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SECTION 1: HEADLINE INFLATION

The annual inflation rate remained unchanged at 10.6 percent in February 2022, the same rate as in January 2022. The largest upward contributions to the February 2022 inflation rate came from Transport (6.0 percent), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (1.3 percent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (0.9 percent) and Miscellaneous Goods & Services (0.7 percent). Refer to Table 1 and Chart 5.

The inflation rates for regions between January and February 2022 indicated that the Cities & Towns inflation rate rose by 0.1 of a percentage point, from 10.7 percent in January to 10.8 percent in February. The Rural Villages' inflation rate stood at 10.6 percent in February 2022, a drop of 0.1 of a percentage point on the January rate of 10.7 percent, while the Urban Villages' inflation rate remained unchanged at 10.4 percent in February 2022. **Refer to Table 2**

The national Consumer Price Index went up by 0.3 percent in February 2022, from 116.0 registered in January 2021 to 116.3. The Urban Villages index advanced from 116.2 in January 2022 to 116.7 in February 2022, recording a growth of 0.4 percent. The Cities & Towns Index moved from 116.1 to 116.4, an increase of 0.3 percent, whereas the Rural Villages index recorded a growth of 0.2 percent, from 115.4 in January 2022 to 115.6 in February 2022. **Refer to Table 2**.

The group indices were generally moving at a stable pace between January and February 2022, recording changes of less than 1.0 percent. **Refer to Table 2.**

The Transport group index registered a rise of 0.6 percent, from 126.2 in January 2022 to 127.0 in February 2022. This was mainly due to an increase in the constituent section index of Purchase of Vehicles, which presented a growth of 2.3 percent. **Refer to Table 3**.

The Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages group index rose by 0.5 percent, from 114.8 in January 2022 to 115.3 in February 2022. This was attributed to a general increase in the constituent section indices, particularly; Oils & Fats (1.0 percent), Vegetables (0.8 percent), Bread & Cereal (0.7 percent) and Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery (0.5 percent). Refer to Table 3.

The Miscellaneous Goods & Services group index showed an increase of 0.3 percent, from 115.0 in January to 115.4 in February. This was due to the general increase in the constituent section indices, markedly; Financial Services (1.0 percent), Personal Care (0.5 percent), Taxes, Licences & Fees (0.4 percent) and Personal Effects Not Elsewhere Classified (0.4 percent). Refer to Table 3.

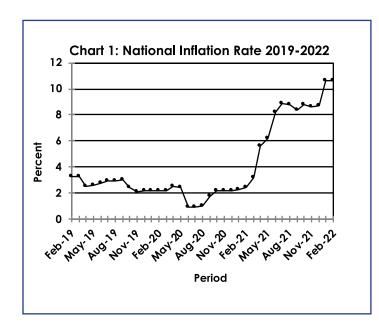
The All-Tradeables index rose by 0.4 percent in February 2022, from 118.2 recorded in January 2022 to 118.7 in February 2022. The Imported Tradeables Index moved from 119.1 in January 2022 to 119.7 in February 2022, a rise of 0.5 percent. The Domestic Tradeables Index realised a growth of 0.2 percent from 115.6 in January to 115.9 in February. The Non-Tradeables Index moved from 113.1 in January to 113.2 in February, recording an increase of 0.1 percent. **Refer to Table 4**.

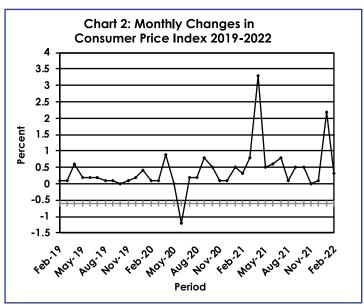
The All-Tradeables inflation rate remained constant at 14.3 percent in February 2022. The Domestic Tradeables inflation was 4.9 percent in February 2022, registering a decline of 0.3 of a percentage point from 5.2 percent recorded in January 2022. The Imported Tradeables inflation went up by 0.1 of a percentage point, from 17.9 percent in January to 18.0 percent in February 2022. The Non-Tradeables inflation rate registered a rise of 0.1 of a percentage point, from 5.6 percent in January to 5.7 percent in February. **Refer to Table 4**.

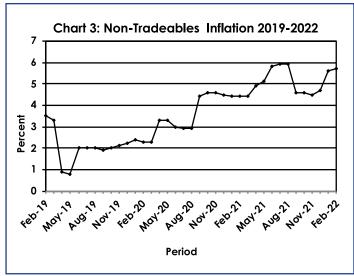
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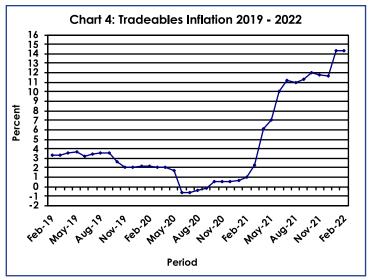
The Core Inflation rate increased by 0.1 of a percentage point, from 6.7 percent in January 2022 to 6.8 percent in February 2022. The Trimmed Mean Core Inflation rate remained unchanged at 8.8 percent in February 2022. **Refer to Table 5**.

