2018	Dec_2018	Jan_2019	Feb_2019	Mar_2019	Month	Months
<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>		<b>61841</b>	<b>201.59</b>	<b>210.93</b>	<b>211.75</b>	<b>212.94</b>	<b>213.94</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>6.13</b>
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	33837	228.46	239.13	240.11	241.59	242.68	0.45	6.22
011	Food	32914	230.95	241.83	242.83	244.34	245.47	0.46	6.29
0111	Bread & Cereals	7891	226.09	239.18	240.15	241.74	243.19	0.60	7.57
0112	Meat	8217	262.50	275.31	276.57	278.87	279.20	0.12	6.36
0113	Fish	2226	198.99	211.59	212.34	214.78	216.88	0.98	8.99
0114	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	1462	173.50	181.73	182.41	183.01	184.08	0.58	6.10
0115	Oils and Fats	3469	259.18	270.58	272.41	274.18	276.19	0.73	6.56
0116	Fruits & Nuts	1445	218.61	234.38	235.12	235.67	236.59	0.39	8.23
0117	Vegetables, Root Crops & Tubers	4533	215.83	222.13	222.84	223.65	224.77	0.50	4.14
0118	Sugars, Jam, Honey & Sweet	1420	261.14	266.01	266.70	266.90	267.36	0.17	2.38
0119	Other Food Products	2248	177.85	182.90	183.21	183.74	184.81	0.59	3.92
012	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	923	139.33	142.54	142.56	142.93	142.94	0.01	2.59
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	416	122.97	124.69	124.73	125.23	125.28	0.04	1.87
03	Clothing, Textile and Footwear	6911	161.66	170.33	171.53	172.73	174.18	0.84	7.75
031	Clothing, Garments and Tailoring Services	5434	157.14	164.95	166.48	167.60	169.09	0.89	7.60
032	Footwear	1477	178.29	190.13	190.13	191.60	192.91	0.68	8.20
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2089	195.22	203.87	205.44	205.83	206.45	0.30	5.75
042	Actual Rent	498	144.64	147.57	147.57	147.57	147.97	0.27	2.30
043	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1431	216.78	228.29	230.58	231.15	231.91	0.33	6.98
05	Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3215	148.67	154.23	154.58	155.38	156.07	0.45	4.98
06	Health	728	139.42	140.92	140.92	141.16	141.19	0.02	1.27
07	Transport	2706	234.52	242.38	241.76	242.62	242.93	0.13	3.58
08	Communication	1822	105.23	105.26	105.27	105.27	105.27	0.00	0.04
09	Recreation and Culture	957	140.72	145.44	145.55	146.54	146.61	0.05	4.19
10	Education	918	110.39	110.66	110.66	110.66	110.66	0.00	0.24
11	Restaurant and Hotel	222	210.59	226.31	227.42	228.68	230.45	0.78	9.43
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3639	249.06	267.34	268.23	269.13	271.39	0.84	8.96
<b>12 MONTH MOVING AVERAGES</b>			<b>195.69</b>	<b>205.22</b>	<b>206.23</b>	<b>207.26</b>	<b>208.29</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>6.44</b>
<b>OVERALL INDEX</b>			<b>201.59</b>	<b>210.93</b>	<b>211.75</b>	<b>212.94</b>	<b>213.94</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>6.13</b>
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>			<b>228.46</b>	<b>239.13</b>	<b>240.11</b>	<b>241.59</b>	<b>242.68</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>6.22</b>
<b>NON-FOOD PRODUCTS AND SERVICES</b>			<b>166.92</b>	<b>174.55</b>	<b>175.16</b>	<b>175.99</b>	<b>176.86</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>5.96</b>

In March 2019, the overall Consumer Price Index was 213.94, a 0.47 percent increase over the February 2019 overall index of 212.94.

On an annual basis the overall index increased by 6.13 percent from March 2018 to March 2019. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 6.22 percent whilst Non-Food Products and Services rose by 5.96 percent.

From March 2018 to March 2019, within the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Fish and fish product’ increased by 8.99 percent, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 8.23 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increased by 7.57 percent, ‘Oils and fats’ increased by 6.56 percent, and ‘Meat and meat products’ increased by 6.36 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 9.43 percent, 8.96 percent, 8.20 percent, 7.60 percent and 6.98 percent respectively.

