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Executive Summary

The All Groups CPI was 116.25 in the month of October 2019, compared with 116.07 in the month of September 2019.

The monthly change, October 2019 compared to September 2019, was a decrease of 0.15 percent. This is compared to a monthly increase of 0.57 percent in the previous month of September 2019. The most significant monthly price increases were **Transport** (+2.11%). Most of the upwards contribution came from prices of Fuel and lubricants. (+9.01%) (Chart 2).

Over the twelve months to the month of October 2019 (inflation rate), the All Groups CPI decreased to 4.15 percent, compared with 5.17 percent over the twelve months to the month of September 2019.

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

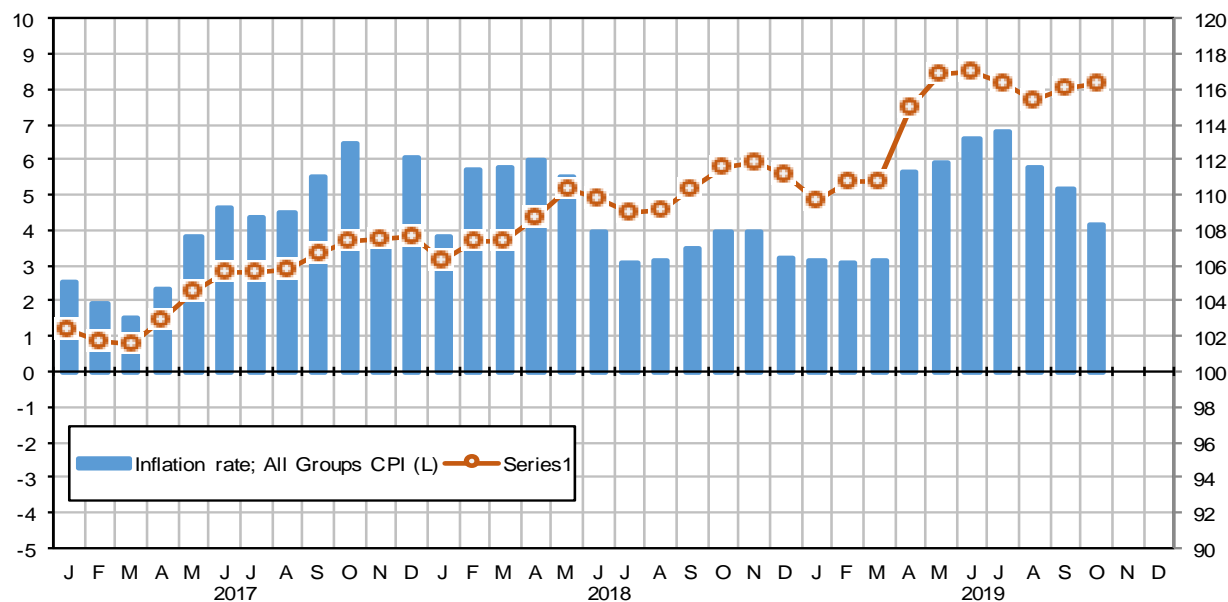
Consumer Price Index, October 2019	
Index (current month)	116.25
Index (previous month)	116.07
Index (previous year, same month)	111.62
Monthly % change	0.15%
Annual % change (inflation rate)	4.15%

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) October 2019

General Inflation rate: All Groups CPI, October 2019

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

The **All Groups CPI** decreased 4.15 percent over the twelve months to October 2019 compared to 5.17 percent over the twelve months to September 2019.

The **All Groups CPI** monthly change for October 2019 was a decrease of 0.15 percent. This is compared to an increase of 0.57 percent recorded for September 2019.