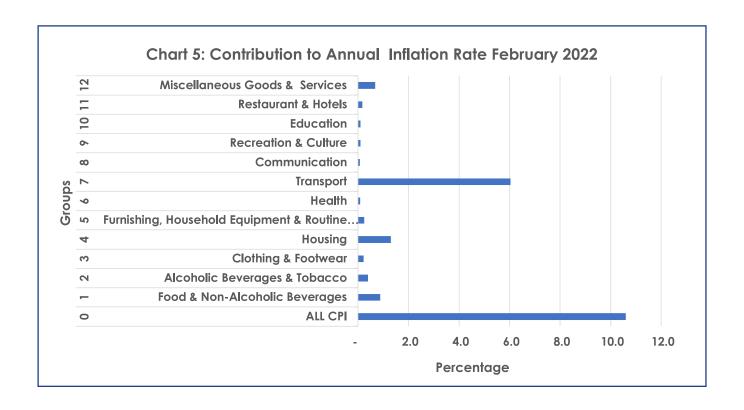
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TABLES

TABLE 1: Contributions of Groups to Annual Inflation Rate

| | | | Contribution | |
|------------|---|--------|--------------|--------|
| Group Code | Group Name | Dec-21 | Jan-22 | Feb-22 |
| 0 | All Items Inflation Rate | 8.7 | 10.6 | 10.6 |
| 1 | Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| 2 | Alcoholic Beverages &Tobacco | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| 3 | Clothing & Footwear | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 4 | Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| 5 | Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 6 | Health | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 7 | Transport | 4.3 | 6.2 | 6.0 |
| 8 | Communication | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 9 | Recreation & Culture | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 10 | Education | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 11 | Restaurants & Hotels | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 12 | Miscellaneous Goods & Services | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 |

TABLE 2 : CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (DECEMBER 2018 = 100.0)

