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Executive Summary

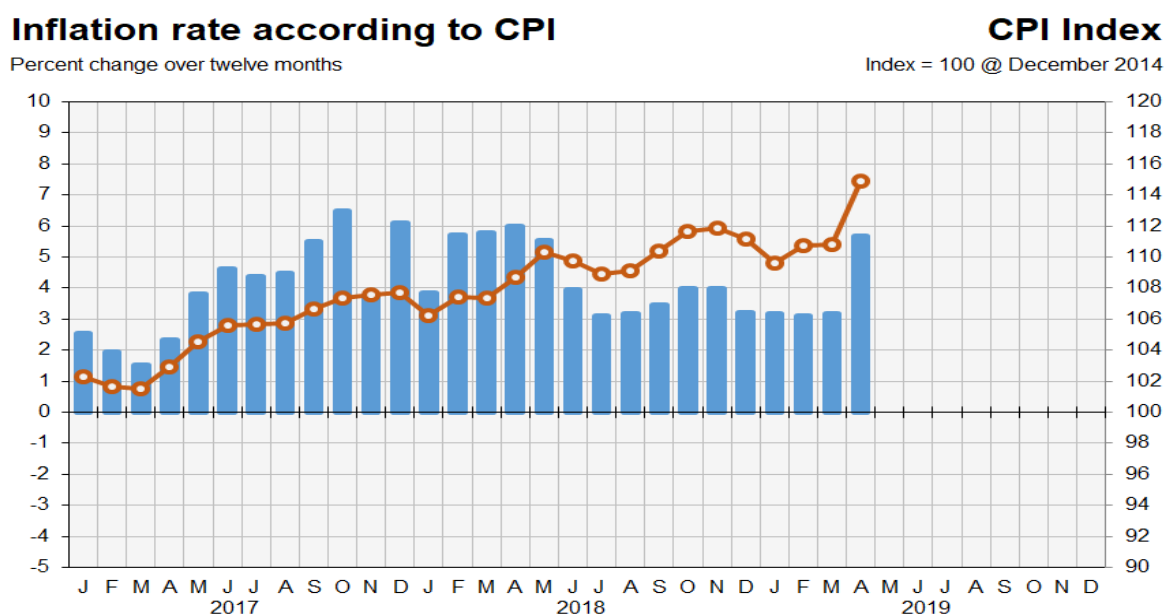
The All Groups CPI was 114.89 in the month of April 2019, compared with 110.79 in the month of March 2019.

The monthly change, April 2019 compared to March 2019, was an increase of 3.70 percent. This is compared to a monthly increase of 0.04 percent in the previous month of March 2019. The most significant monthly price increases were **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** (+7.48%). The increase was mainly the result of higher prices of Fruits and vegetables. Most of upwards contribution came from prices of Vegetables (+36.74%) (Chart 2).

Over the twelve months to the month of April 2019 (inflation rate), the All Groups CPI increased 5.66 percent, compared with 3.17 percent over the twelve months to the month of March 2019. It is the highest inflation rate since October 2017 (+6.48%), as food prices increased faster amid a stable exchange rate.

Table 1: Inflation rate according to CPI; April 2019 (Dec 2014 = 100)

Consumer Price Index, April 2019	
Index (current month)	114.89
Index (previous month)	110.79
Index (previous year, same month)	108.73
Monthly % change	3.70%
Annual % change (inflation rate)	5.66%



Source: Directorate of National Statistics

A bulletin on the April 2019 CPI and more detailed data in time series format have been posted on the DNS website: <http://www.dns.org.so>. Twitter @DNS_MoPIED

Consumer Price Index (CPI) April 2019

General Inflation rate: All Groups CPI, April 2019

The rate of inflation for April 2019 is the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the twelve-month period, from April 2018 to April 2019.

The **All Groups CPI** increased 5.66 percent over the twelve months to April 2019 compared to 3.17 percent over the twelve months to March 2019.

The **All Groups CPI** monthly change for April 2019 was an increase of 3.70 percent. This is compared to a decrease of 0.04 percent recorded for March 2019.

