

Executive Summary

The All Groups CPI was 116.55 in the month of March 2020, compared with 114.13 in the month of February 2020.

The monthly change, March 2020 compared to February 2020, was an increase of 2.12 percent. This is compared to a monthly increase of 0.88 percent in the previous month of February 2020. The most significant monthly price increases were **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** (+3.64%) and **Health** (+4.49). The increase for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages was mainly the result of higher prices of Food (+3.74%). Most of the upwards contribution came from prices of Bread and cereals (+6.54%) and Vegetables (+10.03%) (Chart 2).

Over the twelve months to the month of March 2020 (inflation rate), the All Groups CPI increased to 5.20 percent, compared with 3.06 percent over the twelve months to the month of February 2020.

Table 1: Inflation rate according to CPI; March 2020 (Dec 2014 = 100)

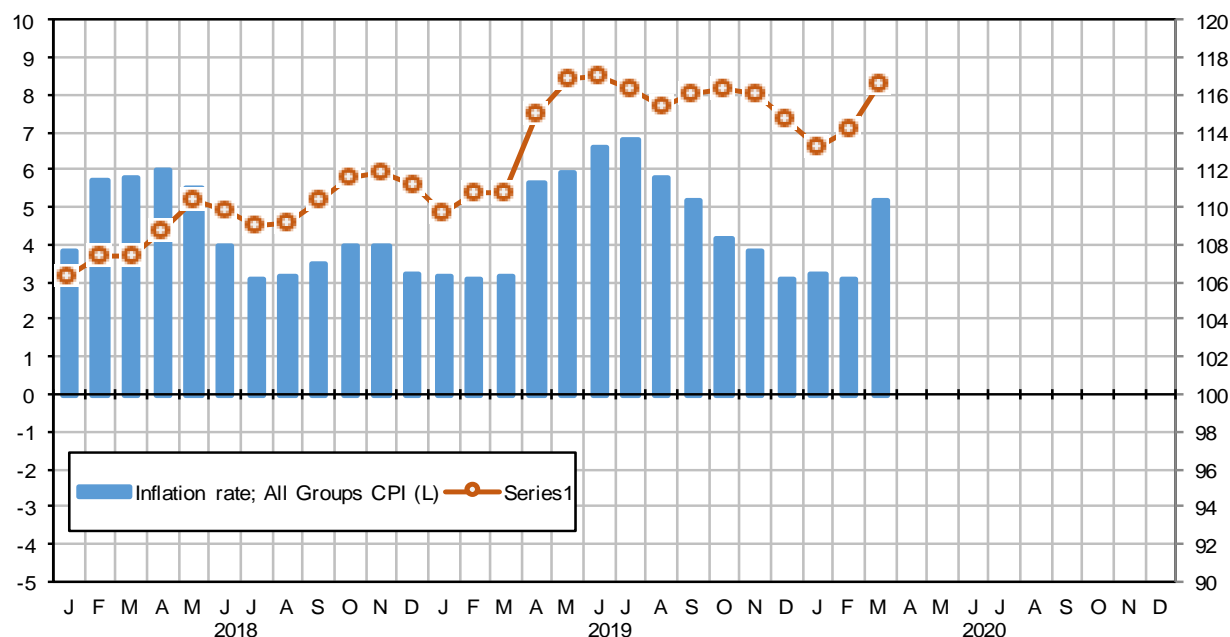
Consumer Price Index, March 2020	
Index (current month)	116.55
Index (previous month)	114.13
Index (previous year, same month)	110.79
Monthly % change	2.12%
Annual % change (inflation rate)	5.20%

Inflation rate according to CPI

Percent change over twelve months

CPI Index

Index = 100 @ December 2014



Source: Directorate of National Statistics

Consumer Price Index (CPI) March 2020

General Inflation rate: All Groups CPI, March 2020

The rate of inflation for March 2020 is the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the twelve-month period, from March 2019 to March 2020.