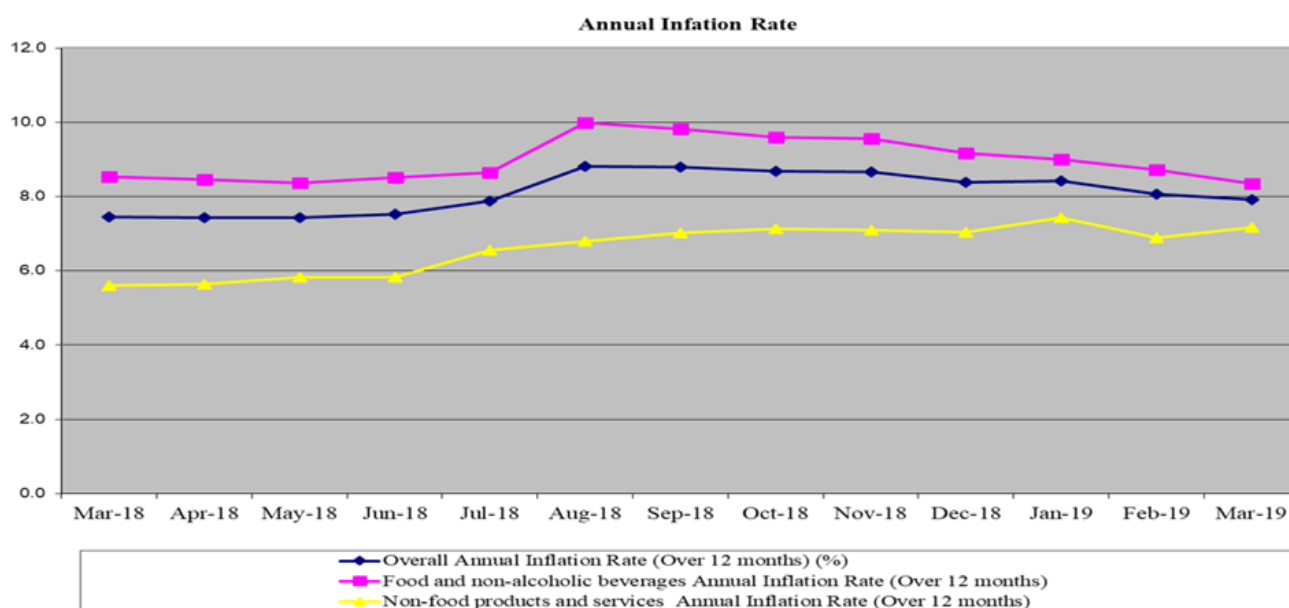
During the months of February 2019 to March 2019, ‘Fish and fish products’, ‘Oils and fats’, ‘Bread and cereals’, ‘Milk, cheese and eggs’ and ‘Vegetable, root crops and tubers’ shows the highest increase in percentage with 0.98 percent, 0.73 percent, 0.60 percent, 0.58 percent and 0.50 percent respectively.

Using the 12 months-moving-average measure, inflation rate was 6.44 percent in March 2019 compared to 6.47 percent recorded in February 2019.

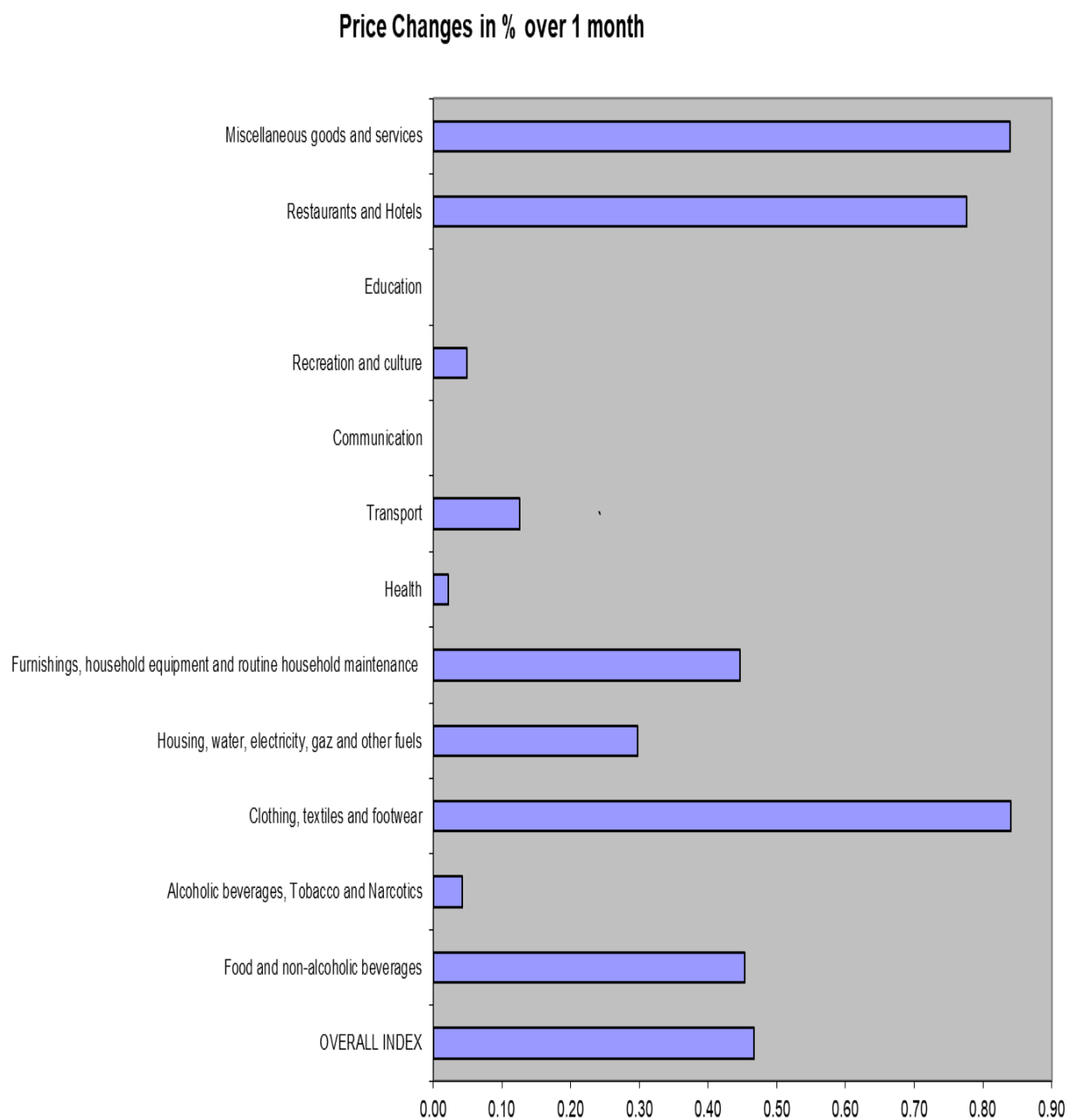
**Overall Annual Inflation Rate (over 12 months - Comparison with the same month for the previous year)**

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	6.1									

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



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



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