| | | Food | Alcohol and Tobacco | Clothing and Footwear | Housing | Furniture etc | Health | Transport | Communi- cation | Rec. & | Education | Rest. & | Miscella- neous |
|-----------------|----------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------|--------|-----------|--------------------|--------|-----------|---------|--------------------|
| Weigh | ts | 13.55 | 4.34 | 5.95 | 17.45 | 4.85 | 3.38 | 23.43 | 6.94 | 2.82 | 4.60 | 3.66 | 9.01 |
| 2020 | Jan | 103.7 | 104.5 | 101.7 | 101.6 | 103.0 | 101.0 | 101.3 | 100.4 | 99.8 | 107.9 | 103.7 | 105.5 |
| | Feb | 104.2 | 104.6 | 101.8 | 101.7 | 103.3 | 101.0 | 101.4 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 108.0 | 103.9 | 105.6 |
| | Mar | 104.4 | 104.7 | 102.0 | 101.9 | 103.5 | 101.1 | 101.3 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 108.0 | 104.2 | 105.4 |
| | Apr | 104.6 | 104.8 | 102.1 | 106.5 | 103.7 | 101.5 | 101.3 | 100.3 | 99.7 | 108.0 | 104.4 | 106.1 |
| | May | 105.2 | 104.8 | 102.4 | 106.6 | 103.7 | 101.7 | 100.7 | 100.4 | 99.5 | 108.0 | 104.7 | 106.2 |
| | Jun | 105.7 | 108.7 | 102.9 | 106.7 | 103.9 | 102.0 | 93.9 | 100.5 | 99.5 | 108.0 | 104.8 | 106.2 |
| | Jul | 106.1 | 110.3 | 103.2 | 106.9 | 103.7 | 102.0 | 93.9 | 100.6 | 99.6 | 108.0 | 104.8 | 105.9 |
| | Aug | 106.5 | 110.4 | 103.3 | 107.2 | 104.0 | 102.1 | 94.0 | 100.8 | 99.8 | 108.0 | 104.8 | 105.8 |
| | Sept | 106.7 | 110.2 | 103.5 | 107.7 | 104.1 | 102.2 | 97.0 | 100.8 | 100.2 | 108.0 | 105.1 | 106.0 |
| | Oct | 106.7 | 111.0 | 103.9 | 107.9 | 104.4 | 102.2 | 98.4 | 101.3 | 100.2 | 108.0 | 105.3 | 106.2 |
| | Nov | 106.9 | 111.0 | 103.9 | 108.2 | 104.5 | 102.3 | 98.6 | 101.3 | 100.5 | 108.0 | 105.5 | 106.3 |
| | Dec | 106.7 | 111.3 | 104.1 | 108.5 | 104.7 | 102.4 | 98.7 | 101.1 | 100.7 | 108.0 | 105.3 | 106.4 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2021 | Jan | 107.2 | 111.3 | 104.4 | 108.7 | 105.1 | 103.2 | 99.6 | 101.1 | 101.1 | 109.9 | 105.2 | 106.8 |
| | Feb | 108.0 | 111.5 | 104.6 | 109.0 | 105.2 | 103.2 | 100.0 | 101.1 | 101.6 | 109.9 | 105.5 | 106.9 |
| | Mar | 108.6 | 112.0 | 104.9 | 109.2 | 105.6 | 103.5 | 102.8 | 101.1 | 101.8 | 109.9 | 106.0 | 106.9 |
| | Apr | 111.7 | 117.1 | 105.7 | 113.3 | 106.9 | 104.3 | 108.8 | 101.8 | 103.1 | 109.9 | 107.0 | 112.2 |
| | May | 112.3 | 118.4 | 106.4 | 113.6 | 107.2 | 104.9 | 109.7 | 102.1 | 103.7 | 109.9 | 107.9 | 112.5 |
| | Jun | 112.9 | 118.8 | 106.8 | 115.8 | 107.8 | 104.9 | 110.2 | 102.2 | 104.0 | 110.0 | 108.5 | 112.6 |
| | Jul | 113.0 | 119.3 | 106.9 | 115.9 | 108.2 | 104.8 | 113.5 | 102.3 | 104.0 | 110.0 | 108.2 | 112.9 |
| | Aug | 113.2 | 119.5 | 107.0 | 116.0 | 108.4 | 104.9 | 113.4 | 102.3 | 104.1 | 110.0 | 108.7 | 113.2 |
| | Sept | 113.5 | 120.1 | 107.4 | 116.6 | 109.3 | 105.0 | 114.0 | 102.3 | 104.6 | 111.1 | 109.1 | 113.8 |
| | Oct | 114.0 | 120.8 | 107.8 | 116.7 | 109.6 | 105.2 | 117.5 | 102.3 | 104.6 | 111.1 | 109.6 | 114.1 |
| | Nov | 114.1 | 121.3 | 108.1 | 116.9 | 109.5 | 105.3 | 117.1 | 102.3 | 104.7 | 111.1 | 109.9 | 113.7 |
| | Dec | 114.4 | 121.7 | 108.3 | 117.5 | 110.0 | 105.4 | 116.8 | 102.2 | 104.9 | 111.1 | 110.0 | 114.1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2022 | Jan | 114.8 | 122.1 | 108.6 | 117.5 | 110.6 | 105.8 | 126.2 | 102.3 | 105.2 | 112.3 | 110.4 | 115.0 |
| | Feb | 115.3 | 122.2 | 108.7 | 117.6 | 110.9 | 106.0 | 127.0 | 102.3 | 105.4 | 112.4 | 110.7 | 115.4 |
| % Cha Last m | nge on onth | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Noto | iguros p | a an a sa | slightly due | to the round | ling up | | | | | | | | |

TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (Cont.)