The **All Groups CPI** increased 5.20 percent over the twelve months to March 2020 compared to 3.06 percent over the twelve months to February 2020.

The **All Groups CPI** monthly change for March 2020 was an increase of 2.12 percent. This is compared to an increase of 0.88 percent recorded for February 2020.

General Inflation rate: Selected Groups, March 2020

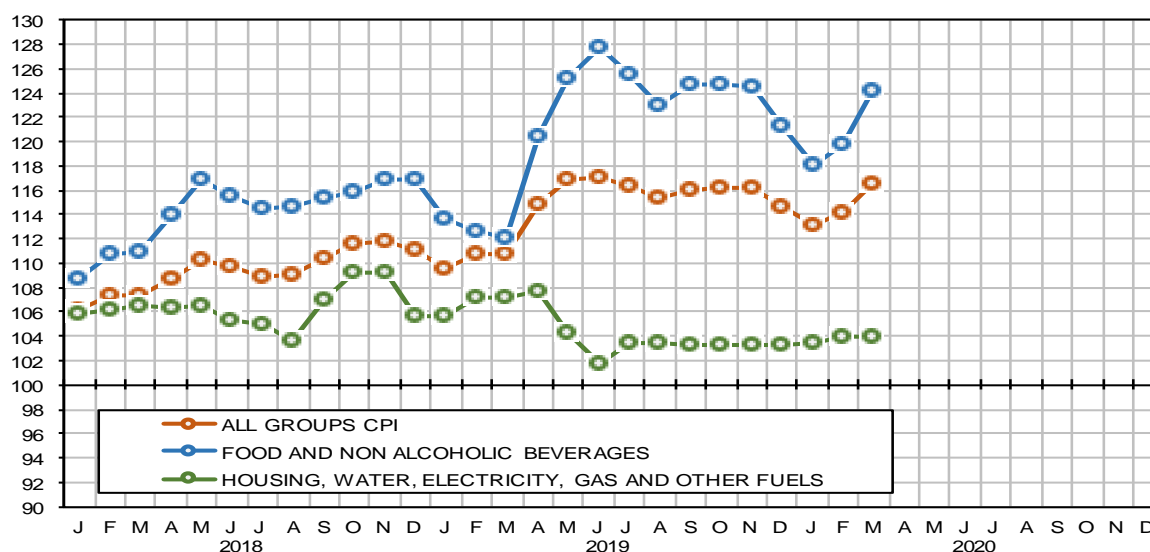
The rate of inflation for **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** and **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas** are the most significant items in the consumer basket in terms of expenditure and have the largest weighted influence on the **All Groups CPI**.

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages experienced a monthly increase of 3.64 percent. This was due to an increase in prices of some foodstuffs. As a result, the year on year inflation increased to 10.84 percent in March 2020. This is compared to the year on year inflation of 6.38 percent experienced in February 2020.

Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas experienced a monthly immovability of 0.00 percent during the month of March 2020 compared to 0.47 percent experienced in February 2020. The year on year inflation decreased to -3.08 percent in March 2020. This is compared to the year on year inflation of -3.11 percent experienced in February 2020.

