

Federal Republic of Somalia
Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development
Directorate of National Statistics



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

November 2018



Executive Summary

Over the twelve months to the month of November 2018 (the rate of inflation), the All items CPI increased 3.99 percent (index points), compared to 3.98 percent over the twelve months to the month of October 2018.

The All items CPI index was 111.85 in the month of November 2018, compared with 111.62 in the month of October 2018.

The monthly change, in November 2018 compared to October 2018, was an increase of 0.21 percent (index points). This is compared to a monthly increase of 1.14 percent in the previous month of October 2018. The most significant monthly price increases were for the Group **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** (+0.84 percent). This was mainly due to increases in prices of some foodstuffs (Chart 2).

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

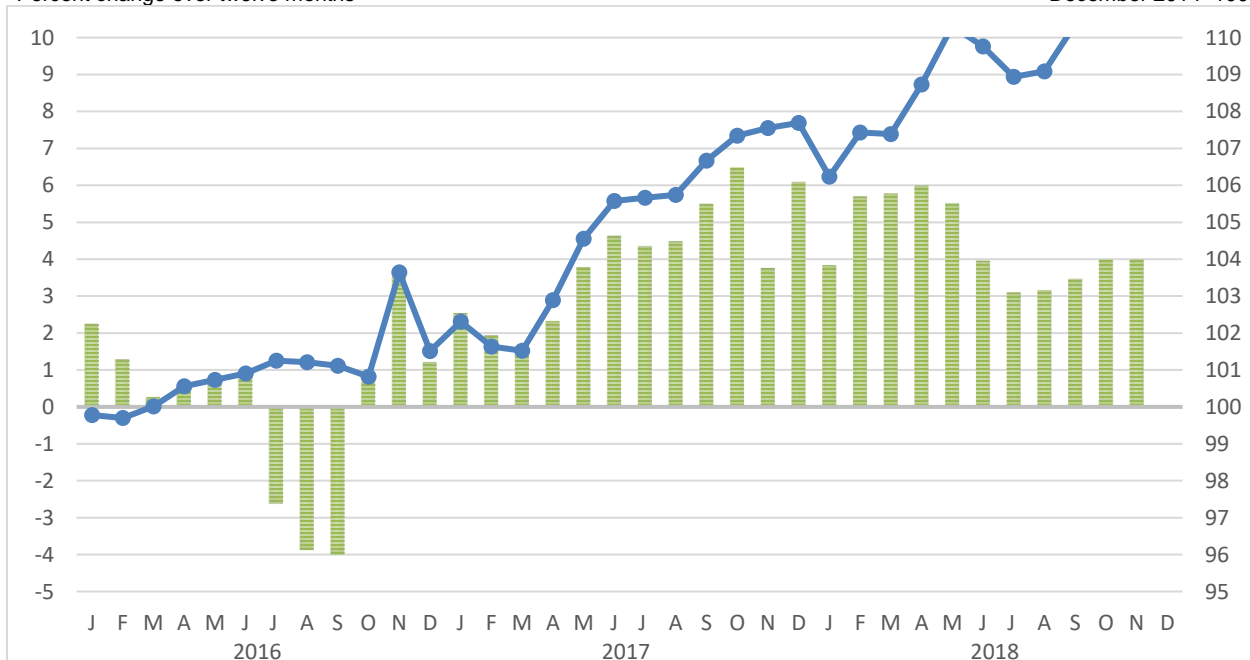
Consumer Price Index, November 2018	
Annual % change (inflation rate)	3.99%
Monthly % change	0.21%
Index (current month)	111.85
Index (previous month)	111.62
Index (previous year, same month)	107.55

CPI Inflation rate

CPI Index

Percent change over twelve months

December 2014=100



Source: Directorate of National Statistics

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Consumer Price Index (CPI) November 2018

Overall inflation rate: All items CPI, November 2018

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

The **All items CPI** increased 3.99 percent over the twelve months to November 2018 compared to 3.98 percent over the twelve months to October 2018.

The **All items CPI** monthly change for November 2018 was a decrease of 0.21 percent. This is compared to a decrease of 1.14 percent recorded for October 2018.