| | | All | National | | Towns & | Urban | Rural | Annuc | al Inflation | |
|---------|------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| | | Items Index | Inflation Rate | Monthly Change | Cities Index | Village Index | Villages Index | Towns & Cities | Urban Villages | Rural |
| | | 100.0 | % | % | 0.38 | 0.41 | 0.21 | % | % | % |
| 2020 | Jan | 102.6 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 102.8 | 102.6 | 102.0 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.8 |
| | Feb | 102.7 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 102.9 | 102.8 | 102.1 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| | Mar | 102.8 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 102.9 | 102.9 | 102.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.0 |
| | Apr | 103.7 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 103.0 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.3 |
| | May | 103.7 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 103.9 | 103.8 | 103.1 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| | Jun | 102.4 | 0.9 | (1.2) | 102.6 | 102.7 | 101.5 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| | Jul | 102.6 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 102.7 | 102.9 | 101.8 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.6 |
| | Aug | 102.8 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 102.8 | 103.1 | 102.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.7 |
| | Sept | 103.6 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 103.7 | 104.0 | 102.9 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.6 |
| | Oct | 104.1 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 104.2 | 104.4 | 103.4 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.0 |
| | Nov | 104.3 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 104.4 | 104.6 | 103.6 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.0 |
| | Dec | 104.4 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 104.4 | 104.7 | 103.7 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.0 |
| 2021 | Jan | 104.9 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 104.9 | 105.3 | 104.2 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.1 |
| | Feb | 105.2 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 105.1 | 105.6 | 104.5 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 2.3 |
| | Mar | 106.0 | 3.2 | 0.8 | 105.9 | 106.5 | 105.4 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.1 |
| | Apr | 109.6 | 5.6 | 3.3 | 109.7 | 110.0 | 108.4 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.2 |
| | May | 110.1 | 6.2 | 0.5 | 110.3 | 110.6 | 109.0 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 5.7 |
| | Jun | 110.8 | 8.2 | 0.6 | 111.0 | 111.3 | 109.6 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 7.9 |
| | Jul | 111.7 | 8.9 | 0.8 | 111.7 | 112.1 | 110.8 | 8.8 | 9.0 | 8.8 |
| | Aug | 111.8 | 8.8 | 0.1 | 111.8 | 112.3 | 110.9 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 8.8 |
| | Sept | 112.3 | 8.4 | 0.5 | 112.4 | 112.9 | 111.1 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 8.0 |
| | Oct | 113.3 | 8.8 | 0.9 | 113.3 | 113.8 | 112.4 | 8.7 | 9.0 | 8.6 |
| | Nov | 113.3 | 8.6 | (0.0) | 113.3 | 113.8 | 112.4 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 8.5 |
| | Dec | 113.5 | 8.7 | 0.1 | 113.4 | 113.9 | 112.7 | 8.6 | 8.8 | 8.7 |
| 2022 | Jan | 116.0 | 10.6 | 2.2 | 116.1 | 116.2 | 115.4 | 10.7 | 10.4 | 10.7 |
| | Feb | 116.3 | 10.6 | 0.3 | 116.4 | 116.7 | 115.6 | 10.8 | 10.4 | 10.6 |
| % Chang | e on | 0.3 | | | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | | | |

