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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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Executive Summary

The All Groups CPI was **110.79** in the month of March 2019, compared with **110.75** in the month of February 2019.

The monthly change, March 2019 compared to February 2019, was a decrease of 0.04 percent (1.03 index points). This is compared to a monthly of 1.03 percent in the previous month of February 2019. The most significant monthly price increases were **Education Group** (5.34%). This was mainly due to increase price of Nursery and Quranic School fees. (Chart 2)

Over the twelve months to the month of March 2019 (inflation rate), the All Groups CPI increase 3.17 percent (3.17 index points), compared with 3.09 percent over the twelve months to the month of February 2019.

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

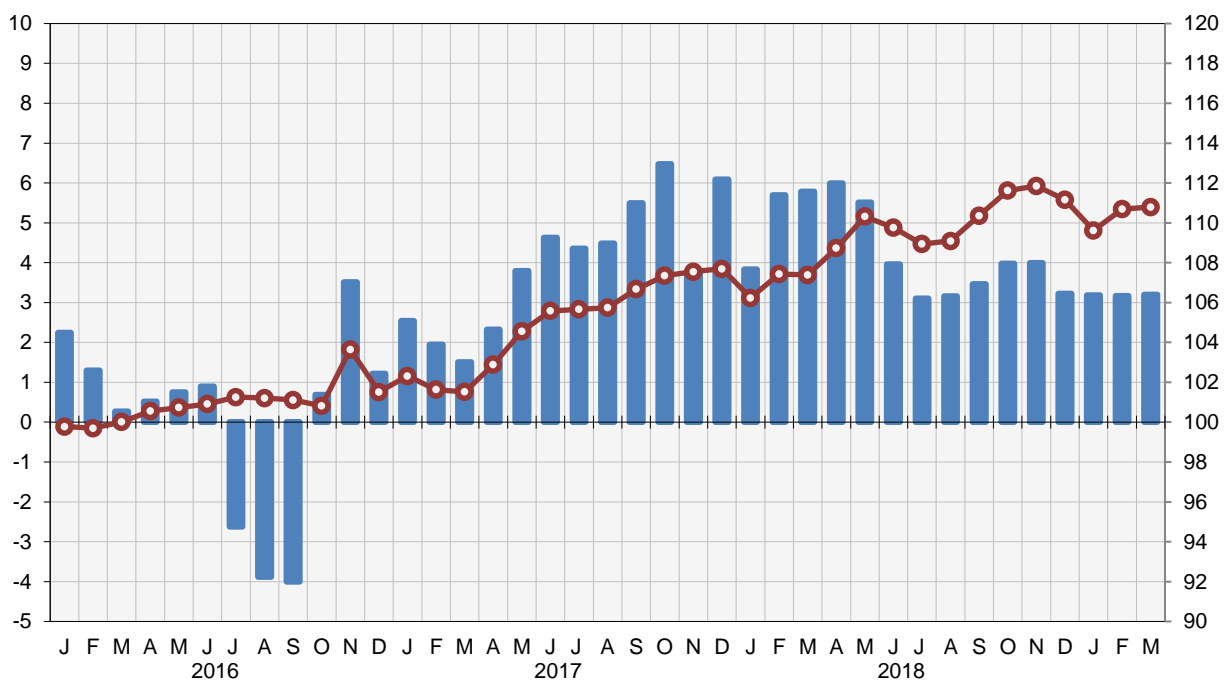
Consumer Price Index, March 2019	
Index (current month)	110.79
Index (previous month)	110.75
Index (previous year, same month)	107.39
Monthly % change	0.04%
Annual % change (inflation rate)	3.17%

Inflation rate according to CPI

Percent change over twelve months

CPI Index

Index = 100 @ December 2014



Source: Directorate of National Statistics

A bulletin on the March 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

General Inflation rate: All Groups CPI, March 2019

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

The **All Groups CPI** increased 3.17 percent (+3.17 index points) over the twelve months to March 2019 compared to 3.09 percent over the twelve months to February 2019.

The **All Groups CPI** monthly change for March 2019 was a decrease of 0.04 percent. This is compared to 1.03 percent recorded for February 2019.

