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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

September 2018



Executive Summary

The All Groups CPI was 110.36 in the month of September 2018, compared with 109.09 in the month of August 2018.

The monthly change, September 2018 compared to August 2018, was an increase of 1.17 percent (1.17 index points). This is compared to a monthly decrease of 0.14 percent in the previous month of August 2018. The most significant monthly price increases were **Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas** (+3.29 percent). This was mainly due to increases in prices of electricity (Chart 2).

Over the twelve months to the month of September 2018 (inflation rate), the All Groups CPI increased 3.46 percent (3.46 index points), compared with a decrease of 3.16 percent over the twelve months to the month of August 2018.

Table 1: Inflation rate according to CPI; September 2018 (Dec 2014 = 100)

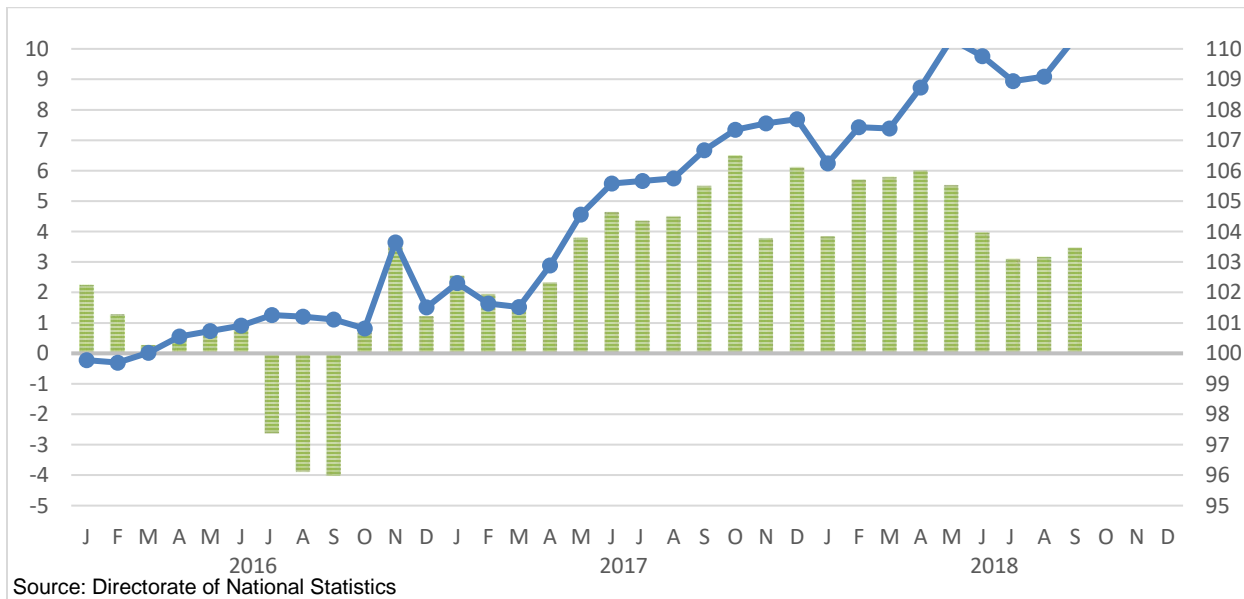
Consumer Price Index, September 2018	
Index (current month)	110.36
Index (previous month)	109.09
Index (previous year, same month)	106.67
Monthly % change	1.17%
Annual % change (inflation rate)	3.46%

Inflation rate according to CPI

Percent change over twelve months

CPI Index

Index = 100 @ December 2014



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Consumer Price Index (CPI) September 2018

General Inflation rate: All Groups CPI, September 2018

The rate of inflation for September 2018 is the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the twelve-month period, from September 2018 to September 2017.

The **All Groups CPI** increased 3.46 percent (+3.46 index points) over the twelve months to September 2018 compared to 3.16 percent over the twelve months to August 2018.

The **All Groups CPI** monthly change for September 2018 was an increase of 1.17 percent. This is compared to a decrease of 0.14 percent recorded for August 2018.