General Inflation rate: Selected Groups, October 2019

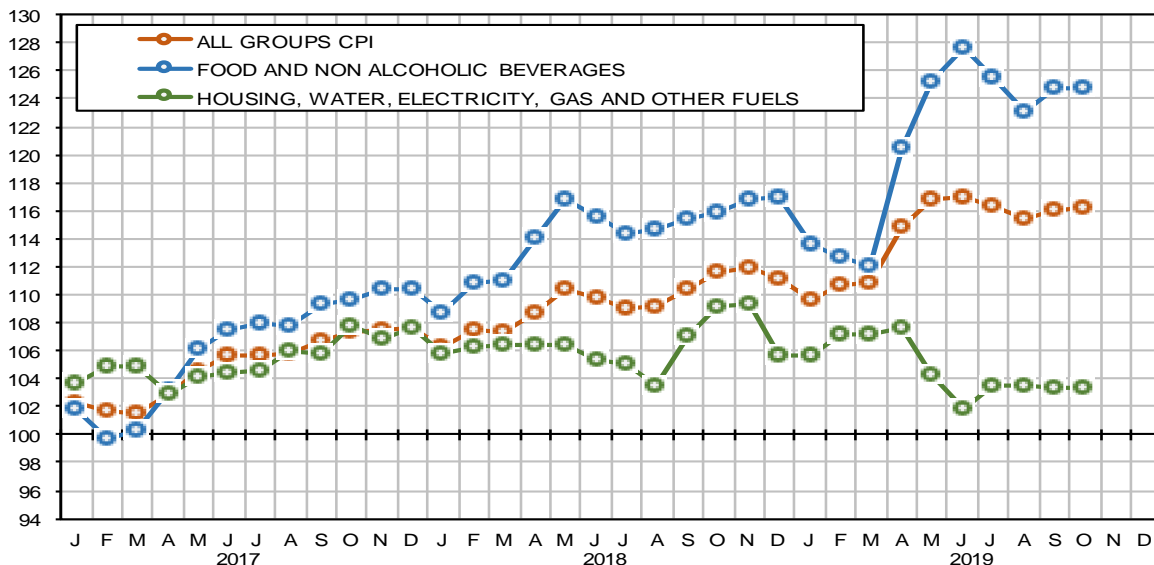
The rate of inflation for **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** and **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas** are the most significant items in the consumer basket in terms of expenditure and have the largest weighted influence on the **All Groups CPI**.

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages experienced a monthly decrease of -0.02 percent. This was due to a decrease in prices of some foodstuffs. As a result, the year on year inflation decreased to 7.64 percent in October 2019. This is compared to the year on year inflation of 8.12 percent experienced in September 2019.

Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas was 0.00 percent. The year on year inflation decreased to -5.39 percent in October 2019. This is compared to the year on year inflation of -3.39 percent experienced in September 2019.

All Groups CPI and Selected Groups

Index = 100 @ December 2014

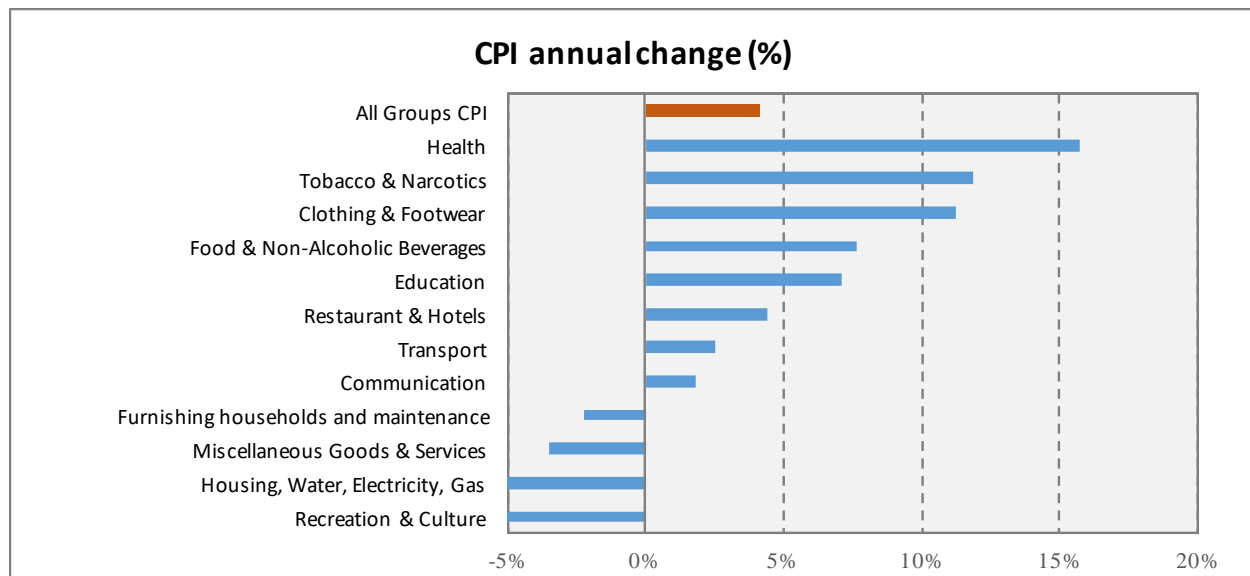


Source: Directorate of National Statistics

A bulletin on the October 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

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; October 2019 (Dec 2014 = 100)



