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COMMENTARY

SECTION 1: HEADLINE INFLATION

The annual inflation rate soared to 5.6 percent in April 2021, recording a rise of 2.4 percentage points on the March 2021 rate of 3.2 percent. The major contributors to the April 2021 annual inflation rate were; Transport (1.8 percent), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (1.1 percent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (0.9 percent), Miscellaneous Goods & Services (0.5 percent) and Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco (0.5 percent). Refer to Table 1.

The comparison of inflation rates for regions between March 2021 and April 2021 shows that the Cities & Towns inflation rate rose by 2.6 percentage points, from 2.9 percent in March to 5.5 percent in April. The Urban Villages inflation rate stood at 5.9 percent in April, reflecting an increase of 2.4 percentage points on the March rate of 3.5 percent. The Rural Villages rate moved from 3.1 to 5.2 percent, recording a growth of 2.1 percentage points. **Refer to Table 2**

The national Consumer Price Index was 109.6 in April 2021, an increase of 3.3 percent, from 106.0 recorded in March 2021. The Cities & Towns Index rose by 3.6 percent, from 105.9 in March to 109.7 in April. The Urban Villages index moved from 106.5 in March to 110.0 in April 2021, a rise of 3.3 percent while the Rural Villages index registered a growth of 2.9 percent, from 105.4 to 108.4. **Refer to Table 2**

All the group indices recorded positive changes between March 2021 and April 2021, specifically; transport (5.9 percent), Miscellaneous good & Services (5.0 percent), Alcoholic beverages & Tobacco (4.5 percent), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (3.7 percent) and Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (2.9 percent). Refer to Table 2.

The Transport group index registered an increase of 5.9 percent, from 102.8 in March to 108.8 in April. This was attributed to an increase in the constituent section index of Operation of Personal Transport and purchase of Vehicles by 9.3 and 5.0 percent respectively. The increase in Operation of Personal Transport section index was due to the rise in retail pump prices for petrol (95) and diesel (50ppm), each by P1.00 per litre, which effected on the 1st of April 2021. **Refer to Table 3**.

The Miscellaneous Goods & Services index group registered a growth of 5.0 percent, from 106.9 in March to 112.2 in April. This was due to an increase in the constituent section indices of Financial Services (8.3 percent), Insurance (7.4 percent) and Personal Care (2.9 percent). **Refer to Table 3**.

The Alcoholic Beverages &Tobacco group index rose by 4.5 percent, from 112.0 to 117.1 over the two periods. This was owing to the rise in the constituent section indices of the Alcoholic Beverages (4.9 percent) and Tobacco (2.5 percent). Refer to Table 3.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels index group moved from 109.2 to 113.3, registering a rise of 3.7 percent during the period under review. The rise was mainly attributable to the increases in the constituent section indices of Rent paid by Tenants, by 5.0 percent, Electricity Gas & Other Fuels by 4.7 percent and Materials for Maintenance & Repair of Dwellings by 2.1 percent. The rise in the Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels section index was largely due to the hike in the electricity tariffs by 3 percent and the increase in Value Added Tax (VAT) from 12 percent to 14 percent, both effective 1st April 2021. **Refer to Table 3**.

During the period under review, the Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages group index moved from 108.6 to 111.7 recording an increase of 2.9 percent. This was due to the general increase in the constituent section indices, notably; Vegetables (6.4 percent), Oils & Fats (4.9 percent), Fish (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen) (4.8 percent), Food Not Elsewhere Classified (4.1 percent), Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruits & Vegetables Juices (3.9 percent), Bread & Cereals (2.6 percent) and Meat (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen) (2.4 percent). The Section indices in the Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages group index recorded changes of more than 1.0 percent except Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery which recorded 0.9 percent. **Refer to Table 3**.