All Groups CPI and Selected Groups

Index = 100 @ December 2014

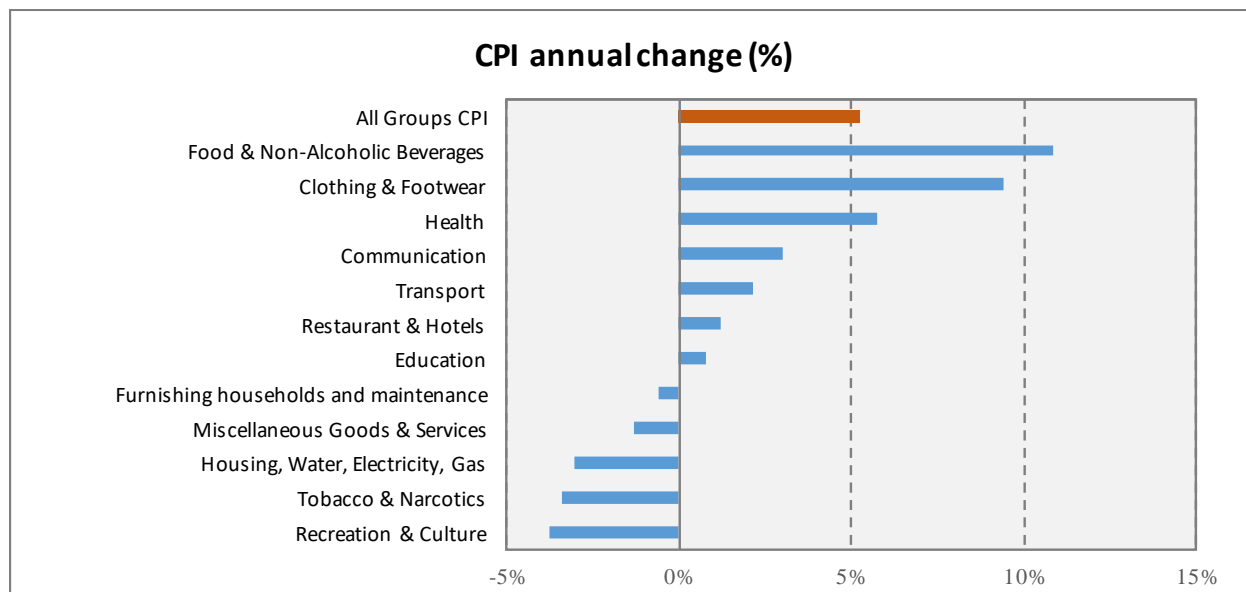


Source: Directorate of National Statistics

A bulletin on the March 2020 CPI and more detailed data in time series format have been posted on the DNS website: <http://www.dns.org.so>. Twitter @DNS_MoPIED

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; March 2020 (Dec 2014 = 100)



Major contributions (positive):

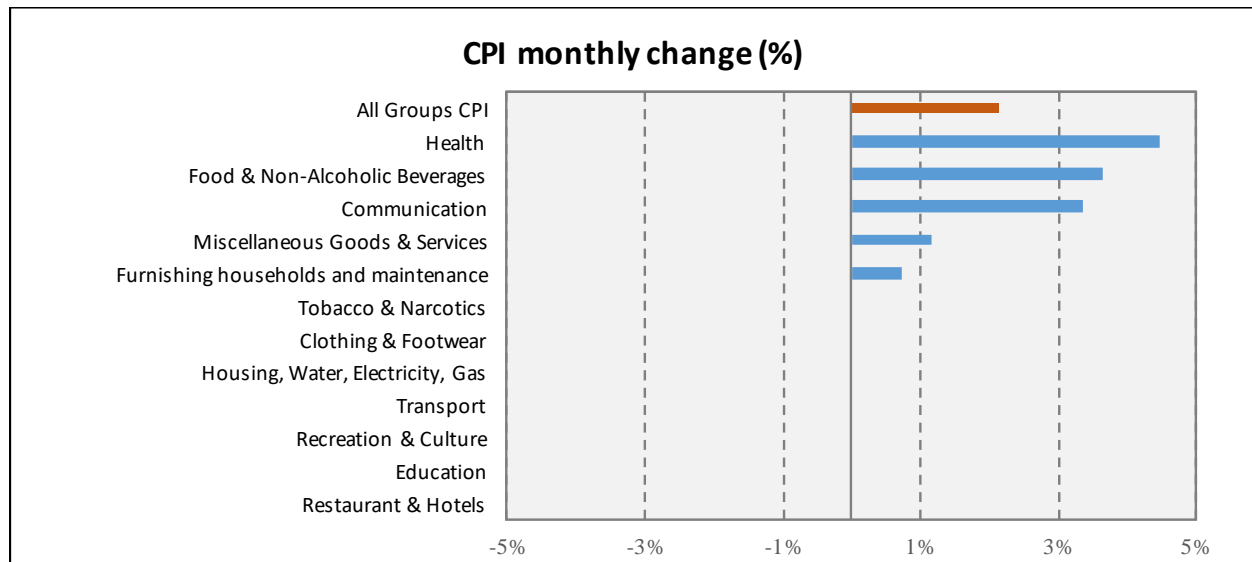
- **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased 10.84 percent over the 12-months to March 2020. The increase was mainly the result of higher prices of Food (11.13%). Most of upwards contribution came from prices of Fruits (+16.78%), Vegetables (+27.75%), Sugar (+19.01) and Bread and cereals (+4.87%).
- **Health** showed an annual inflation rate of 5.75 percent in March compared to 1.14 percent registered in February. The increase was mainly the result of higher prices of Hospital services (+31.79%). Most of the upwards contribution came from prices of Hospital bed (+50.00%).
- **Communication** showed an annual increase of 3.01 percent for the year March 2020 compared to -0.35 percent recorded for the year February 2020. Most of the upwards contribution came from Telephone and telefax equipment (+5.06%).
- **Clothing and Footwear** recorded an increase of 9.37 percent compared to an annual increase of 10.95 percent in February 2020. Most of the upward contribution came from prices on Garments (+11.04%) due to price increases on garments for children (18.35%).