General Inflation rate: Selected Groups, March 2019

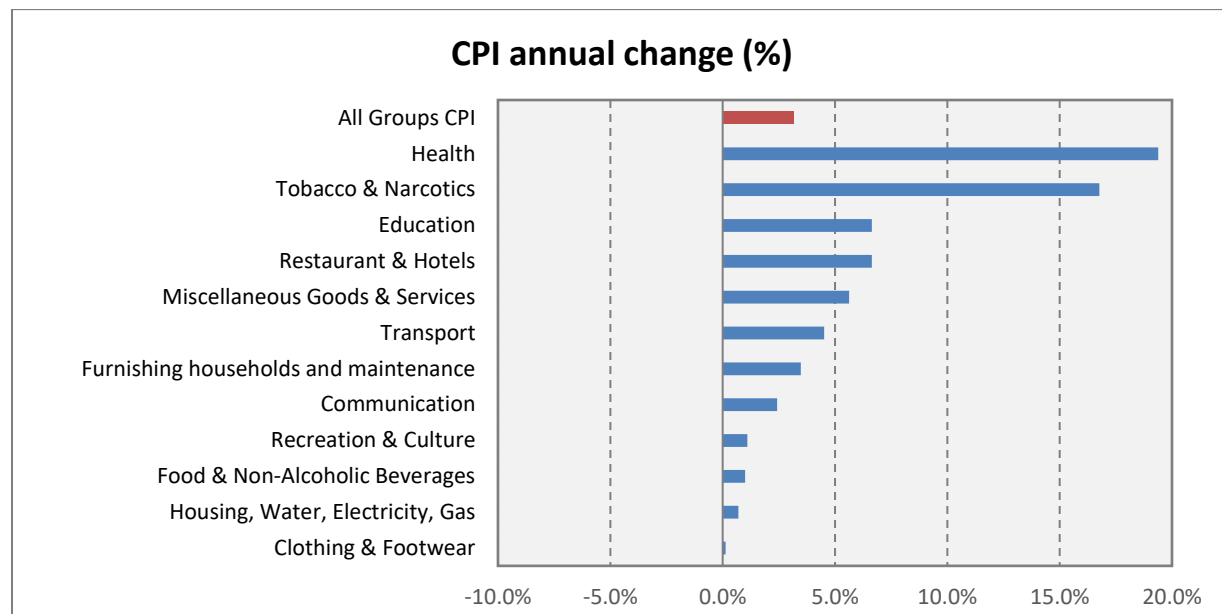
The rate of inflation for **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** and **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas** are the most significant items in the consumer basket in terms of expenditure and have the largest weighted influence on the **All Groups CPI**.

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages experienced a monthly decrease of -0.43 percent. This was due to falls in the cost of some food items. As a result, the year on year inflation decreased to 0.99 percent in March 2019. This is compared to the year on year inflation of 1.66 percent experienced in February 2019.

Housing, Water, Electricity and Gas experienced a monthly decrease of -0.03 percent. The year on year inflation decreased to 0.70 percent in March 2019. This is compared to the year on year inflation of 0.92 percent experienced in February 2019.

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 2019 (Dec 2014 = 100)



Major contributions (positive):