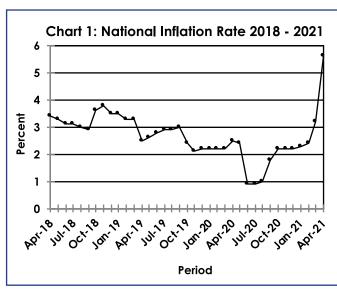
The All-Tradeables index was 109.4 in April 2021, recording a rise of 3.9 percent from 105.3 recorded in March 2021. The Imported Tradeables Index increased from 103.3 in March to 107.9 in April 2021, an increase of 4.4 percent. The Domestic Tradeables Index realised a rise of 2.6 percent, from 110.8 in March to 113.7 in April. The Non-Tradeables Index rose by 2.5 percent from 107.1 in March to 109.8 in April. Refer to Table 4.

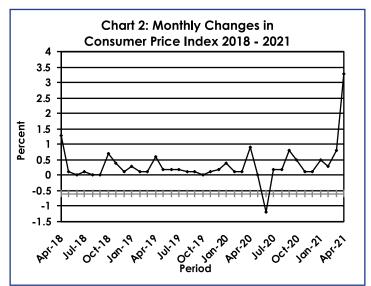
The All-Tradeables inflation rate was 6.1 percent in April 2021, registering a rise of 3.8 percentage points on the March rate of 2.3 percent. The Imported Tradeables inflation increased by 4.4 percentage points, from 1.3 percent in March 2021 to 5.7 percent in April 2021. The Domestic Tradeables inflation was 7.2 percent in April 2021, a rise of 2.2 percentage points from 5.0 percent recorded in March 2021. The Non-Tradeables inflation rate increased by 0.5 of a percentage point, advancing from 4.4 percent in March 2021 to 4.9 percent in April 2021. **Refer to Table 4**.

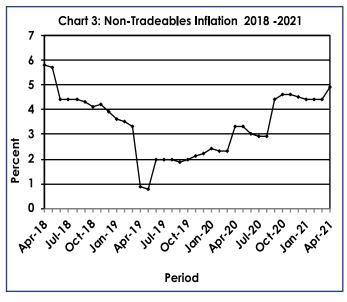
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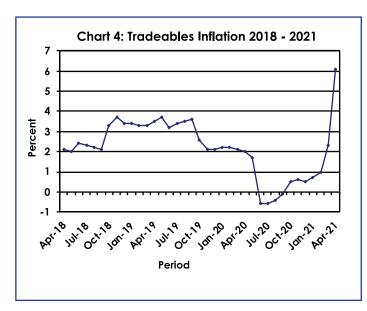
The Trimmed Mean Core Inflation rate was 5.4 percent in April 2021, registering a growth of 2.6 percentage points, compared to 2.8 percent recorded in March 2021. Similarly, the Core Inflation rate registered an increase of 2.2 percentage points, from 3.9 percent in March 2021 to 6.1 percent in April 2021. **Refer to Table 5**.

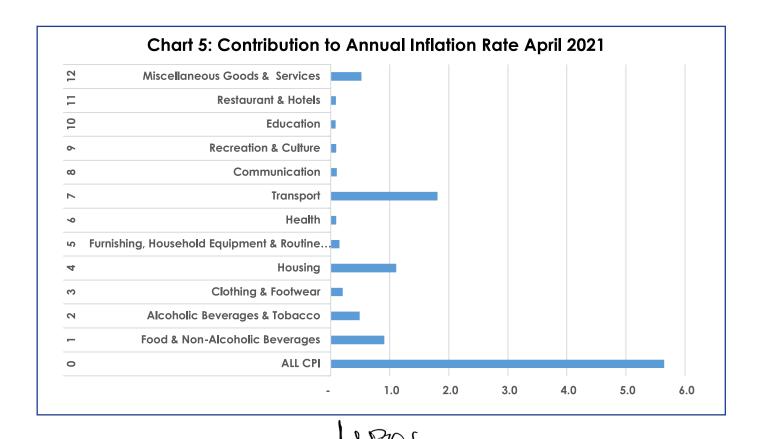
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TABLES

