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Methodology

This publication provides the monthly Consumer Price Indices for Somaliland (Composite) and for the two market baskets of Hargeisa 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 two Markets 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 August 2018 (Base year 2012=100).

Highlights of CPI, August 2018.

1. Annual Inflation

The Annual Headline Inflation for the year ending August 2018 increase at 13.7 percent compared to the 13.6 percent recorded during the year ended July 2018.

The **Annual Food Crops Inflation** which increased to 13.4 percent for the year ending August 2018 compared to 10.1 percent recorded for the year ended July 2018. The driver of Annual Food Crops Inflation were **Guavas** increased to 32.7 percent for the year ending August 2018 compared to the 25.3 percent registered during the year ended July 2018. In addition, **Cabbages (Fresh or Chilled)** inflation registered increase to 24.4 percent for the year ending August 2018 compared to the 20.1 percent recorded for the year ended July 2018. Similarly, mainly due the **Green Pepper** inflation an increased 32.5 percent for the ending year ending August 2018 compared to 26.9 percent recorded for year ended July 2018.

The **Annual Core Inflation** also decline to 13.5 percent for the year ending August 2018 compared to the 13.9 percent recorded for the year ended July 2018. This was driven by the **Fresh Fish** Inflation decline that registered 15.0 percent the ending August 2018 compared to 19.8 percent recorded during the year ended July 2018. In addition **Maize, flour** inflation decline to 35.3 percent for the year ending August 2018 compared to the 37.8 percent recorded for the year ended July 2018. Similarly, **Services** inflation decline to 21.3 percent for the year ending August 2018 compared to the 26.1 percent recorded for the year ended July 2018.

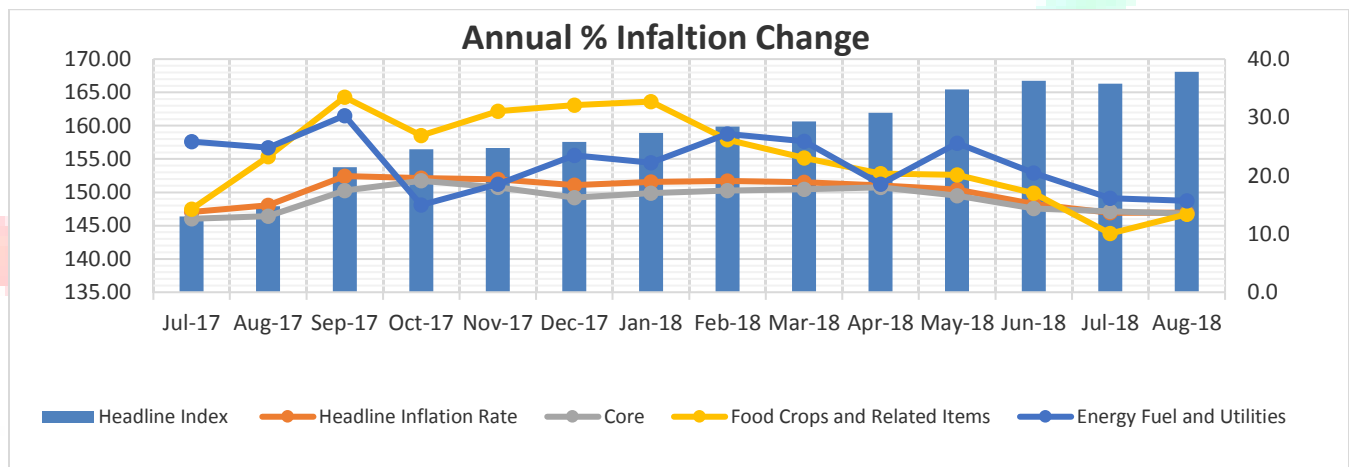
In addition, the **Annual Energy Inflation**, Fuels and Utilities (EFU) decline to 15.7 percent for the year ending August 2018 compared to the 16.1 percent recorded during the year ended July 2018. The drivers were **Gas (natural and liquefied)** Annual inflation that decrease 17.6 percent for the year ending August 2018 compared to 23.9 percent recorded for the year ended July 2018. In addition, the **Sewage** inflation that decreases to 11.1 percent for the year ending August 2018 compared to 17.0 percent recorded in July 2018. Similarly, the **Charcoal** Inflation decrease by 5.7 percent in August 2018 compared 9.2 percent recorded in July 2018.

