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Methodology

This publication provides the monthly Consumer Price Indices for Somaliland (Composite) and for the two baskets of Hargeisa baskets are for the urban households.

The current Consumer Price Index was constructed from 2012, using weights derived from the Somaliland National Household Budget Survey (SNHBS) that was conducted from 2012. During the exercise, Hargeisa was further composed into Markets from the two that has been existing. In addition, the market was incorporated into the Index. The CPI is now classified using international standards, referred to as Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP).

At the elementary aggregate (EA) level, the indices are computed using the Jevons (Geometric Mean) method for all items within the elementary aggregates. The modified Laspeyres index formula is used to compute higher level indices. The National CPI is computed as a weighted average of the two Market mentioned above and indices are available from the EA level.

SOMALILAND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Central Statistics Department of the Ministry of Planning & National Development (MoP&ND), has released the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month of March 2018 (Base year 2012=100).

Highlights of CPI, March. 2018.

1. Annual Inflation

The Annual Headline Inflation for the year ending March 2018 decline at 18.9 percent compared to the 19.1 percent recorded during the year ended February 2018.

The Annual Food Crops Inflation which decline to 23.0 percent for the year ending March 2018 compared to 26.2 percent recorded for the year ended February 2018. The driver of Annual Food Crops Inflation were **Lettuce** decline to minus 68.9 percent for the year ending March 2018 compared to the minus 60.4 percent registered during the year ended February 2018. In addition, **Leeks (Basal baar)** inflation registered a minus 17.6 percent increased for the year ending March 2018 compared to the 11.8 percent recorded for the year ended February 2018. On the other hand, mainly due the **Melon** inflation a decline minus 12.0 percent for the ending year ending March 2018 compared to minus 31.2 percent recorded for year ended February 2018.

The Annual Core Inflation also significance increase to 17.7 percent for the year ending March 2018 compared to the 17.5 percent recorded for the year ended February 2018. This was driven by the **Maintenance and repair of personal transport equipment** inflation that registered 26.0 percent increase the ending March 2018 compared to the minus 23.1 percent recorded during the year ended February 2018. Similarly, **Oils and Fats** inflation increase to 19.5 percent for the year ending March 2018 compared to the 10.4 percent recorded for the year ended February 2018.

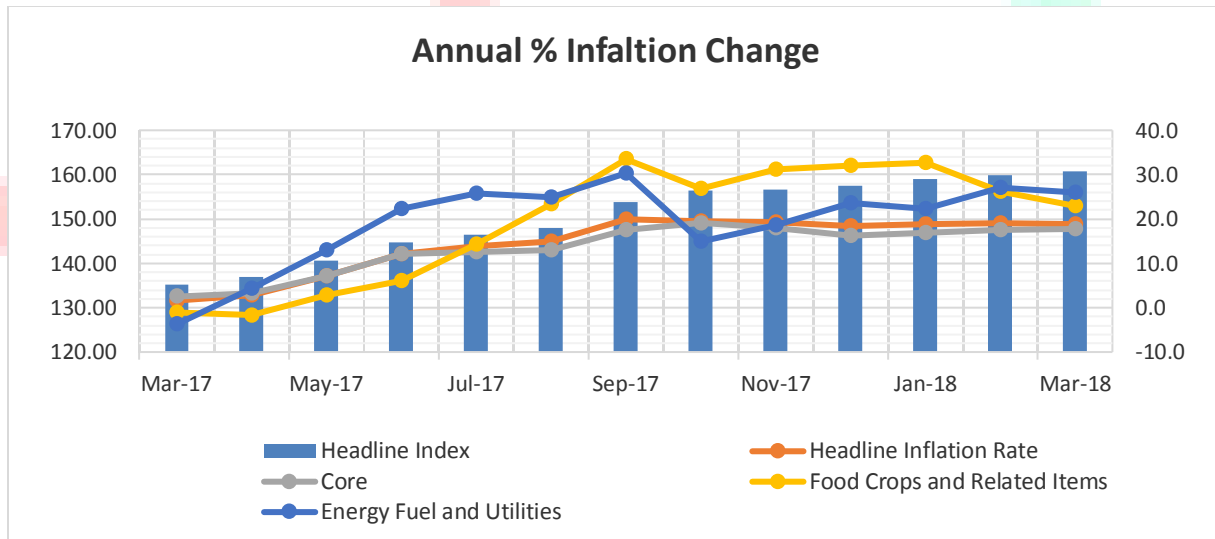
In addition, the Annual Energy, Fuels and Utilities (EFU) Inflation increase to 27.1 percent for the year ending March 2018 compared to the 25.9 percent recorded during the year ended February 2018. The drivers were **Charges - Use of Electricity** Annual inflation that increase 58.1 percent for the year ending March 2018 compared to 35.5 percent recorded for the year ended February 2018. In addition, the **Gas (natural and liquefied)** inflation that rose to 51.2 percent for the year ending March 2018 compared to minus 13.9 percent recorded in February 2018. Similarly, the **Petrol** Inflation increase by 36.7 percent in March 2018 compared 26.2 percent recorded in February 2018.