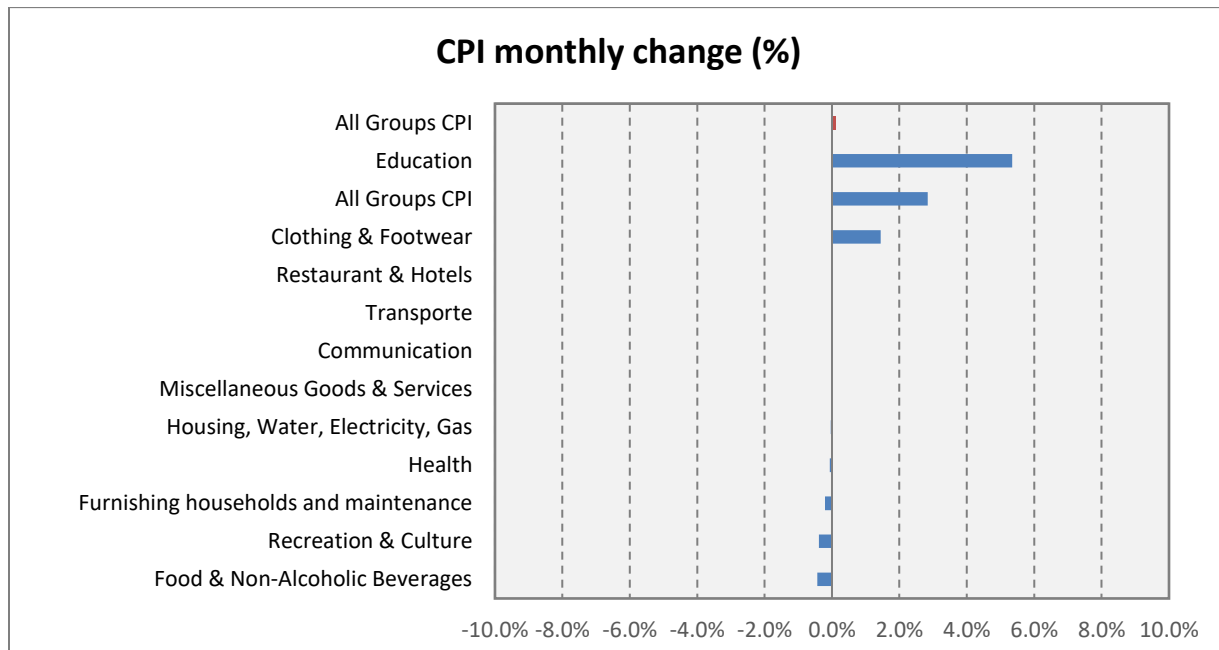
- **Health** an increase of 19.38 percent over the 12 months to March 2019. Most of the upwards contribution came from higher prices of out-patient services (+32.40%).
- **Tobacco and narcotics** registered an increase of 16.77 over the 12 months to March 2019. Most of the upwards contribution came from prices on Narcotics (+22.22%).
- **Clothing and Footwear** registered an increase of 11.25 percent over 12 months to March 2019. Most of the upwards contribution came from higher prices of Shoes and other footwear (+8.12%).
- **Restaurant & Hotels** registered an increase of 6.64 percent over 12 months to March 2019. Most of the upwards contribution came from prices on the accommodation services (+3.76%).
- **Education** registered an increase of 6.41 percent over 12 months to March 2019. Most of the upwards contribution came from prices on preprimary and primary education (+21.89%).

Major contributions (negative):

- In general, no groups showed a significant negative annual change for the year of March 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; March 2019 (Dec 2014 = 100)



Major contributions (positive):

- **Education** registered an increase of 5.34 percent during the month of March 2019. Most of the upwards contribution came from prices on preprimary and primary education (+19.87%).
- **Tobacco and narcotics** registered an increase of 16.77 percent during the month of March 2019. Most of the upwards contribution came from prices on Narcotics (+4.17%).

Major contributions (negative):

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

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

COICOP Classification Group		CPI Weight	March 2018 Index	February 2019 Index	March 2019 Index	% change on previous month and current month	% change on same month of previous year (yr on yr)
	All Groups CPI	100.00	107.39	110.75	110.79	0.04%	3.17%
01	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	46.04	110.94	112.52	112.04	-0.43%	0.99%
02	Tobacco & Narcotics	1.25	121.56	138.02	141.94	2.84%	16.77%
03	Clothing & Footwear	5.03	100.17	109.85	111.44	1.44%	11.25%
04	Housing, Water, Electricity & Gas	23.41	106.44	107.22	107.19	-0.03%	0.70%
05	Furnishing, Households and Maintenance	2.93	100.79	104.50	104.30	-0.20%	3.48%
06	Health	5.00	99.01	118.27	118.20	-0.06%	19.38%
07	Transport	3.77	103.58	108.26	108.26	0.00%	4.52%
08	Communication	2.80	94.38	96.66	96.66	0.00%	2.42%
09	Recreation & Culture	1.00	101.28	102.79	102.39	-0.39%	1.10%
10	Education	4.00	100.52	101.54	106.96	5.34%	6.41%
11	Restaurant & Hotels	2.00	126.56	134.97	134.97	0.00%	6.64%
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	2.77	101.91	107.65	107.64	-0.01%	5.62%

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.