Inflation rates: Selected Groups, November 2018

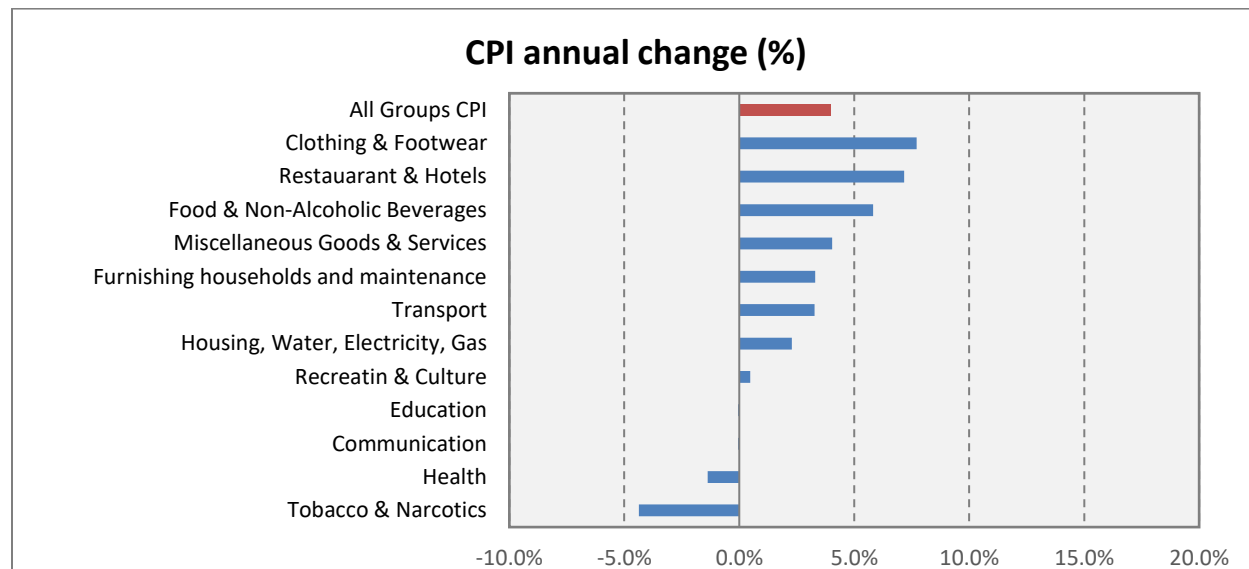
The rate of inflation for the Groups **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** and **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas** contributed most to the change in the all items inflation rate. These Groups had the largest weighted influence on the **All items CPI inflation rate**.

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages index experienced a month on month increase of 0.84 percentage points. This was due to falls in the cost of some food items for example, (Fruits +2.07 percent). As a result, the year on year inflation rate rose to 5.82 percent in November 2018. This is compared to the year on year inflation of 5.73 percent experienced in the year to October 2018.

Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas index experienced a month on month decrease of 0.05 percentage points. The year on year inflation rate rose to 2.28 percent in November 2018. This is compared to the year on year inflation of 1.34 percent experienced in the year to October 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; November 2018 (Dec 2014 = 100)



Major contributions (positive):

- **Clothing and Footwear** recorded a slight decrease of 7.71 percentage points compared to an annual increase of 7.75 percent in October 2018. Most of the upwards contribution came from prices on garments for children (+24.18 percent) due to price increases of clothing. Many clothing stores switch stock from down priced during Holidays to newly arrived clothing between October and November.
- **Restaurants & Hotels** decreased by 7.17 percentage points in November 2018 compared to 7.27 percent recorded for the year October 2018. The slight decrease was mainly the result of prices of Restaurants, cafés and the like(S). Most of the downwards contribution came from prices of restaurants (+11.98%).
- **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased 5.82 percentage points over the 12-months to November 2018. The increase was mainly the result of higher prices of Fruits (+29.05%).
- **Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas** registered a rise of 2.28 percent in November 2018 from the 1.34 percentage point fall recorded in October 2018. Most of the upwards contribution came from prices on Water supply and Miscellaneous services (+25.48%) and Materials for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling (2.73%).