TABLE 1: Contributions of Groups to Annual Inflation Rate

		С	ONTRIBUTION	
Group Code	Group Name	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21
0	All Items Inflation Rate	2.4	3.2	5.6
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.5	0.5	0.9
2	Alcoholic Beverages &Tobacco	0.3	0.3	0.5
3	Clothing & Footwear	0.2	0.2	0.2
4	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	1.3	1.3	1.1
5	Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance	0.1	0.1	0.2
6	Health	0.1	0.1	0.1
7	Transport	-0.3	0.4	1.8
8	Communication	0.1	0.1	0.1
9	Recreation & Culture	0.0	0.0	0.1
10	Education	0.1	0.1	0.1
11	Restaurants & Hotels	0.1	0.1	0.1
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	0.1	0.1	0.5

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

Weights	lan	13.55	Tobacco	Footwear	Housing	etc	Health	Transport	Communi- cation	Rec. & Culture	Education	Rest. & Hotels	Miscella- neous
2019 Jo			4.34	5.95	17.45	4.85	3.38	23.43	6.94	2.82	4.60	3.66	9.01
		100.4	99.8	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.3	100.0	100.1	103.0	100.0	100.3
F	eb	100.6	99.6	100.2	100.1	100.4	100.2	100.6	100.0	100.1	103.1	100.1	100.6
٨	Mar	101.0	99.9	100.3	100.3	100.6	100.3	100.5	100.0	100.4	103.1	100.6	100.4
Α	Apr	101.4	101.2	100.4	100.3	100.7	100.3	100.7	100.0	100.2	103.1	100.8	104.9
N	Мау	102.0	102.4	100.5	100.4	100.8	100.4	100.8	100.0	100.2	103.1	101.1	104.9
Jı	lun	102.0	103.2	100.7	100.9	101.6	100.5	100.6	100.1	100.2	103.1	101.3	105.0
Jı	Iul	102.1	103.5	100.8	101.0	101.8	100.6	100.9	100.1	100.3	103.1	101.6	105.4
Α	Aug	102.1	103.6	101.0	101.1	101.8	100.7	101.0	100.2	100.3	103.1	101.8	105.3
S	Sept	102.4	103.8	101.0	101.2	102.1	100.6	100.9	100.2	100.3	103.1	102.1	105.3
C	Oct	102.3	104.1	101.1	101.3	102.2	100.7	101.0	100.3	100.0	103.1	102.3	105.2
N	Vov	102.5	104.2	101.3	101.3	102.4	100.8	101.2	100.4	100.0	103.1	102.4	105.3
D	Dec	103.0	104.4	101.3	101.5	102.7	100.8	101.3	100.4	99.8	103.1	102.9	105.3
2020 Jo	lan	103.7	104.5	101.7	101.6	103.0	101.0	101.3	100.4	99.8	107.9	103.7	105.5
F	eb	104.2	104.6	101.8	101.7	103.3	101.0	101.4	100.3	100.0	108.0	103.9	105.6
٨	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
Α	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
٨	Мау	105.2	104.8	102.4	106.6	103.7	101.7	100.7	100.4	99.5	108.0	104.7	106.2
J	lun	105.7	108.7	102.9	106.7	103.9	102.0	93.9	100.5	99.5	108.0	104.8	106.2
J	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
A	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
S	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
C	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
N	Vov	106.9	111.0	103.9	108.2	104.5	102.3	98.6	101.3	100.5	108.0	105.5	106.3
D	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 Ja	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
	eb	108.0	111.5	104.4	109.0	105.1	103.2	100.0	101.1	101.6	107.7	105.5	106.9
	Mar	108.6	111.0	104.9	107.0	105.2	103.5	102.8	101.1	101.8	107.7	106.0	106.9
	Apr	111.7	117.1	104.7	113.3	106.9	104.3	102.8	101.8	103.1	107.7	107.0	112.2
% Change		111./	117.1	103.7	110.0	100.7	104.5	100.0	101.0	100.1	107.7	107.0	112,2
onLast mo		2.9	4.5	0.8	3.7	1.3	0.8	5.9	0.7	1.3	0.1	0.9	5.0

TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (Cont.)