2. Monthly Inflation

The Monthly Headline Inflation for March 2018 dropped by 0.5 percent compared 0.6 percent recorded in February 2018. Core monthly inflation that decline 0.2 percent during March 2018 compared the 0.7 percent recorded in February 2018. Similarly, the Food crop & related items Inflation increase by 0.3 percent in March 2018 compared minus 0.2 percent recorded in February 2018. However, the Monthly Energy Fuel & utilities Inflation constant by 0.6 percent for the month of March 2018 compared 0.6 percent recorded during February 2018.

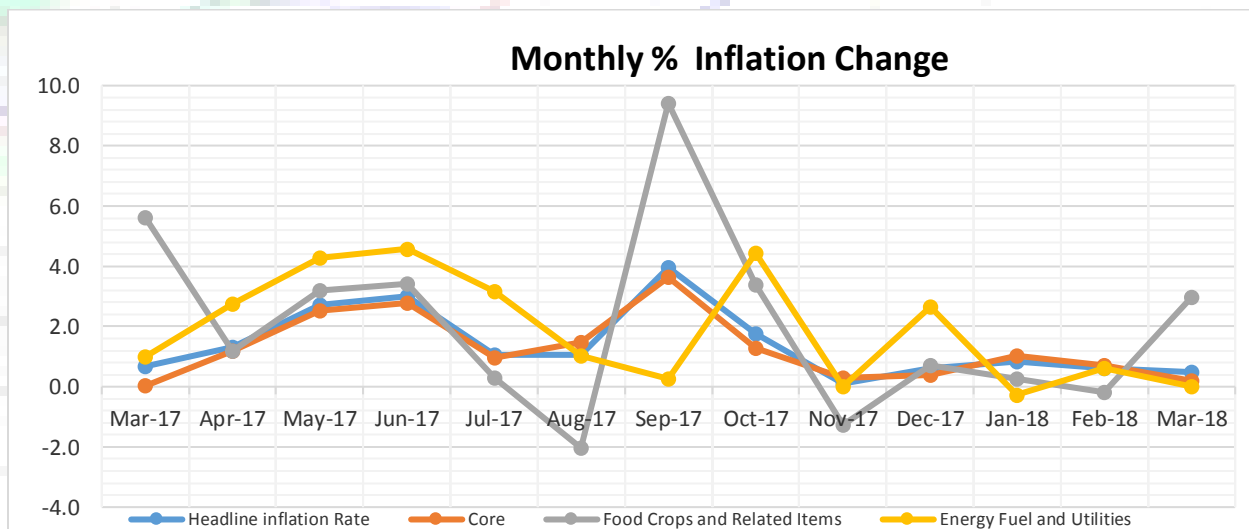
The detailed Monthly Inflation figures per Division are presented in below table three.

Graph 1: Somaliland Headline Index and Annual Inflation rates for 3 major components, March 2017 –March. 2018: (2012 = 100)



Source: CPI unit/Economic Section/CSD.

Graph 2: Somaliland Headline Monthly Inflation rates for 3 major components, March 2017 –March 2018:

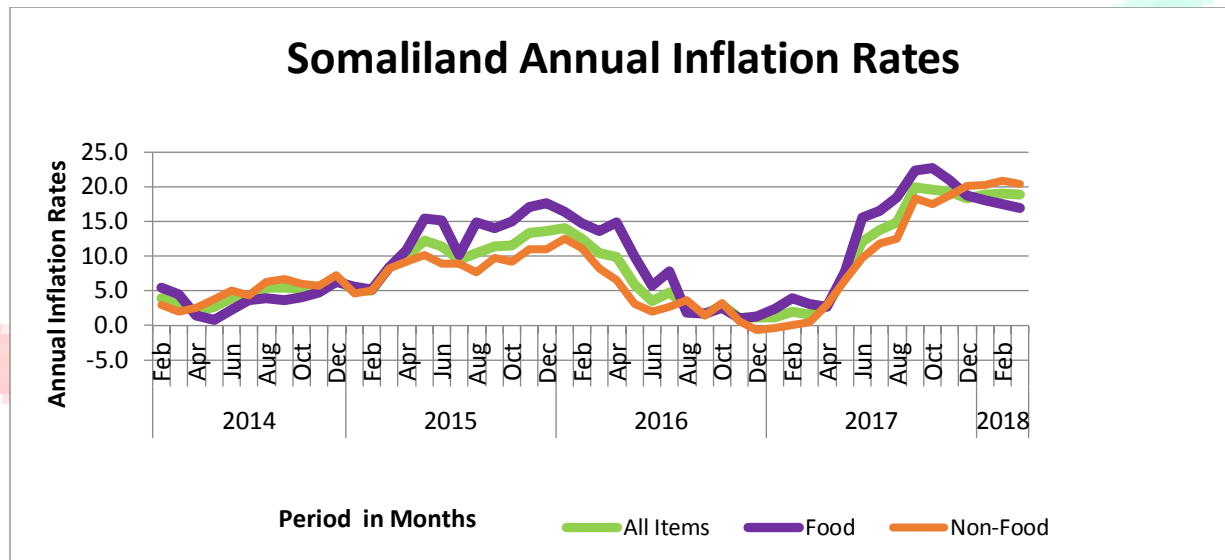


CPI Unit/Economic Section/CSD.

Graph 3: Somaliland Annual Inflation Rates

Graph 3 also demonstrates that for the entire period i.e February 2014 to March 2018, the measured annual inflation rates are Increase. This is an indication of persistent increase in consumer prices within the Somaliland economy which has a negative impact on the welfare of the households more especially those with a fixed income together with those with very low income and without any savings at all. The same graph shows that food prices were instable compared to non-food prices. Food prices changed more frequently and sharply mostly due the seasonal factors.

Somaliland Annual Inflation Rates



CPI Unit/Economic Section/CSD.

Note: The CPI compilation from March 2018, still the market prices scores on the high trend fluctuation of Food items. The depreciation of Somaliland shilling still the highest to the point of 10,384/= per one dollar. This depreciation of SLSH was caused by the ban of livestock export to the Arabian Gulf states and the continuation of drought for years brought economic instability.

ANNEX1: Somaliland Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Inflation for Core, Food Crops, & EFU: (January 2016 – March 2018).

GROUP	Core	Food Crops	EFU	Headline index	Monthly % Change				Annual % Change				
					Core	Food Crops	EFU	Head-Line inflation	Core	Food Crops	EFU	Head-Line inflation	
Weights	814.08	95.33	90.59	1000.000									
Calendar Years													
2016	134.61	136.88	115.79	133.12	1.9	-0.1	-1.5	1.4	4.1	-11.4	-9.1	1.1	
2018	159.53	186.38	143.52	160.64	0.2	3.0	0.6	0.5	17.7	23.0	25.9	18.9	
2016	Jan	130.60	151.33	125.48	132.11	0.9	-2.0	-1.5	0.4	14.7	15.2	7.4	14.1
	Feb	130.77	149.56	120.49	131.63	1.0	-1.2	-4.0	-0.4	13.8	11.8	3.1	12.6
	Mar	132.25	152.99	118.43	132.98	1.1	2.3	-1.7	1.0	11.6	11.0	-0.8	10.5
	Apr	132.86	155.83	112.20	133.18	0.5	1.9	-5.3	0.1	10.1	9.0	-4.3	8.7
	May	131.26	153.87	108.09	131.31	-1.2	-1.3	-3.7	-1.4	6.0	6.4	-8.1	4.8
	Jun	128.99	154.27	104.42	129.17	-1.7	0.3	-3.4	-1.6	3.9	4.8	-13.5	2.5
	Jul	129.68	143.60	104.67	128.74	0.5	-6.9	0.2	-0.3	6.8	-4.3	-13.3	3.7
	Aug	131.06	130.38	106.59	128.78	1.1	-9.2	1.8	0.0	5.6	-13.0	-11.7	1.9
	Sep	130.76	131.76	102.35	128.28	-0.2	1.1	-4.0	-0.4	4.0	-10.0	-16.0	0.6
	Oct	130.59	143.32	110.38	129.98	0.1	8.8	7.8	1.3	3.0	-1.8	-11.3	1.2
	Nov	132.22	136.97	117.53	131.34	1.2	-4.4	6.5	1.1	2.9	-4.3	-7.6	1.1
	Dec	134.71	136.88	115.79	133.20	1.9	-0.1	-1.5	1.4	4.1	-11.4	-9.1	1.1