TABLE 3: NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE GROUP AND SECTION INDICES (DECEMBER 2018=100.0)

| | | | | | g 6 | | | | entage (| Change | on: |
|------|--|---------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | Group Section | Weights | This month Feb 2022 | Last month Jan 2022 | 3 months ago Nov 2021 | 6 months ago Aug 2021 | 12 months ago Feb 2021 | Last month | 3 months ago | 6 months ago | 12 months |
| 1 | Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 13.55 | 115.3 | 114.8 | 114.1 | 113.2 | 108.0 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 6.8 |
| 1.1 | Bread & Cereals | 4.26 | 116.8 | 116.0 | 116.4 | 116.6 | 112.7 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 3.7 |
| 1.2 | Meat (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen) | 2.36 | 121.0 | 120.7 | 117.9 | 116.2 | 112.8 | 0.3 | 2.7 | 4.1 | 7.3 |
| 1.3 | Fish (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen) | 0.18 | 114.4 | 114.1 | 112.4 | 112.4 | 102.7 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 11.4 |
| 1.4 | Milk, Cheese & Milk Products | 0.98 | 110.6 | 110.4 | 109.8 | 108.5 | 105.2 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 5.2 |
| 1.5 | Oils & Fats | 0.92 | 132.8 | 131.5 | 129.3 | 124.3 | 103.5 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 6.9 | 28.4 |
| 1.6 | Fruits | 0.78 | 113.4 | 113.3 | 112.1 | 112.1 | 109.2 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 3.8 |
| 1.7 | Vegetables | 1.08 | 106.0 | 105.2 | 106.0 | 106.3 | 102.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | (0.3) | 3.9 |
| 1.8 | Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery | 1.11 | 103.4 | 102.9 | 102.5 | 101.3 | 98.6 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 4.9 |
| 1.9 | Food Not Elsewhere Classified | 0.54 | 115.5 | 115.5 | 116.0 | 114.1 | 104.1 | 0.1 | (0.4) | 1.3 | 10.9 |
| 1.10 | Coffee, Tea & Cocoa | 0.73 | 111.7 | 111.6 | 111.0 | 110.2 | 104.4 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 7.0 |
| 1.11 | Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruits & Vegetables Juices | 0.62 | 109.1 | 109.0 | 108.7 | 107.8 | 103.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 5.7 |
| 2 | Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco | 4.34 | 122.2 | 122.1 | 121.3 | 119.5 | 111.5 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 9.6 |
| 2.1 | Alcoholic Beverages | 3.51 | 123.2 | 123.2 | 122.2 | 120.0 | 111.7 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 2.7 | 10.3 |
| 2.2 | Tobacco | 0.82 | 117.5 | 117.6 | 117.2 | 117.2 | 110.3 | (0.0) | 0.3 | 0.3 | 6.6 |
| 3 | Clothing & Footwear | 5.95 | 108.7 | 108.6 | 108.1 | 107.0 | 104.6 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 3.9 |
| 3.1 | Clothing | 2.60 | 108.9 | 108.7 | 108.3 | 107.5 | 105.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 3.4 |
| 3.2 | Other Articles of Clothing | 0.72 | 108.0 | 107.8 | 106.9 | 105.8 | 104.4 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 3.5 |
| 3.3 | Cleaning, Repair & Hire | 0.61 | 114.6 | 114.2 | 114.0 | 111.3 | 106.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 3.0 | 7.9 |
| 3.4 | Footwear | 2.03 | 106.9 | 106.9 | 106.4 | 105.4 | 103.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 3.4 |
| 4 | Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels | 17.45 | 117.6 | 117.5 | 116.9 | 116.0 | 109.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 7.8 |
| 4.1 | Rent Paid by Tenants | 7.78 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 110.9 | 109.9 | 103.6 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 8.0 |
| 4.2 | Materials for Maintenance & Repair of Dwellings | 3.83 | 122.0 | 121.9 | 121.4 | 119.7 | 113.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 8.0 |
| 4.3 | Water Supply & Miscellaneous Services | 1.96 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.7 |
| 4.4 | Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels | 3.89 | 127.0 | 127.0 | 126.7 | 126.4 | 120.4 | (0.0) | 0.2 | 0.5 | 5.5 |
| 5 | Furnishing, H/H Equipment & Routine Maintenance | 4.85 | 110.9 | 110.6 | 109.5 | 108.4 | 105.2 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 5.4 |
| 5.1 | Furniture & Furnishing | 1.35 | 110.4 | 110.4 | 109.5 | 107.9 | 104.9 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 5.2 |
| 5.2 | Carpets & Other Floor Coverings | 0.27 | 110.7 | 110.6 | 110.3 | 109.9 | 106.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 4.4 |
| 5.3 | Household Textiles | 0.29 | 110.7 | 110.5 | 110.2 | 109.3 | 105.7 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 4.8 |
| 5.4 | Household Appliances | 0.72 | 112.2 | 111.7 | 110.1 | 108.4 | 104.8 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 3.6 | 7.1 |
| 5.5 | Glassware, Tableware & Household Utensils | 0.23 | 112.6 | 112.4 | 110.9 | 110.5 | 105.9 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 6.3 |
| 5.6 | Small Tools, Miscellaneous Accessories | 0.04 | 117.5 | 116.8 | 116.2 | 113.9 | 108.3 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 3.1 | 8.5 |
| 5.7 | Goods & Services for Household Maintenance | 1.95 | 110.6 | 110.0 | 108.8 | 108.2 | 105.3 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 5.0 |
| 6 | Health | 3.38 | 106.0 | 105.8 | 105.3 | 104.9 | 103.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 2.7 |
| 6.1 | Medical Products, Applications & Equipments | 0.98 | 110.1 | 109.4 | 108.1 | 107.4 | 104.4 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 2.5 | 5.5 |
| 6.2 | Out-Patient Services | 0.93 | 107.1 | 107.0 | 106.4 | 105.8 | 104.1 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 2.9 |
| 6.3 | Hospital Services | 1.47 | 102.7 | 102.7 | 102.7 | 102.6 | 102.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 |