		All	National		Towns &	Urban	Rural	Annu	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	%	%	%
2019	Jan	100.3	3.5	0.3	100.4	100.3	100.2	4.1	3.4	2.4
	Feb	100.5	3.3	0.1	100.6	100.5	100.3	4.0	3.2	2.3
	Mar	100.6	3.3	0.1	100.6	100.6	100.3	3.9	3.2	2.2
	Apr	101.2	2.5	0.6	101.2	101.3	100.8	2.9	2.6	1.7
	May	101.3	2.6	0.2	101.4	101.5	100.9	2.9	2.7	1.8
	Jun	101.5	2.8	0.2	101.6	101.6	101.1	3.0	2.9	2.1
	Jul	101.7	2.9	0.2	101.8	101.8	101.2	3.1	3.0	2.1
	Aug	101.7	2.9	0.1	101.8	101.9	101.3	3.2	3.1	2.2
	Sept	101.8	3.0	0.1	101.9	102.0	101.4	3.2	3.1	2.3
	Oct	101.9	2.4	0.0	102.0	102.0	101.4	2.5	2.5	1.8
	Nov	102.0	2.1	0.1	102.1	102.1	101.5	2.2	2.3	1.5
	Dec	102.2	2.2	0.2	102.3	102.3	101.6	2.3	2.3	1.6
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
% Change last month		3.3			3.6	3.3	2.9			

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

	E S. NATIONAL CONSUMER I RICE OROS				<u>°</u>		ogo		entage (Change	on:
	Group Section	Weights	This month Apr 2021	Last month Mar 2021	3 months ago Jan 2021	6 months ago Oct 2020	12 months a Apr 2020	Last month	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.55	111.7	108.6	107.2	106.7	104.6	2.9	4.2	4.7	6.8
1.1	Bread & Cereals	4.26	116.5	113.5	111.1	110.2	105.1	2.6	4.8	5.7	10.8
1.2	Meat (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen)	2.36	115.9	113.2	111.9	110.4	110.3	2.4	3.5	4.9	5.1
1.3	Fish (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen)	0.18	108.3	103.3	101.6	101.1	104.2	4.8	6.6	7.1	4.0
1.4	Milk, Cheese & Milk Products	0.98	107.1	105.6	105.2	104.4	103.5	1.4	1.8	2.6	3.4
1.5	Oils & Fats	0.92	109.0	104.0	103.1	101.6	98.9	4.9	5.7	7.3	10.2
1.6	Fruits	0.78	113.4	110.8	108.2	107.4	110.3	2.4	4.8	5.6	2.8
1.7	Vegetables	1.08	108.6	102.1	102.2	105.2	100.2	6.4	6.3	3.3	8.4
1.8	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery	1.11	99.6	98.7	98.7	99.3	98.8	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.8
1.9	Food Not Elsewhere Classified	0.54	108.7	104.4	103.8	104.5	104.8	4.1	4.7	4.0	3.7
1.10	Coffee, Tea & Cocoa	0.73	108.6	105.5	104.0	103.5	102.5	2.9	4.5	5.0	6.0
1.11	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruits & Vegetables Juices	0.62	107.4	103.4	102.9	103.1	103.0	3.9	4.4	4.2	4.2
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	4.34	117.1	112.0	111.3	111.0	104.8	4.5	5.2	5.5	11.7
2.1	Alcoholic Beverages	3.51	117.6	112.1	111.5	111.3	104.8	4.9	5.4	5.7	12.2
2.2	Tobacco	0.82	114.8	111.9	110.1	109.7	104.8	2.5	4.2	4.6	9.5
3	Clothing & Footwear	5.95	105.7	104.9	104.4	103.9	102.1	8.0	1.2	1.8	3.5
3.1	Clothing	2.60	106.3	105.5	105.0	104.2	102.6	0.8	1.3	2.0	3.6
3.2	Other Articles of Clothing	0.72	104.9	104.5	104.1	103.6	101.8	0.4	0.7	1.3	3.0
3.3	Cleaning, Repair & Hire	0.61	108.4	106.4	106.1	106.1	103.0	1.8	2.2	2.2	5.2
3.4	Footwear	2.03	104.4	103.7	103.3	102.8	101.3	0.7	1.0	1.6	3.1
4	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	17.45	113.3	109.2	108.7	107.9	106.5	3.7	4.2	4.9	6.4
4.1	Rent Paid by Tenants	7.78	108.9	103.7	103.6	103.4	103.0	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.6
4.2	Materials for Maintenance & Repair of Dwellings	3.83	115.9	113.5	111.7	108.5	102.9	2.1	3.8	6.8	12.6
4.3	Water Supply & Miscellaneous Services	1.96	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4	Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	3.89	126.2	120.5	120.4	120.5	120.2	4.7	4.8	4.8	5.0
5	Furnishing, H/H Equipment & Routine Maintenance	4.85	106.9	105.6	105.1	104.4	103.7	1.3	1.7	2.5	3.1
5.1	Furniture & Furnishing	1.35	106.4	105.6	104.9	104.4	103.2	0.7	1.4	1.9	3.1
5.2	Carpets & Other Floor Coverings	0.27	107.7	106.0	105.2	105.1	102.9	1.6	2.4	2.5	4.7
5.3	Household Textiles	0.29	107.7	106.1	105.5	105.1	102.7	1.6	2.1	2.5	4.9
5.4	Household Appliances	0.72	106.2	105.0	104.6	102.9	100.8	1.2	1.5	3.2	5.4
5.5	Glassware, Tableware & Household Utensils	0.23	107.8	106.2	105.9	104.8	103.5	1.5	1.8	2.8	4.1
5.6	Small Tools, Miscellaneous Accessories	0.04	111.3	108.4	107.8	106.7	103.2	2.7	3.3	4.3	7.8
5.7	Goods & Services for Household Maintenance	1.95	107.2	105.5	105.3	104.5	105.4	1.6	1.8	2.5	1.7
6	Health	3.38	104.3	103.5	103.2	102.2	101.5	8.0	1.1	2.1	2.8
6.1	Medical Products, Applications & Equipments	0.98	105.9	104.8	104.4	103.6	102.7	1.0	1.4	2.2	3.1
6.2	Out-Patient Services	0.93	105.5	104.6	103.9	102.8	101.4	0.9	1.5	2.6	4.0
6.3	Hospital Services	1.47	102.6	102.0	102.0	100.9	100.8	0.7	0.7	1.7	1.9