Major contributions (negative):

- **Recreation & Culture** recorded an annual decrease of -3.76 percent in March 2020 compared to an annual decrease of -4.14 percent in February 2020. Most of the downwards contribution came from prices on Equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and pictures (-4.58%).
- **Tobacco & Narcotics** recorded an annual decrease of -3.42 percent in March 2020 compared to an annual decrease of -0.68 percent in February 2020. Most of the downwards contribution came from prices on Miraa/Khat (0.00%) in March compared to (+4.17%) during February.

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

Chart 2: CPI; Monthly inflation rate by all groups; March 2020 (Dec 2014 = 100)



Major contributions (positive):

- **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** registered an increase of 3.64 percent during the month of March 2020 from 1.50 percent recorded in February 2020. Most of upwards contribution came from prices of Bread and cereals (+6.54%) and Vegetables (+10.03%).
- **Health** registered an increase of 4.49 percent during the month of March 2020 from the 0.29 percent recorded in February 2020. The increase was mainly the result of higher prices of Hospital services (+26.52%).
- **Communication** Increased to 3.37 percent during the month of March 2020 from 0.00 percent registered for the month February 2020. The increase was mainly the price increase of Telephone and telefax equipment (+5.06%). Most of upwards contribution came from prices of Mobile phones (+11.11%).

Major contributions (negative):

- In general, no groups showed a significant Negative monthly change for the month of March 2020.

Table 2: Changes in the Price Indices for March 2020 by main COICOP groups (Dec 2014=100)

COICOP Classification Group	CPI Weight	March 2019 Index	February 2020 Index	March 2020 Index	% change on previous month and current month	% change on same month of previous year (yr on yr)
All Groups CPI	100.00	110.79	114.13	116.55	2.12	5.20
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	46.04	112.04	119.83	124.19	3.64	10.84
Tobacco & Narcotics	1.25	141.94	137.08	137.08	0.00	-3.42
Clothing & Footwear	5.03	111.44	121.89	121.89	0.00	9.37
Housing, Water, Electricity & Gas	23.41	107.19	103.88	103.88	0.00	-3.08
Furnishing, Households and Maintenance	2.93	104.30	102.95	103.70	0.73	-0.57
Health	5.00	118.20	119.62	124.99	4.49	5.75
Transport	3.77	108.26	110.57	110.57	0.00	2.13
Communication	2.80	96.66	96.32	99.57	3.37	3.01
Recreation & Culture	1.00	102.39	98.54	98.54	0.00	-3.76
Education	4.00	106.96	107.75	107.75	0.00	0.73
Restaurant & Hotels	2.00	134.97	136.61	136.61	0.00	1.21
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	2.77	107.64	105.00	106.20	1.15	-1.33

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.