TABLE 3: NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE GROUP AND SECTION INDICES (DECEMBER 2018=100.0) (Cont.)

| | | | | | | _ | 000 | | centage | _ | _ |
|------|---|---------|------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | Group Section | Weights | This month Feb 2022 | Last month Jan 2022 | 3 months ago Nov 2021 | 6 months ago Aug 2021 | 12 months ag Feb 2021 | Last month | 3 months ago | 6 months ago | 12 months ago |
| 7 | Transport | 23.43 | 127.0 | 126.2 | 117.1 | 113.4 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 8.5 | 12.0 | 27.0 |
| 7.1 | Purchase of Vehicles | 5.74 | 130.1 | 127.2 | 127.8 | 125.9 | 112.3 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 15.9 |
| 7.2 | Operation of Personal Transport | 12.56 | 128.5 | 128.4 | 114.2 | 108.2 | 89.3 | 0.1 | 12.5 | 18.7 | 43.8 |
| 7.3 | Transport Services | 5.13 | 119.8 | 119.8 | 112.2 | 112.2 | 112.3 | 0.0 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.6 |
| 8 | Communication | 6.94 | 102.3 | 102.3 | 102.3 | 102.3 | 101.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.2 |
| 8.1 | Postal Services | 0.21 | 113.6 | 113.6 | 113.6 | 113.6 | 113.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 8.2 | Telephone & Telefax Equipment * | 1.13 | 107.3 | 107.1 | 107.3 | 107.0 | 104.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 3.0 |
| 8.3 | Telephone & Telefax Services | 5.60 | 100.9 | 100.9 | 100.9 | 100.9 | 100.0 | (0.0) | (0.0) | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| 9 | Recreation & Culture | 2.82 | 105.4 | 105.2 | 104.7 | 104.1 | 101.6 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 3.7 |
| 9.1 | Audio Visual, Photographic & Information Processing Equipment | 2.10 | 105.5 | 105.3 | 104.6 | 104.1 | 101.7 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 3.8 |
| 9.2 | Other Recreational Items & Equipments | 0.30 | 106.2 | 106.3 | 106.0 | 104.9 | 103.4 | (0.1) | 0.2 | 1.3 | 2.7 |
| 9.3 | Recreational & Cultural Services | 0.31 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 101.9 | 101.9 | 97.7 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 4.5 |
| 9.4 | Newspapers, Books & Stationary | 0.11 | 110.6 | 109.6 | 109.3 | 108.9 | 106.4 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 3.9 |
| 10 | Education | 4.60 | 112.4 | 112.3 | 111.1 | 110.0 | 109.9 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| 10.1 | Pre-Primary & Primary Education | 1.89 | 113.2 | 112.9 | 111.3 <svg< td=""><td>111.3</td><td>111.1</td><td>0.3</td><td>1.7</td><td>1.8</td><td>1.9</td></svg<> | 111.3 | 111.1 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| 10.2 | Secondary & Tertiary Education | 2.70 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 110.9 | 109.1 | 109.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| 11 | Restaurants & Hotels | 3.66 | 110.7 | 110.4 | 109.9 | 108.7 | 105.5 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 4.9 |
| 11.1 | Restaurants, Cafes & the Like | 3.02 | 113.5 | 113.2 | 112.6 | 111.1 | 107.3 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 5.7 |
| 11.2 | Accommodation Services | 0.64 | 97.7 | 97.3 | 97.0 | 97.5 | 96.9 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| 12 | Miscellaneous Goods & Services | 9.01 | 115.4 | 115.0 | 113.7 | 113.2 | 106.9 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 8.0 |
| 12.1 | Personal Care | 2.33 | 109.8 | 109.3 | 108.6 | 108.2 | 102.5 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 7.1 |
| 12.2 | Personal Effects Not Elsewhere Classified | 0.22 | 103.9 | 103.5 | 102.2 | 101.3 | 101.2 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| 12.3 | Social Protection | 0.13 | 112.5 | 112.4 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 109.4 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.8 |
| 12.4 | Insurance | 3.62 | 122.3 | 122.2 | 119.6 | 119.7 | 112.1 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 9.1 |
| 12.5 | Financial Services | 1.09 | 116.9 | 115.8 | 115.7 | 114.9 | 103.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 13.3 |
| 12.6 | Taxes, Licences & Fees | 1.61 | 109.0 | 108.5 | 108.4 | 106.7 | 104.8 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 2.1 | 4.0 |
| | All-Items Index | 100.0 | 116.3 | 116.0 | 113.3 | 111.8 | 105.2 | 0.3 | 2.7 | 4.1 | 10.6 |

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY TRADEABILITY (DECEMBER 2018 = 100.0)