Major contributions (positive):

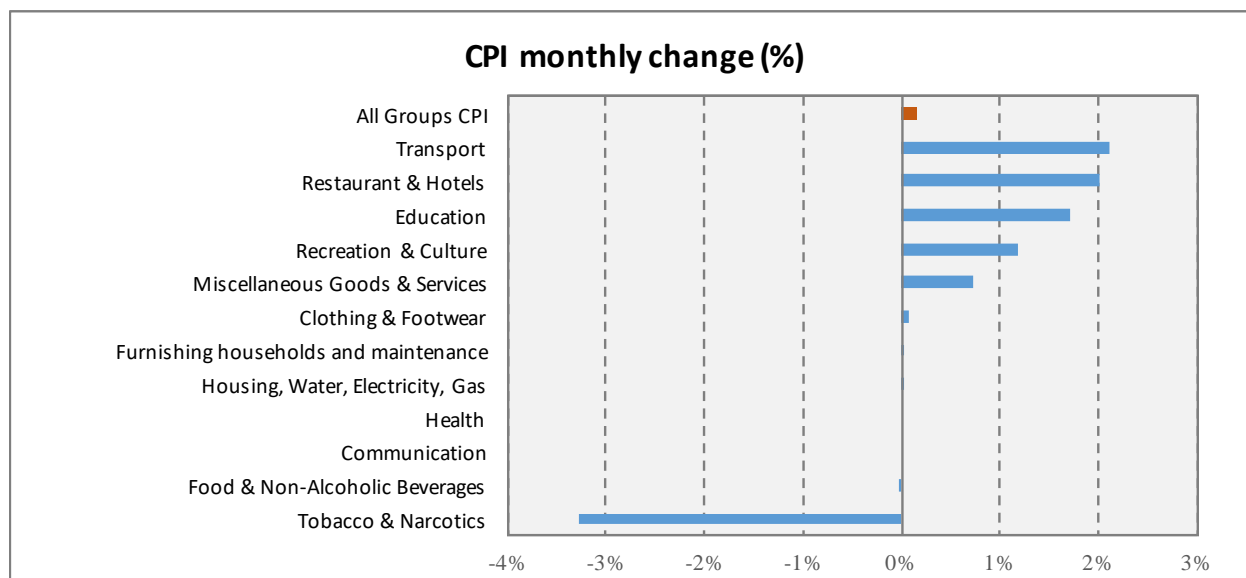
- **Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages** increased 7.64 percent over the 12-months to October 2019. The increase was mainly the result of higher prices of fruits. Most of the upwards contribution came from prices of orange (+75.00%) and Grapefruits (+133.33%).
- **Clothing and Footwear** recorded an increase of 11.26 percent compared to an annual increase of 11.09 percent in September 2019. Most of the upward contribution came from prices on garments of Children (+15.45%) due to price increases on clothing.
- **Restaurant & Hotels** increased by 4.44 percent in October 2019 compared to 2.39 percent in September. 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 (+4.58%).
- **Transport** showed an annual increase of 2.56 percent for the year October 2019 compared to 2.73 percent recorded for the year September 2019. Most of the upwards contribution came from Purchase of Vehicles (+11.84%).
- **Tobacco & Narcotics** increased to 11.88 percent for the year October 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):

- **Recreation & Culture** recorded an annual decrease of -5.68 percent in October 2019 compared to an annual decrease of -5.11 percent in September 2019. Most of the downwards contribution came from prices on Stationary and drawn materials (-7.56%).
- **Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas** recorded an annual decrease of -5.39 percent in October 2019 compared to an annual decrease of -3.39 percent in September 2019. Most of the downwards contribution came from prices on water supply. (-11.08%).

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

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



Major contributions (positive):

- **Transport** showed a monthly increase of 2.11 percent for the Month October 2019 compared to -1.50 percent recorded for the month ended September 2019. The increase was mainly the result of higher prices of operational of personal transport equipment. Most of upwards contribution came from prices of Fuel and lubricants (+9.01%).
- **Restaurants & Hotels** Increased by 2.01 percentage points in October 2019 compared to 1.26 percent recorded for the Month of September 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 food in restaurants (+20.00%).

Major contributions (negative):

- **Tobacco & Narcotics** registered a decrease of -3.26 percent during the month of October 2019 from 1.61 percent recorded in September 2019. Most of the downwards contribution came from prices on chewing Miraa/Khat (-3.33%). The decrease was impacted by normal volatility in prices for khat.