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

							0	Perc	entage	Change	on:
	Group Section	Weights	This month Apr 2021	Last month Mar 2021	3 months ago Jan 2021	6 months ago Oct 2020	12 months ago Apr 2020	Last month	3 months	6 months ago	12 months ago
7	Transport	23.43	108.8	102.8	99.6	98.4	101.3	5.9	9.2	10.6	7.4
7.1	Purchase of Vehicles	5.74	118.9	113.2	111.0	106.3	104.2	5.0	7.1	11.9	14.2
7.2	Operation of Personal Transport	12.56	102.8	94.1	89.2	89.1	100.5	9.3	15.2	15.4	2.3
7.3	Transport Services	5.13	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.5	100.1	0.0	0.0	(0.2)	12.1
8	Communication	6.94	101.8	101.1	101.1	101.3	100.3	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.5
8.1	Postal Services	0.21	113.6	113.6	113.6	113.6	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.6
8.2	Telephone & Telefax Equipment *	1.13	104.0	104.3	104.0	105.2	101.7	(0.4)	(0.0)	(1.2)	2.2
8.3	Telephone & Telefax Services	5.60	100.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
9	Recreation & Culture	2.82	103.1	101.8	101.1	100.2	99.7	1.3	1.9	2.8	3.3
9.1	Audio Visual, Photographic & Information Processing Equipment	2.10	102.8	101.9	101.1	100.0	99.5	0.9	1.7	2.8	3.3
9.2	Other Recreational Items & Equipments	0.30	104.4	103.8	102.9	102.7	101.6	0.6	1.4	1.6	2.7
9.3	Recreational & Cultural Services	0.31	101.9	97.7	97.7	97.4	97.4	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.6
9.4	Newspapers, Books & Stationary	0.11	108.2	106.5	106.4	106.2	105.5	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.6
10	Education	4.60	109.9	109.9	109.9	108.0	108.0	0.1	0.1	1.8	1.8
10.1	Pre-Primary & Primary Education	1.89	111.2	111.1	111.1	108.3	108.3	0.1	0.1	2.7	2.7
10.2	Secondary & Tertiary Education	2.70	109.0	109.0	109.0	107.8	107.7	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.2
11	Restaurants & Hotels	3.66	107.0	106.0	105.2	105.3	104.4	0.9	1.7	1.6	2.5