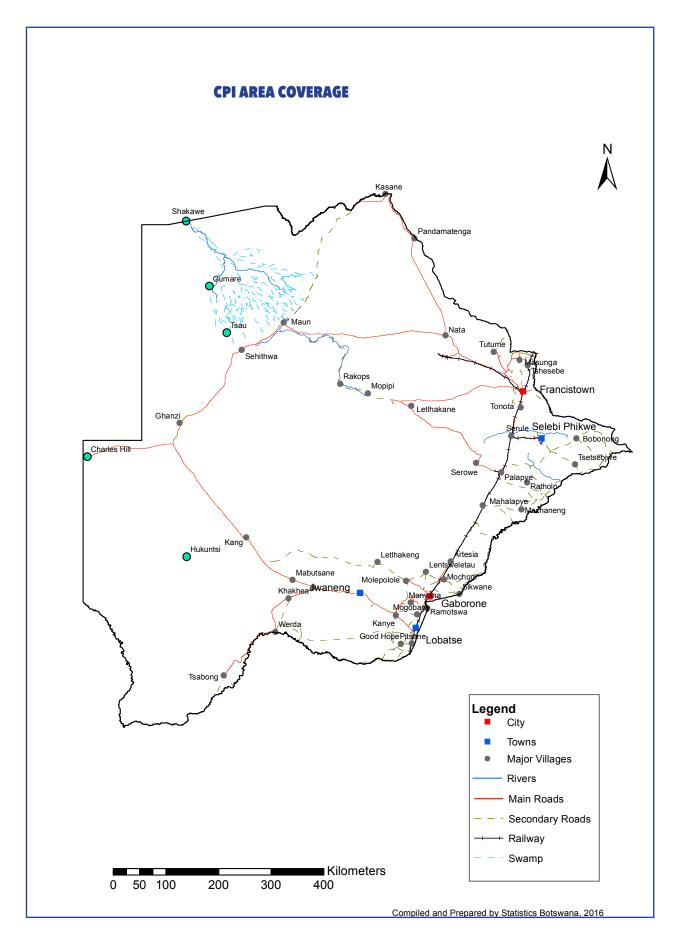
| | | All Ite | ms | Non-Tro | adable | Domestic | Tradable | Imported | d Tradable | All Tro | adable |
|--------|-------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | | Index | Inflation | Index | Inflation | Index | Inflation | Index | Inflation | Index | Inflation |
| Weight | S | 100.00 | | 42.29 | | 15.46 | | 42.26 | | 57.71 | |
| 2020 | Jan | 102.6 | 2.2 | 102.5 | 2.4 | 105.0 | 4.2 | 101.8 | 1.5 | 102.6 | 2.2 |
| | Feb | 102.7 | 2.2 | 102.6 | 2.3 | 105.4 | 4.4 | 102.0 | 1.4 | 102.8 | 2.2 |
| | Mar | 102.8 | 2.2 | 102.6 | 2.3 | 105.6 | 4.2 | 102.0 | 1.4 | 102.9 | 2.1 |
| | Apr | 103.7 | 2.5 | 104.6 | 3.3 | 106.0 | 4.1 | 102.1 | 1.2 | 103.1 | 2.0 |
| | May | 103.7 | 2.4 | 104.7 | 3.3 | 106.6 | 4.2 | 101.8 | 0.8 | 103.1 | 1.7 |
| | Jun | 102.4 | 0.9 | 104.7 | 3.0 | 107.7 | 5.1 | 98.3 | -2.7 | 100.8 | -0.6 |
| | Jul | 102.6 | 0.9 | 104.7 | 2.9 | 108.1 | 5.2 | 98.5 | -2.7 | 101.0 | -0.6 |
| | Aug | 102.8 | 1.0 | 104.7 | 2.9 | 108.5 | 5.4 | 98.7 | -2.5 | 101.3 | -0.4 |
| | Sept | 103.6 | 1.8 | 106.4 | 4.4 | 108.6 | 5.3 | 99.1 | -2.1 | 101.6 | -0.1 |
| | Oct | 104.1 | 2.2 | 106.6 | 4.6 | 108.9 | 5.5 | 100.0 | -1.3 | 102.3 | 0.5 |
| | Nov | 104.3 | 2.2 | 106.7 | 4.6 | 109.1 | 5.5 | 100.2 | -1.3 | 102.6 | 0.6 |
| | Dec | 104.4 | 2.2 | 106.8 | 4.5 | 109.2 | 5.4 | 100.3 | -1.3 | 102.6 | 0.5 |
| 2021 | Jan | 104.9 | 2.3 | 107.0 | 4.4 | 109.8 | 4.6 | 101.0 | -0.7 | 103.4 | 0.7 |
| | Feb | 105.2 | 2.4 | 107.1 | 4.4 | 110.5 | 4.8 | 101.5 | -0.5 | 103.8 | 1.0 |
| | Mar | 106.0 | 3.2 | 107.1 | 4.4 | 110.8 | 5.0 | 103.3 | 1.3 | 105.3 | 2.3 |
| | Apr | 109.6 | 5.6 | 109.8 | 4.9 | 113.7 114.0 | 7.2 | 107.9 108.9 | 5.7 | 109.4 110.3 110.8 | 6.1 |
| | May | 110.1 | 6.2 | 110.0 | 5.1 | | 6.9 | | 7.0 | | 7.0 |
| | Jun | 110.8 | 8.2 | 110.8 | 5.8 | 114.0 | 5.9 | 109.7 | 11.6 | | 10.0 |
| | Jul | 111.7 | 8.9 | 110.9 | 5.9 | 113.6 | 5.1 | 111.9 | 13.6 | 112.3 | 11.2 |
| | Aug | 111.8 | 8.8 | 111.0 | 5.9 | 113.8 | 4.8 | 112.0 | 13.4 | 112.4 | 11.0 |
| | Sept | 112.3 | 8.4 | 111.4 | 4.6 | 114.4 | 5.3 | 112.5 | 13.6 | 113.0 | 11.3 |
| | Oct | 113.3 | 8.8 | 111.5 | 4.6 | 114.7 | 5.4 | 114.6 | 14.7 | 114.7 | 12.0 |
| | Nov | 113.3 | 8.6 | 111.5 | 4.5 | 114.8 | 5.3 | 114.6 | 14.3 | 114.6 | 11.8 |
| | Dec | 113.5 | 8.7 | 111.9 | 4.7 | 115.1 | 5.3 | 114.5 | 14.2 | 114.7 | 11.7 |
| 2022 | Jan | 116.0 | 10.6 | 113.1 | 5.6 | 115.6 | 5.2 | 119.1 | 17.9 | 118.2 | 14.3 |
| | Feb | 116.3 | 10.6 | 113.2 | 5.7 | 115.9 | 4.9 | 119.7 | 18.0 | 118.7 | 14.3 |
| % Chai | nge on last | 0.3 | | 0.1 | | 0.2 | | 0.5 | | 0.4 | |