2017	Jan	135.29	136.63	116.66	133.73	0.4	-0.2	0.7	0.4	3.5	-9.7	-7.0	1.1
	Feb	135.67	143.44	112.86	134.34	0.3	5.0	-3.3	0.5	3.6	-4.1	-6.3	2.0
	Mar	135.74	151.48	113.98	135.27	0.0	5.6	1.0	0.7	2.5	-1.0	-3.8	1.6
	Apr	137.35	153.27	117.11	137.04	1.2	1.2	2.7	1.3	3.3	-1.6	4.4	2.8
	May	140.99	158.16	122.10	140.91	2.5	3.2	4.3	2.7	7.2	2.8	13.0	7.1
	Jun	144.99	163.58	127.70	145.20	2.8	3.4	4.6	3.0	12.1	6.0	22.3	12.2
	July	145.92	164.07	131.72	146.36	1.0	1.3	3.2	1.1	12.7	14.3	25.8	13.8
	Aug	148.07	160.73	133.05	147.91	1.5	-2.0	1.0	1.1	13.1	23.3	24.8	14.9
	Sep	153.45	175.88	133.38	153.77	3.6	9.4	0.2	4.0	17.4	33.5	30.3	19.9
	Oct	155.42	181.83	139.31	156.48	1.3	3.4	4.4	1.8	19.1	26.9	15.0	19.6
	Nov	155.89	179.53	139.30	156.64	0.3	-1.3	4.4	0.1	18.0	31.1	18.5	19.4
	Dec	156.54	180.80	143.00	157.63	0.4	0.7	2.7	0.6	16.3	32.1	23.5	18.4
2018	Jan	158.09	181.30	142.62	158.90	1.0	0.3	-0.3	0.8	17.0	32.7	22.2	18.9
	Feb	159.21	180.98	143.51	159.86	0.7	-0.2	0.6	0.6	17.5	26.2	27.1	19.1
	Mar	159.53	186.38	143.52	160.64	0.2	3.0	0.6	0.5	17.7	23.0	25.9	18.9

Source: CPI Unit/Economic Section/Central Statistics Department.

More explanatory see: Annexes

ANNEX 1: Somaliland Consumer Price Index (CPI) by COICOP Division: (Jan-Dec 2012) = 100

Div.	PARTICULARS	Weight	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-17	Feb-18	Mar-18
	Headline (all items index)	1,000.000	135.12	136.89	140.63	144.83	146.36	147.91	153.77	156.48	156.64	157.63	158.90	159.86	160.64
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	417.5	145.14	146.88	153.54	160.28	160.83	160.31	163.07	166.54	166.69	165.77	166.57	167.66	170.68
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	45.57	167.82	179.74	164.70	164.90	167.37	168.73	244.99	243.88	194.51	188.49	198.70	197.05	180.20
03	Clothing And Footwear	57.33	130.88	131.98	132.80	134.06	137.78	138.38	140.47	142.90	146.62	151.17	150.60	151.14	151.56
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	141.02	137.55	139.91	144.88	150.28	154.47	159.46	162.35	166.43	165.77	168.71	168.88	169.88	169.81
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	55.49	126.22	126.54	127.94	129.43	131.66	134.24	134.15	136.02	137.65	138.98	139.12	138.69	139.54
06	Health	25.55	149.55	150.03	153.13	155.14	155.36	156.99	157.34	157.62	161.07	161.57	162.85	164.57	161.82
07	Transport	88.51	89.68	89.76	93.66	94.00	95.34	99.57	101.51	104.81	115.80	115.81	116.12	117.55	118.63
08	Communication	29.93	131.88	132.66	133.28	134.61	134.69	136.08	137.10	138.34	145.17	146.19	156.18	156.44	158.62
09	Recreation and Culture	22.46	124.18	125.12	127.11	128.94	130.63	136.14	140.06	141.36	143.96	144.30	143.76	145.27	146.67
10	Education	36.88	121.07	121.07	126.57	126.57	126.57	128.96	134.84	136.21	143.52	143.88	145.15	145.15	145.15
11	Restaurants and Hotels	33.52	117.11	117.11	117.52	119.83	119.98	121.99	121.89	121.12	125.50	154.84	156.58	156.34	157.48
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	46.25	131.73	132.17	134.55	139.36	141.35	143.30	147.49	149.70	158.33	155.03	155.59	160.51	161.87

Source: CPI unit/Economic section/Central Statistics Department.