General Inflation rate: Selected Groups, April 2019

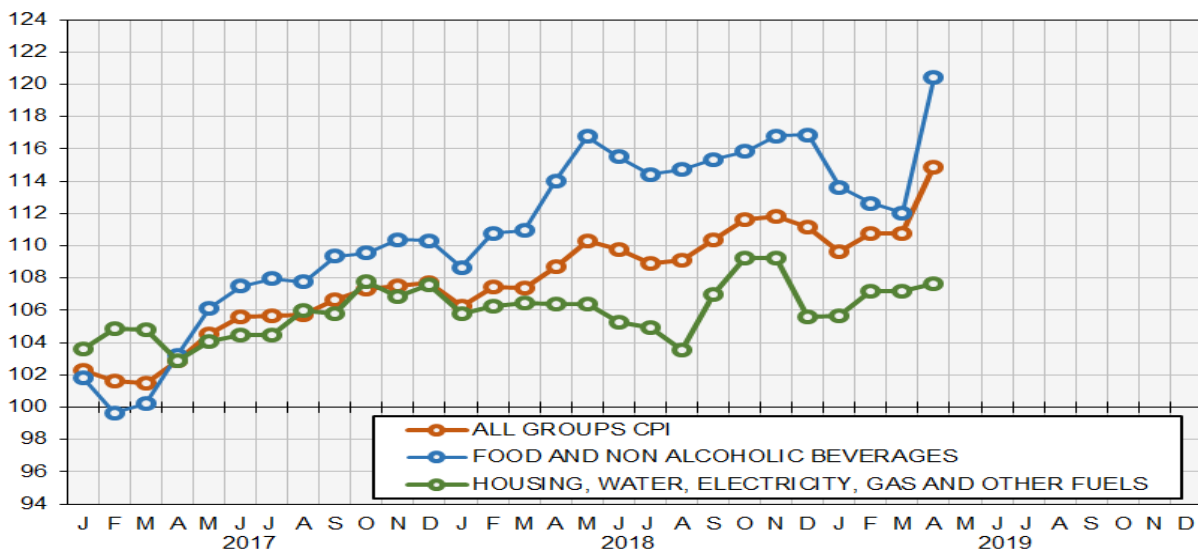
The rate of inflation for **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** and **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas** are the most significant items in the consumer basket in terms of expenditure and have the largest weighted influence on the **All Groups CPI**.

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages experienced a monthly increase of 7.48 percent. This was due to increases in prices of some foodstuffs which was mainly attributed to unfavourable weather conditions. As a result, the year on year inflation increased to 5.61 percent in April 2019. This is compared to the year on year inflation of 0.99 percent experienced in March 2019.

Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas experienced a monthly increase to 0.46 percent. Despite this monthly increase the year on year inflation increase to 1.19 percent in April 2019. This is compared to the year on year inflation of 0.70 percent experienced in March 2019.

All Groups CPI and Selected Groups

Index = 100 @ December 2014

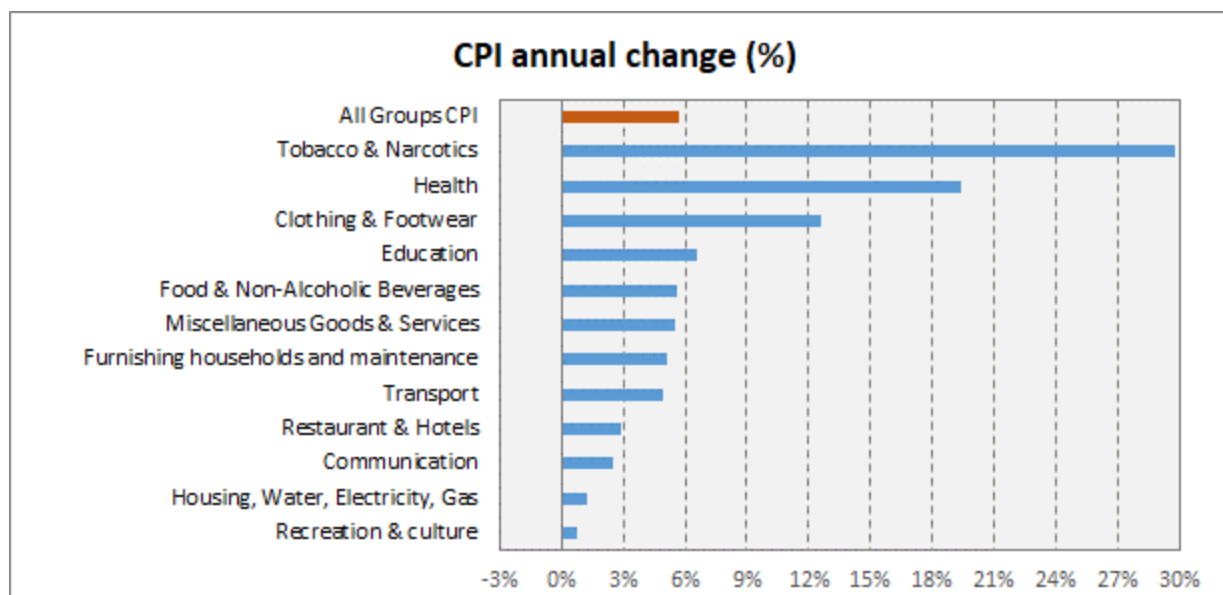


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A. Major contributions of the different groups to the annual percentage change in the CPI

Chart 1: CPI indices, Annual inflation rate by all groups; April 2019 (Dec 2014 = 100)



Major contributions (positive):