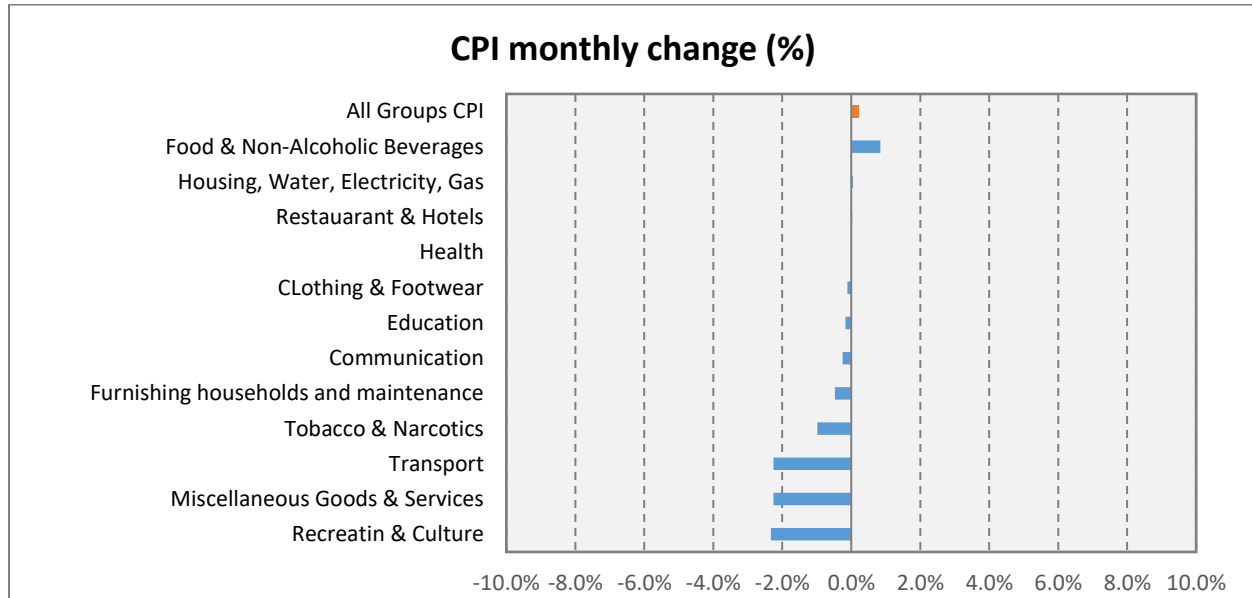
Major contributions (negative):

- **Tobacco & Narcotics** recorded an annual decrease of -4.36 percentage points in November 2018. Most of the downwards contribution came from prices on chewing Miraa/Khat (-10.20%). 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; November 2018 (Dec 2014 = 100)



Major contributions (positive):

- **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** registered a rise of 0.84 percentage points during the month of November 2018 from the 0.43 percent recorded in October 2018. Most of the upwards contribution came from prices on Fruits (+2.07%). This was mainly due to increases in prices of some foodstuffs.

Major contributions (negative):

- **Transport** recorded a monthly decrease of -2.25 percent in November 2018 compared to a Monthly increase of 2.28 percent in October 2018. Most of the downwards contribution came from prices on Transport Services (-4.07) and Fuels and lubricants of -4.05 percent.

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

COICOP Classification Group		CPI Weight	November 2017 Index	October 2018 Index	November 2018 Index	% change on previous month and current month	% change on same month of previous year (yr on yr)
	All Groups CPI	100.00	107.55	111.62	111.85	0.21%	3.99%
01	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	46.04	110.40	115.85	116.83	0.84%	5.82%
02	Tobacco & Narcotics	1.25	131.55	127.06	125.81	-0.98%	-4.36%
03	Clothing & Footwear	5.03	100.60	108.47	108.35	-0.11%	7.71%
04	Housing, Water, Electricity & Gas	23.41	106.84	109.22	109.28	0.05%	2.28%
05	Furnishing, Households and Maintenance	2.93	101.25	105.08	104.58	-0.47%	3.30%
06	Health	5.00	104.20	102.77	102.77	0.00%	-1.37%
07	Transport	3.77	102.03	107.81	105.38	-2.25%	3.28%
08	Communication	2.80	94.38	94.60	94.37	-0.25%	-0.02%
09	Recreation & Culture	1.00	101.48	104.38	101.95	-2.33%	0.47%
10	Education	4.00	100.47	100.61	100.45	-0.16%	-0.02%
11	Restaurant & Hotels	2.00	123.85	132.71	132.74	0.02%	7.17%
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	2.77	102.26	108.83	106.38	-2.25%	4.03%

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.

The CPI weights (relative shares of average household spending) are based on Somali High Frequency Survey (Wave 1) conducted 2016.

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