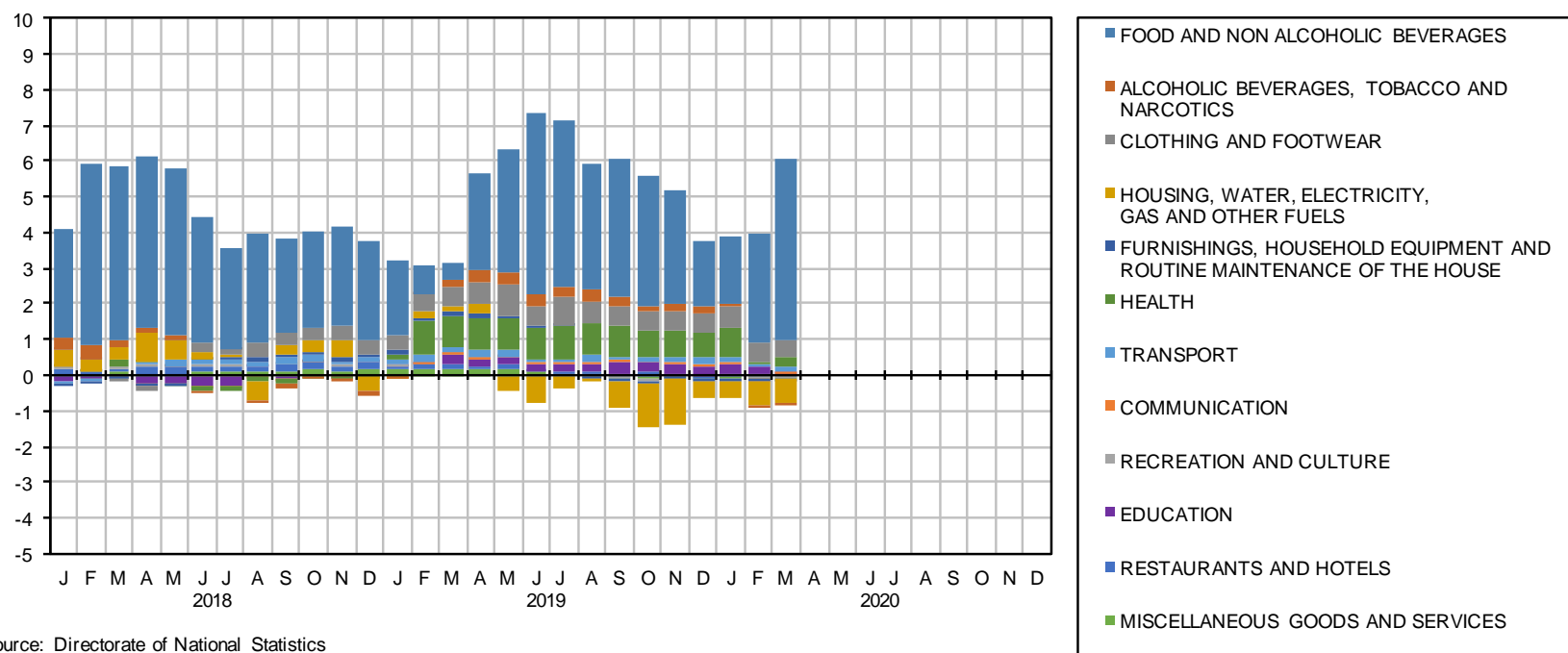
Next release

Consumer price index, April 2020, will be released on 15th May 2020. For more information on prices and other official statistics, please visit the DNS website at <http://www.dns.org.so>

Annex 1: All Groups CPI – Points Contribution to Inflation Rate by COICOP Division in March 2020.

All Groups CPI

Points contribution (%) to inflation rate (contribution by COICOP)



Source: Directorate of National Statistics

Annex 1 provides an analysis of the inflation rate for the month broken up into a cross section of COICOP Divisions displaying their respective impact (contribution) to the All Groups CPI.