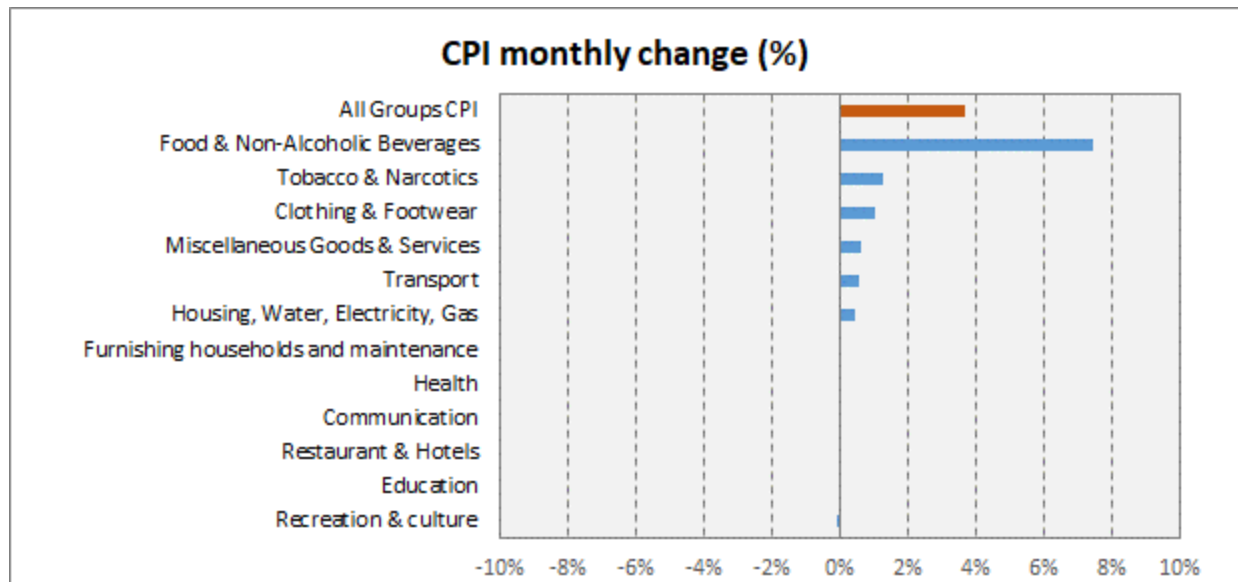
- **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased 5.61 percent over the 12-months to April 2019. The increase was mainly the result of higher prices of Foods and vegetables. Most of the upwards contribution came from prices of Fruits (+33.08%) and Foods (+5.63%).
- **Clothing and Footwear** recorded an increase of 12.58 percent compared to an annual increase of 11.25 percent in March 2019. Most of the upward contribution came from prices on garments of women (+12.08%) due to price increases on clothing.
- **Restaurant & Hotels** increased by 2.85 percent in April 2019. 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 (+2.32%).
- **Transport** showed an annual increase of 4.95 percent for the year April 2019 compared to 4.52 percent recorded for the year March 2019. Most of the upwards contribution came from Spare parts and accessories (+19.38%) and Purchase of new motor-cars (+7.81%).
- **Tobacco & Narcotics** increased to 29.83 percent for the year April 2019 compared to 16.77 percent recorded for the year March 2019 due to higher prices and fluctuations of chewing Khat/Miraa based products. The increase was impacted by normal volatility in prices for khat.

Major contributions (negative):

- In general, no groups showed a significant negative annual change for the the year of April 2019.

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

Chart 2: CPI; Monthly inflation rate by all groups; April 2019 (Dec 2014 = 100)



Major contributions (positive):

- **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** showed a monthly increase of 7.48 percent for the Month April 2019 compared to -0.54 percent recorded for the month ended March 2019. The increase was mainly the result of higher prices of Fruits and Vegetables. Most of upwards contribution came from prices of Fruits (+12.79%) and Vegetables (+36.74%).

Major contributions (negative):

- In general, no groups showed a significant negative monthly change for the month of April 2019.

Table 2: Changes in the Price Indices for April 2019 by main COICOP groups (Dec 2014=100)

COICOP Classification Group	CPI Weight	April 2018 Index	March 2019 Index	April 2019 Index	% change on previous month and current month	% change on same month of previous year (yr on yr)
All Groups CPI	100.00	108.73	110.79	114.89	3.70	5.66
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	46.04	114.02	112.04	120.42	7.48	5.61
Tobacco & Narcotics	1.25	110.70	141.94	143.72	1.26	29.83
Clothing & Footwear	5.03	100.03	111.44	112.61	1.05	12.58
Housing, Water, Electricity & Gas	23.41	106.42	107.19	107.68	0.46	1.19
Furnishing, Households and Maintenance	2.93	99.22	104.30	104.30	0.00	5.12
Health	5.00	99.01	118.20	118.20	0.00	19.38
Transport	3.77	103.77	108.26	108.91	0.60	4.95
Communication	2.80	94.33	96.66	96.66	0.00	2.47
Recreation & Culture	1.00	101.61	102.39	102.34	-0.05	0.71
Education	4.00	100.40	106.96	106.96	0.00	6.54
Restaurant & Hotels	2.00	131.23	134.97	134.97	0.00	2.85
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	2.77	102.65	107.64	108.32	0.64	5.53

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.

Next release

Consumer price index, May 2019, will be released on 15th June 2019. For more information on prices and other official statistics, please visit the DNS website at <http://www.dns.org.so>

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