General Inflation rate: Selected Groups, September 2018

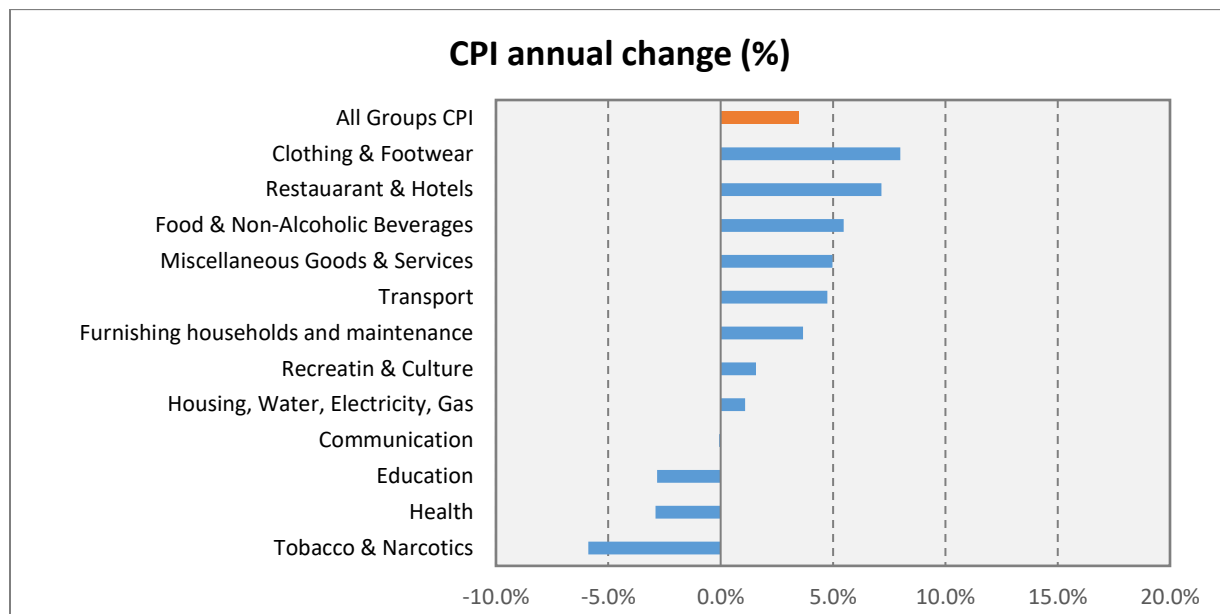
The rate of inflation for **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** and **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas** are the most significant items in the consumer basket in terms of expenditure and have the largest weighted influence on the **All Groups CPI**.

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages experienced a monthly decrease of 0.54 percent. This was due to falls in the cost of some food items. As a result, the year on year inflation decreased to 5.47 percent in September 2018. This is compared to the year on year inflation of 6.07 percent experienced in August 2018.

Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas experienced a monthly increase of 3.29 percent. The year on year inflation increased to 1.29 percent in September 2018. This is compared to the year on year inflation of -2.30 percent experienced in August 2018.

A. Major contributions of the different groups to the annual percentage change in the CPI

Chart 1: CPI indices, Annual inflation rate by all groups; September 2018 (Dec 2014 = 100)



Major contributions (positive):

- **Clothing and Footwear** recorded a slight decrease of 8.00 percent compared to an annual increase of 8.54 percent in August 2018. Most of the upwards contribution came from prices on garments (+11.11 percent) due to price increases on clothing. Many clothing stores switch stock from down priced during Eid Holidays to newly arrived clothing between August and September.
- **Restaurant & Hotels** increased by 7.15 percent in September 2018 compared to 5.92 percent recorded for the year August 2018. The increase was mainly the result of prices of Restaurants, cafés and the like(S). Most of the upwards contribution came from prices of restaurants (+12.03%).
- **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased 5.47 percent over the 12-months to September 2018. The increase was mainly the result of higher prices of fruits (+27.95%); and Vegetables (14.32%).
- **Transport** showed an annual increase of 4.75 percent for the year September 2018 compared to 4.23 percent recorded for the year August 2018. Most of the upwards contribution came from Fuels and lubricants (12.28) and transport services 3.28 percent.