ANNEX 2: Somaliland Consumer Price Indices and Inflation Rates for Food & Non-Food (January - December 2012) = 100

GROUP	Weights	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-17	Feb-18	Mar-18
Headline Index	1000.0000	135.12	136.89	140.63	144.83	146.36	147.91	153.77	156.48	156.64	157.59	158.90	159.86	160.64
Food	387.0796	144.98	146.86	153.20	159.82	159.50	159.30	163.17	166.80	166.61	166.11	167.37	168.42	169.50
Non - Food	612.9204	128.82	130.59	132.68	135.36	138.06	140.72	147.84	149.96	150.35	152.27	153.56	154.46	155.05
Monthly % Change														
Headline		0.7	1.3	2.7	3.0	1.1	1.1	4.0	1.8	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5
Food		0.0	1.2	2.5	2.8	1.0	1.5	3.6	1.3	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.2
Non - Food		5.6	1.2	3.2	3.4	0.3	-2.0	9.4	3.4	-1.3	0.7	0.3	-0.2	3.0
Annual % Change														
Headline		1.6	2.8	7.1	12.2	13.8	14.9	19.9	19.6	19.4	18.4	18.9	19.1	18.9
Food		2.5	3.3	7.2	12.1	12.6	13.1	17.4	19.1	18.0	16.3	17.0	17.5	17.7
Non - Food		-1.0	-1.6	2.8	6.0	14.3	23.3	33.5	26.9	31.1	32.1	32.7	26.2	23.0

Source: CPI unit/Economic section/Central Statistics Department.

ANNEX 3: Somaliland Monthly Inflation by COICOP Divisions (Mar 2017 – Mar 2018).

Div.	PARTICULARS	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Jun 17	Jul 17	Aug 17	Sep17	Oct 17	Nov17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar-18
	Headline	0.7	1.3	2.7	3.0	1.1	1.1	4.0	1.8	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.1	1.2	4.5	4.4	0.3	-0.3	1.7	2.1	0.1	-0.6	0.5	0.7	1.8
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	0.1	7.1	-8.4	0.1	1.5	0.8	45.2	-0.5	-20.2	-3.1	5.4	-0.8	-8.5
03	Clothing And Footwear	1.9	0.8	0.6	0.9	2.8	0.4	1.5	1.7	2.6	3.1	-0.4	0.4	0.3
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	1.4	1.7	3.6	3.7	2.8	3.2	1.8	2.5	-0.4	1.8	0.1	0.6	0.0
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	0.0	0.2	1.1	1.2	1.7	2.0	-0.1	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.1	-0.3	0.6
06	Health	4.0	0.3	2.1	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.2	0.2	2.2	0.3	0.8	1.1	-1.7
07	Transport	-4.3	0.1	4.3	0.4	1.4	4.4	1.9	3.3	10.5	0.0	0.3	1.2	0.9
08	Communication	2.2	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.7	0.9	4.9	0.7	6.8	0.2	1.4
09	Recreation and Culture	1.4	0.8	1.6	1.4	1.3	4.2	2.9	0.9	1.8	0.2	-0.4	1.1	1.0
10	Education	-1.3	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	1.9	4.6	1.0	5.4	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.0
11	Restaurants and Hotels	-1.5	0.0	0.3	2.0	0.1	1.7	-0.1	-0.6	3.6	23.4	1.1	-0.2	0.7
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.2	0.3	1.8	3.6	1.4	1.4	2.9	1.5	5.8	-2.1	0.4	3.2	0.8

Source: CPI unit/Economic section/Central Statistics Department.

ANNEX 4: Somaliland Annual Inflation by COICOP Divisions (Mar 2017- March 2018).