2. Monthly Inflation

The Monthly Headline Inflation for August 2018 increased by 1.1 percent compared minus 0.2 percent recorded in July 2018. The **Food Crop & Related items** monthly Inflation increase by 0.9 percent in August 2018 compared minus 5.6 percent recorded in July 2018. In addition **Core** monthly inflation that increases 1.1 percent during August 2018 compared the 0.5 percent recorded in July 2018. Similarly, the Monthly **Energy Fuel & utilities** Inflation increased by 0.7 percent for the month of August 2018 compared minus 0.6 percent recorded during July 2018.

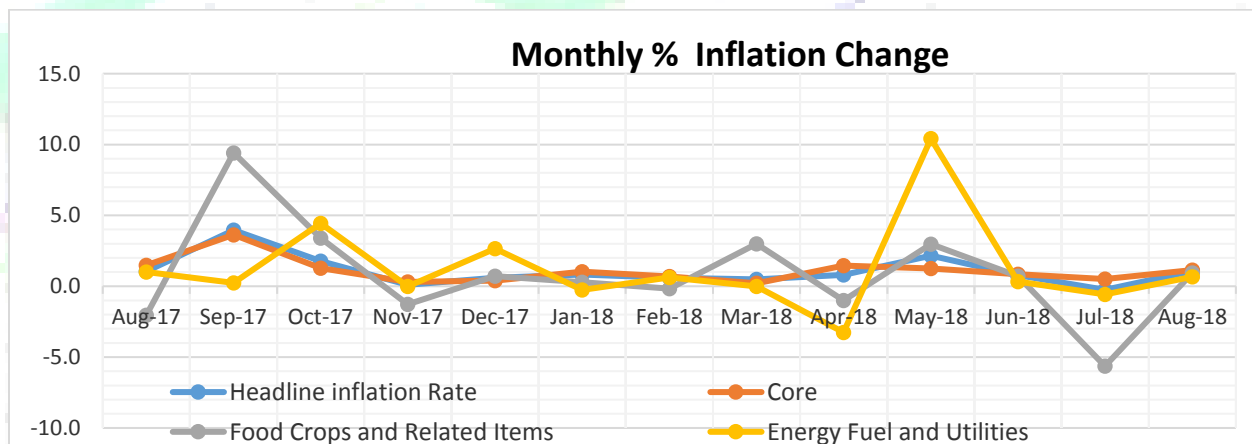
The detailed Monthly Inflation figures per Division are presented in below Annex three.

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



Source: CPI unit/Economic Section/CSD.

Graph 2: Somaliland Headline Monthly Inflation rates for 3 major components, July 2017- August 2018:

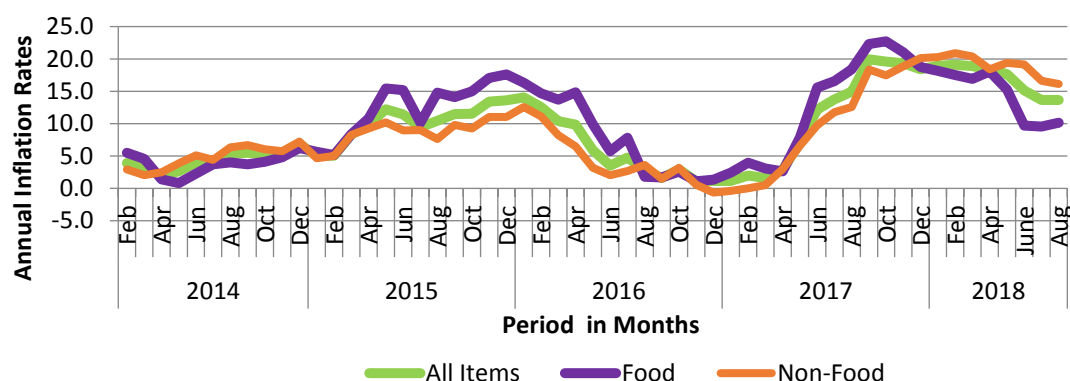


CPI Unit/Economic Section/CSD.