TABLE 5: CORE INFLATION RATES BY EXCLUSION AND TRIMMED MEAN

| Year | Month | Consumer Price Index (Trimmed Mean) (September 2016 = 100) | Core Monthly Inflation Rate (Trimmed Mean) (percentage) | Consumer Price Index (Excluding Administered Prices) (September 2016 = 100) | Core Monthly Inflation (Excluding Administered Prices) (percentage) |
|------|-------|---|--|--|--|
| 2020 | | | | | |
| | Jan | 102.2 | 1.9 | 103.2 | 2.7 |
| | Feb | 102.4 | 1.9 | 103.4 | 2.7 |
| | Mar | 102.5 | 1.9 | 103.5 | 2.7 |
| | Apr | 102.7 | 1.8 | 103.8 | 2.6 |
| | May | 103.0 | 1.6 | 104.0 | 2.6 |
| | Jun | 102.7 | 1.0 | 104.4 | 2.8 |
| | Jul | 102.9 | 1.0 | 104.7 | 2.8 |
| | Aug | 103.1 | 1.1 | 104.9 | 2.9 |
| | Sept | 104.0 | 1.8 | 105.3 | 3.1 |
| | Oct | 104.4 | 2.2 | 105.6 | 3.4 |
| | Nov | 104.6 | 2.2 | 105.8 | 3.4 |
| | Dec | 104.7 | 2.1 | 105.9 | 3.3 |
| 2021 | | | | | |
| | Jan | 105.3 | 2.2 | 106.7 | 3.4 |
| | Feb | 105.6 | 2.4 | 107.1 | 3.6 |
| | Mar | 106.2 | 2.8 | 107.5 | 3.9 |
| | Apr | 109.6 | 5.4 | 110.1 | 6.1 |
| | May | 110.0 | 5.8 | 110.9 | 6.7 |
| | Jun | 111.0 | 7.9 | 111.6 | 6.8 |
| | Jul | 113.0 | 8.4 | 112.0 | 7.0 |
| | Aug | 113.1 | 8.3 | 112.1 | 6.8 |
| | Sept | 113.1 | 8.0 | 112.7 | 7.1 |
| | Oct | 113.7 | 8.2 | 113.2 | 7.2 |
| | Nov | 113.7 | 8.0 | 113.2 | 7.0 |
| | Dec | 113.9 | 8.0 | 113.4 | 7.1 |
| 2022 | | | | | |
| | Jan | 116.2 | 8.8 | 113.8 | 6.7 |
| | Feb | 116.6 | 8.8 | 114.4 | 6.8 |

TABLE 6: Average Annual Inflation (December 2018=100)

| | Group | Weights | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|----|---|---------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 1 | Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 16.51 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 5.4 | 3.0 | 1.3 | 2.7 | 3.4 | (0.5) | 1.4 | 3.7 | 6.0 |
| 2 | Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco | 7.83 | 8.4 | 7.6 | 10.3 | 9.0 | 6.1 | 2.5 | 4.5 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 5.4 | 8.9 |
| 3 | Clothing & Footwear | 6.27 | 8.9 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 7.6 | 6.5 | 3.2 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 3.5 |
| 4 | Housing, Water, Electr. Gas & Other Fuels | 14.90 | 8.4 | 7.7 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 7.1 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 5.1 | 7.7 |
| 5 | Furnishing, H/H Equipment & Routine Maintenance | 6.39 | 9.0 | 7.3 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 3.7 |
| 6 | Health | 3.62 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 8.3 | 6.3 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 2.7 |
| 7 | Transport | 20.65 | 13.2 | 10.8 | 7.3 | 1.2 | (5.1) | (2.7) | 1.6 | 7.5 | 6.2 | (2.4) | 12.3 |
| 8 | Communication | 4.27 | (3.0) | (1.4) | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | (4.6) | (3.8) | 0.5 | 1.3 |
| 9 | Recreation & Culture | 2.92 | 8.3 | 5.8 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 5.7 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 0.4 | (0.2) | 3.5 |
| 10 | Education | 3.34 | 10.6 | 6.4 | 4.7 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 5.5 | 3.1 | 4.7 | 2.2 |
| 11 | Restaurants & Hotels | 2.76 | 9.3 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| 12 | Miscellaneous Goods & Services | 10.55 | 5.3 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 3.9 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 2.0 | 5.4 |
| | All-Items Index | 100.0 | 8.5 | 7.5 | 5.9 | 4.4 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 6.7 |



GLOSSARY

Consumer Price Index (CPI) is an index which measures price changes in goods and services with reference to a base period.

Inflation is a measurement of prices movement of goods and services in a particular country.

Domestic Tradeables refers to the goods and services which a country (Botswana) can export to other countries.

Imported Tradeables represents the goods and services which a country (Botswana) imports from other countries (trading partners).

Non-Tradeables refers to the goods and services which a country cannot either export or import to other countries.

All -Tradeables refers to the total of Domestic and Imported Tradeables.

Trimmed Mean Core Inflation- attempts to remove 8 percent (by weight) of the commodity sub-groups with the largest price changes at each of the ends of an ordered series of price changes in any given month.

Core inflation by Exclusion is a measure used to remove the volatility inherent in prices that are only adjusted periodically and not always in response to currently prevailing market forces.



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