PARTICULARS

Div	PARTICULARS	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Jun 17	Jul 17	Aug 17	Sep17	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar-18
	Headline	1.6	2.8	7.1	12.2	13.8	14.9	19.9	19.6	19.4	18.4	18.9	19.1	18.9
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3.2	2.6	8.0	15.6	17.2	18.7	21.8	22.0	20.7	18.2	17.4	16.8	17.6
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	-5.9	4.3	0.5	8.1	9.3	6.9	53.5	57.0	29.2	17.9	21.0	17.5	7.4
03	Clothing and Footwear	2.0	2.3	4.8	7.0	10.9	11.6	15.9	15.1	19.3	20.6	18.4	17.7	15.8
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	3.9	9.1	16.6	18.2	18.6	20.6	25.4	24.4	19.6	21.0	24.4	25.2	23.5
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.3	4.9	6.0	7.8	9.5	11.0	10.9	11.1	12.2	11.3	10.5	9.9	10.5
06	Health	21.9	22.1	26.2	27.0	30.1	16.8	3.6	21.3	22.0	6.1	12.4	14.4	8.2
07	Transport	-18.2	-18.7	-12.9	-9.6	-4.4	-0.8	-0.1	-1.3	9.9	30.7	19.7	25.5	32.3
08	Communication	9.1	10.1	10.3	11.4	9.5	9.7	11.1	11.7	16.8	17.4	23.2	21.2	20.3
09	Recreation and Culture	1.1	2.1	1.6	4.8	10.9	16.9	20.8	44.1	47.0	42.3	40.6	18.6	18.1
10	Education	0.9	1.9	6.4	6.1	-0.7	4.8	10.4	10.4	16.2	13.4	16.2	18.3	19.9
11	Restaurants and Hotels	3.7	3.7	3.8	5.0	6.8	5.8	6.9	7.5	7.0	32.7	33.0	31.5	34.5
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.4	3.4	8.1	15.4	17.6	18.9	21.4	22.6	26.3	22.0	20.2	22.0	22.9

Source: CPI unit/Economic section/Central Statistics Department.

ANNEX 5: Somaliland Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Inflation for Food Crops, Other Goods, Services and Energy Fuel & Utilities:

Weights		Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-17	Feb-18	Mar-18
Group														
Headline Index	1000.0000	135.12	136.89	140.63	144.83	146.36	147.91	153.77	156.48	156.64	157.59	158.90	159.86	160.64
Food Crops and Related Items	95.33	151.48	153.27	158.16	163.58	164.07	160.73	175.86	181.83	179.53	180.80	181.30	180.98	186.38
Other Goods	629.71	142.58	144.61	148.13	152.75	154.13	155.52	161.99	164.01	161.91	160.92	162.35	163.56	163.76
Services	184.37	111.59	111.77	115.04	116.49	117.88	122.61	124.27	126.07	135.34	141.39	143.57	144.32	145.10
Energy Fuel and Utilities	90.59	113.98	117.11	122.10	127.70	131.72	133.05	133.38	139.31	139.30	143.00	142.62	143.51	143.52
Monthly % Change														
Headline		0.7	1.3	2.7	3.0	1.1	1.1	4.0	1.8	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5
Food Crops and Related Items		5.6	1.2	3.2	3.4	0.3	-2.0	9.4	3.4	-1.3	0.7	0.3	-0.2	3.0
Other Goods		0.4	1.4	2.4	3.1	0.9	0.9	4.2	1.2	-1.3	-0.6	0.9	0.7	0.1
Services		-1.4	0.2	2.9	1.3	1.2	4.0	1.4	1.5	7.3	4.5	1.5	0.5	0.5
Energy Fuel and Utilities		1.0	2.7	4.3	4.6	3.2	1.0	0.2	4.4	0.0	2.7	-0.3	0.6	0.0
Annual % Change														
Headline		1.6	2.8	7.1	12.2	13.8	14.9	19.9	19.6	19.4	18.4	18.9	19.1	18.9
Food Crops and Related Items		-1.0	-1.6	2.8	6.0	14.3	23.3	33.5	26.9	31.1	32.1	32.7	26.2	23.0
Other Goods		4.8	5.7	9.4	15.3	15.4	14.9	20.0	21.9	18.8	15.2	14.7	15.1	14.9
Services		-6.6	-6.1	-1.7	-0.2	1.7	5.6	7.3	8.0	15.0	20.7	26.6	27.5	30.0
Energy Fuel and Utilities		-3.8	4.4	13.0	22.3	25.8	24.8	30.3	15.0	18.5	23.5	22.2	27.1	25.9

Source: CPI unit/Economic section/Central Statistics Department.