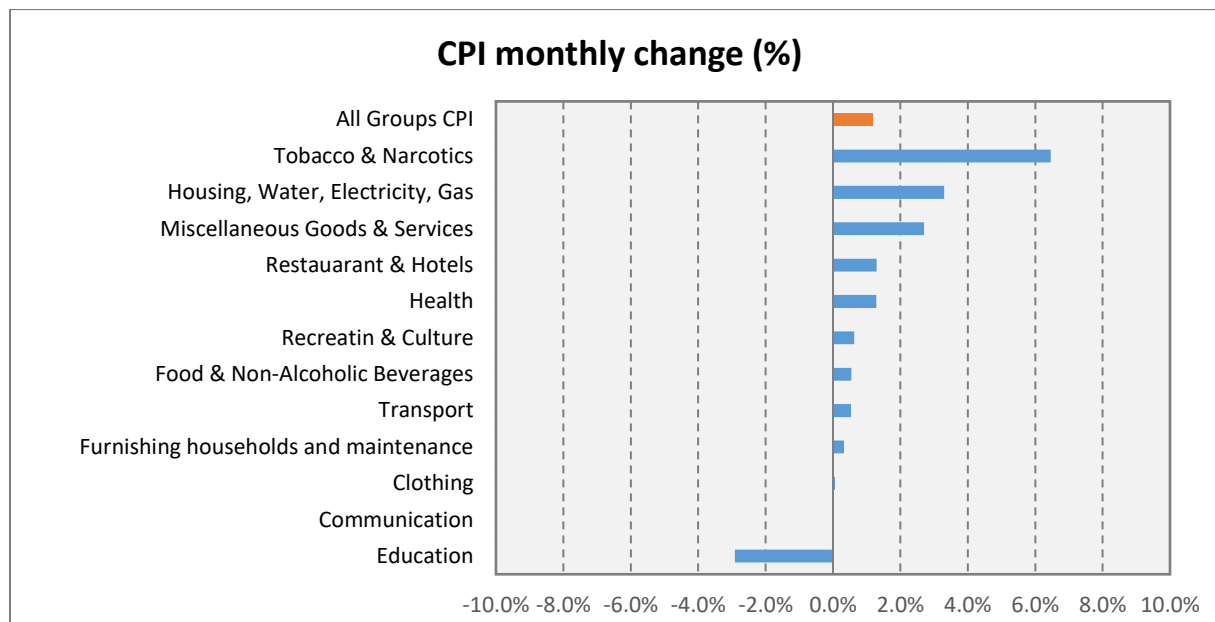
Major contributions (negative):

- **Tobacco & Narcotics** recorded an annual decrease of -5.88 percent in September 2018. Most of the downwards contribution came from prices on chewing Miraa/Khat (-10.00%). The decrease was impacted by normal volatility in prices for khat.

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Major contributions of the different groups to the monthly percentage change in the CPI

Chart 2: CPI; Monthly inflation rate by all groups; September 2018 (Dec 2014 = 100)



Major contributions (positive):

- **Tobacco & Narcotics** registered an increase of 6.46 percent during the month of September 2018 from the 0.00 percent recorded in August 2018. Most of the upwards contribution came from prices on tobacco (+10.04%) and chewing Miraa/Khat (+4.65%). The increase was impacted by normal volatility in prices for khat.
- **Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas** registered an increase of 3.29percent during the month of September 2018 from the -1.34 percent recorded in August 2018. Most of the upwards contribution came from prices on Water supply and Miscellaneous services (+16.51%) and Electricity, Gas and other fuels (5.30%).

Major contributions (negative):

- In general, no groups showed a significant negative monthly change for the month of September 2018.

- **Table 2: Changes in the Price Indices for September 2018 by main COICOP groups (Dec 2014=100)**

COICOP Classification Group	CPI Weight	September 2017 Index	August 2018 Index	September 2018 Index	% change on previous month and current month	% change on same month of previous year (yr on yr)
All Groups CPI	100.00	106.67	109.09	110.36	1.17	3.46
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	46.04	109.37	114.31	115.36	0.54	5.47
Tobacco & Narcotics	1.25	130.57	115.43	122.89	6.46	-5.88
Clothing & Footwear	5.03	100.52	108.49	108.56	0.06	8.00
Housing, Water, Electricity & Gas	23.41	105.81	103.55	106.96	3.29	1.09
Furnishing, Households and Maintenance	2.93	100.92	111.19	104.63	0.32	3.67
Health	5.00	103.29	99.05	100.31	1.28	-2.89
Transport	3.77	100.63	104.85	105.41	0.53	4.75
Communication	2.80	94.38	94.33	94.33	0.00	-0.06
Recreation & Culture	1.00	100.96	101.91	102.54	0.62	1.57
Education	4.00	100.32	100.40	97.48	-2.90	-2.83
Restaurant & Hotels	2.00	123.85	131.03	132.71	1.29	7.15
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	2.77	101.08	103.33	106.12	2.70	4.98

Note:

The Consumer Price Index is generated by conducting a survey of purchaser prices for a representative basket of household consumption (goods and services), during the first and third weeks of the collection month. The prices are obtained from selected retail outlets in four data collection zones spread across Mogadishu.

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