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

COICOP Classification Group	CPI Weight	October 2018 Index	September 2019 Index	October 2019 Index	% change on previous month and current month	% change on same month of previous year (yr on yr)
All Groups CPI	100.00	111.62	116.07	116.25	0.15	4.15
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	46.04	115.85	124.73	124.70	-0.02	7.64
Tobacco & Narcotics	1.25	127.06	146.95	142.16	-3.26	11.88
Clothing & Footwear	5.03	108.47	120.60	120.68	0.07	11.26
Housing, Water, Electricity & Gas	23.41	109.22	103.33	103.33	0.00	-5.39
Furnishing, Households and Maintenance	2.93	105.08	102.71	102.71	0.01	-2.25
Health	5.00	102.77	118.92	118.92	0.00	15.71
Transport	3.77	107.81	108.28	110.57	2.11	2.56
Communication	2.80	94.60	96.32	96.32	0.00	1.82
Recreation & Culture	1.00	104.38	97.30	98.45	1.18	-5.68
Education	4.00	100.61	105.93	107.75	1.72	7.09
Restaurant & Hotels	2.00	132.71	135.88	138.61	2.01	4.44
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	2.77	108.83	104.27	105.03	0.73	-3.49

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.

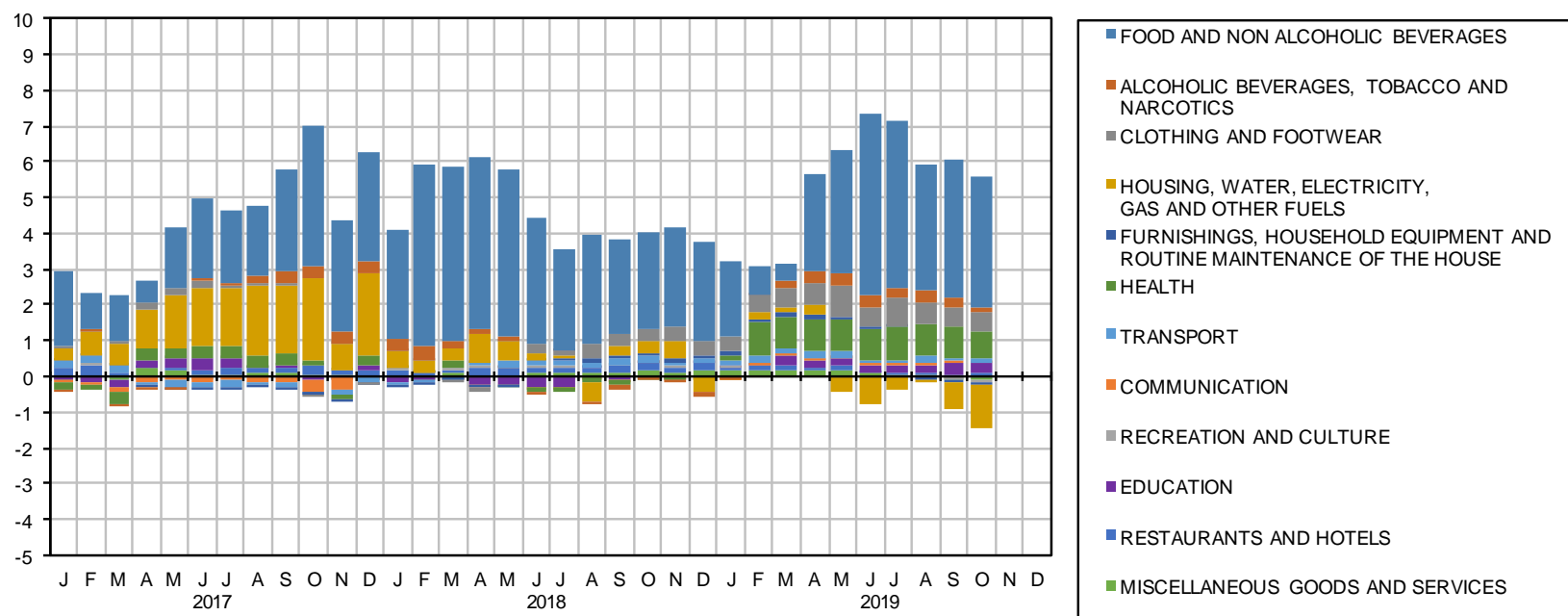
Next release

Consumer price index, November 2019, will be released on 15th December 2019. 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 October 2019.

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.