11.1	Restaurants, Cafes & the Like	3.02	109.0	108.0	107.0	106.1	104.5	1.0	1.9	2.7	4.3
11.2	Accommodation Services	0.64	97.4	96.6	96.7	101.2	103.9	0.8	0.8	(3.8)	(6.2)
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	9.01	112.2	106.9	106.8	106.2	106.1	5.0	5.1	5.7	5.8
12.1	Personal Care	2.33	105.8	102.8	102.3	101.8	103.2	2.9	3.5	4.0	2.5
12.2	Personal Effects Not Elsewhere Classified	0.22	101.3	101.4	101.3	101.0	100.7	(0.2)	(0.0)	0.3	0.5
12.3	Social Protection	0.13	109.7	109.7	110.0	108.2	108.2	0.0	(0.2)	1.4	1.4
12.4	Insurance	3.62	120.1	111.8	112.0	111.4	110.8	7.4	7.2	7.9	8.4
12.5	Financial Services	1.09	111.9	103.4	103.0	102.6	101.5	8.3	8.7	9.1	10.3
12.6	Taxes, Licences & Fees	1.61	105.7	104.8	104.6	104.0	103.7	0.9	1.1	1.6	2.0
	All-Items Index	100.0	109.6	106.0	104.9	104.1	103.7	3.3	4.5	5.2	5.6

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

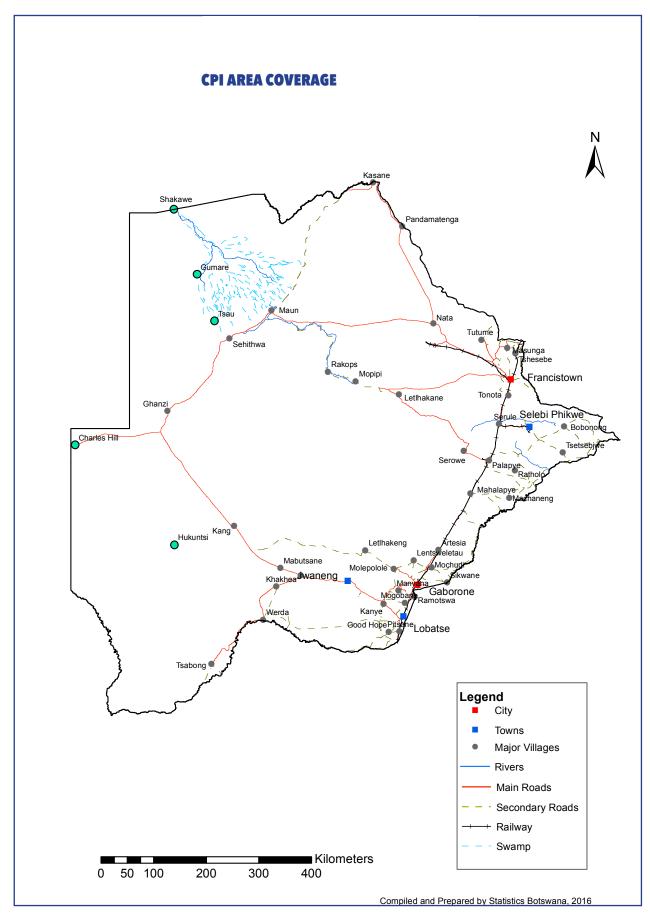
		All Ite	ms	Non-Tro	adable	Domestic	Tradable	Imported	l Tradable	All Tradable		
		Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	
Weights	S	100.00		42.29		15.46		42.26		57.71		
2019	Jan	100.3	3.5	100.2	3.6	100.8	1.5	100.3	4.4	100.4	3.4	
	Feb	100.5	3.3	100.2	3.5	100.9	1.4	100.5	4.2	100.6	3.3	
	Mar	100.6	3.3	100.3	3.3	101.3	1.5	100.6	4.2	100.7	3.3	
	Apr	101.2	2.5	101.3	0.9	101.8	1.9	100.8	4.3	101.1	3.5	
	May	101.3	2.6	101.3	0.8	102.3	2.4	101.0	4.4	101.4	3.7	
	Jun	101.5	2.8	101.6	2.0	102.5	2.6	101.0	3.6	101.4	3.2	
	Jul	101.7	2.9	101.8	2.0	102.7	2.9	101.2	3.7	101.6	3.4	
	Aug	101.7	2.9	101.8	2.0	103.0	3.2	101.3	3.7	101.7	3.5	
	Sept	101.8	3.0	101.9	1.9	103.2	3.4	101.2	3.9	101.7	3.6	
	Oct	101.9	2.4	101.9	2.0	103.3	3.5	101.3	2.3	101.8	2.6	
	Nov	102.0	2.1	102.0	2.1	103.4	3.5	101.5	1.6	102.0	2.1	
	Dec	102.2	2.2	102.2	2.2	103.7	3.7	101.6	1.6	102.1	2.1	
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	7.2	107.9	5.7	109.4	6.1	
% Char	nge on last	3.3		2.5		2.6		4.4		3.9		

