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.
From September 2021 to September 2022 the year-on-year All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate increased by 13.27 percent. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased by 15.68 percent whilst Non-Food Products increased by 10.42 percent.

In September 2022, the All-items CPI was 125.37, an increase of 0.66 percent over the August 2022 All-items index of 124.54.

From September 2021 to September 2022, within Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, ‘Oils and Fats’ increased by 23.49 percent, ‘Sugar, Jam, Honey and Sweets’ increased by 23.24 percent, ‘Vegetable, Root Crops and Tubers’ increased by 21.52 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increased by 18.90 percent, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 18.05 percent, ‘Milk, Cheese and Eggs’ increased by 13.20 percent, ‘Meat’ increased by 10.84 percent, ‘Other Food Products N.E.C’ increased by 9.90 percent, ‘Fish’ increased by 5.22 percent, and ‘Non-alcoholic Beverages’ increase by 1.61 percent.


From August 2022 to September 2022, the highest inflation rates within the Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages were for: ‘Oils and Fats’ increased by 5.09 percent, ‘Fruits and Nuts’ increased by 1.11 percent, ‘Non-alcoholic Beverages’ increase by 0.76 percent, ‘Bread and Cereals’ increased by 0.37 percent, ‘Meat’, increased by 0.36 percent, ‘Milk, Cheese and Eggs’ increased by 0.34 percent, ‘Sugar, Jam, Honey and Sweets, 0.32 percent, ‘Fish’ increased by, 0.24 percent, and ‘Other Food Products N.E.C’ increased by 0.22 percent.

Also, from August 2022 to September 2022, the highest inflation rates within the Non-Food Products and Services were for ‘Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco and Narcotics’, 1.15 percent, ‘Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels’, 1.35 percent, ‘Furnishing, Household Equipment ETC.’ 0.63 percent, ‘Clothing and Footwear’, 0.54 percent, ‘Hotel, Cafes, and Restaurant’ 0.27 percent, and ‘Recreation and Culture’, 0.23 percent.

Using the 12-months-moving-average measure, the annual inflation rate was 11.99 percent in September 2022 compared to 12.52 percent recorded in August 2022.

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

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Figure 1: Annual changes – Comparison with the same month of the previous year (September 2021 – September 2022)
Figure 2: Monthly changes - Comparison with the previous month: August 2022 to September 2022

Price Changes in % over 1 month

- Personal care: 0.0%
- MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES: 0.0%
- HOTELS, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS: 0.3%
- Education: 0.0%
- Newspapers, books and stationery: 0.0%
- Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment: 1.2%
- RECREATION AND CULTURE: 0.2%
- COMMUNICATIONS: 0.0%
- TRANSPORT: 0.0%
- Furniture, decorations, floor coverings and repairs: 0.3%
- HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS: 1.4%
- CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR: 0.5%
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS: 1.1%
- FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: 0.9%
- All-items CPI (OVERALL INDEX): 0.7%

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