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)
2019					
	Jan	100.4	3.6	100.4	1.8
	Feb	100.5	3.5	100.6	1.6
	Mar	100.6	3.5	100.8	1.6
	Apr	101.3	2.6	101.0	1.7
	May	101.5	2.7	101.4	1.9
	Jun	101.2	2.5	101.6	2.0
	Jul	101.5	2.6	101.8	2.1
	Aug	101.5	2.7	101.9	2.2
	Sept	101.6	2.7	102.1	2.3
	Oct	101.6	2.1	102.1	2.3
	Nov	101.7	1.7	102.3	2.4
	Dec	101.8	1.8	102.5	2.5
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

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

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	Group	Weights	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.55	3.6	6.9	8.0	5.4	3.0	1.3	2.7	3.4	(0.5)	1.4	3.7
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	4.34	7.1	8.4	7.6	10.3	9.0	6.1	2.5	4.5	1.1	2.8	5.4
3	Clothing & Footwear	5.95	8.0	8.9	7.5	6.3	6.0	7.6	6.5	3.2	1.8	1.3	2.2
4	Housing, Water, Electr. Gas & Other Fuels	17.45	6.4	8.4	7.7	4.3	3.9	7.1	6.3	5.4	4.1	2.1	5.1
5	Furnishing, H/H Equipment & Routine Maintenance	4.85	9.4	9.0	7.3	4.9	5.0	6.1	3.0	3.3	2.1	2.1	2.4
6	Health	3.38	2.7	4.5	5.9	5.5	8.3	6.3	3.0	2.4	1.1	1.0	1.3
7	Transport	23.43	12.1	13.2	10.8	7.3	1.2	(5.1)	(2.7)	1.6	7.5	6.2	(2.4)
8	Communication	6.94	1.2	(3.0)	(1.4)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	(4.6)	(3.8)	0.5
9	Recreation & Culture	2.82	6.0	8.3	5.8	4.5	4.2	5.7	3.0	2.2	1.8	0.4	(0.2)
10	Education	4.60	5.8	10.6	6.4	4.7	7.4	6.4	3.7	4.1	5.5	3.1	4.7
11	Restaurants & Hotels	3.66	9.0	9.3	8.4	7.9	7.6	5.5	4.0	3.7	3.4	2.5	3.2
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	9.01	7.0	5.3	2.0	1.2	5.2	7.2	7.5	3.9	6.4	5.3	2.0
	All-Items Index	100.0	6.9	8.5	7.5	5.9	4.4	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.2	2.8	1.9



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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