Graph 3: Somaliland Annual Inflation Rates

Graph 3 also demonstrates that for the entire period i.e. Aug 2017 to Aug 2018. The measured annual inflation rates are significant decline. This is an indication of persistent decline in consumer prices within the Somaliland economy which has a positive impact on the households more especially those with a fixed income together. 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 August 2018, still the market prices scores on the high fluctuation of Food items. The depreciation of Somaliland shilling still the high to the point of 10,046/= per one dollar.

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

GROUP		Core	Food Crops	EFU	Headline index	Core	Food Crops	EFU	Head-Line inflation	Core	Food Crops	EFU	Head-Line inflation
Weights		814.08	95.33	90.59	1000.000	Monthly % Change				Annual % Change			
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	168.03	182.28	153.96	166.12	1.1	0.9	0.7	1.1	13.5	13.4	15.7	13.7
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
2018	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
	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
	Apr	161.87	184.50	138.84	161.95	1.5	-1.0	-3.7	0.8	18.0	20.4	18.0	18.3
	May	163.91	190.00	153.30	165.43	1.3	3.0	10.4	2.2	16.5	20.1	25.5	17.6
	Jun	165.28	191.38	153.81	166.73	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.7	14.3	17.0	20.5	15.1
	July	166.14	180.59	152.93	166.32	-0.5	-5.6	-0.6	-0.2	13.9	10.1	16.1	13.6
	Aug	168.03	182.28	153.96	168.12	1.1	0.9	0.7	1.1	13.5	13.4	15.7	13.7

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	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct17	Nov_17	Dec_17	Jan_18	Feb-18	Mar_18	Apr_18	May-18	Jun_18	July_18	Aug_18
	Headline (all items index)	1,000.000	147.91	153.77	156.48	156.64	157.63	158.90	159.86	160.64	161.95	165.43	166.73	166.31	168.12
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	417.5	160.31	163.07	166.54	166.69	165.77	166.57	167.66	170.68	173.97	177.08	176.52	176.17	176.94
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	45.57	168.73	244.99	243.88	194.51	188.49	198.70	197.05	180.20	173.22	170.91	172.16	172.37	200.67
03	Clothing And Footwear	57.33	138.38	140.47	142.90	146.62	151.17	150.60	151.14	151.56	157.07	162.66	165.18	166.08	166.57
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	141.02	159.46	162.35	166.43	165.77	168.71	168.88	169.88	169.81	167.60	172.41	176.29	175.42	176.08
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	55.49	134.24	134.15	136.02	137.65	138.98	139.12	138.69	139.54	143.69	146.42	146.58	175.42	148.20
06	Health	25.55	156.99	157.34	157.62	161.07	161.57	162.85	164.57	161.82	166.70	168.58	168.82	148.02	169.35
07	Transport	88.51	99.57	101.51	104.81	115.80	115.81	116.12	117.55	118.63	112.89	122.55	125.02	122.05	122.05
08	Communication	29.93	136.08	137.10	138.34	145.17	146.19	156.18	156.44	158.62	170.03	170.47	180.90	180.90	180.90
09	Recreation and Culture	22.46	136.14	140.06	141.36	143.96	144.30	143.76	145.27	146.67	146.07	149.73	151.86	151.86	151.86
10	Education	36.88	128.96	134.84	136.21	143.52	143.88	145.15	145.15	145.15	149.77	150.43	150.43	150.43	150.43
11	Restaurants and Hotels	33.52	121.99	121.89	121.12	125.50	154.84	156.58	156.34	157.48	159.23	160.00	160.47	160.32	160.45
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	46.25	143.30	147.49	149.70	158.33	155.03	155.59	160.51	161.87	157.14	160.48	164.21	163.65	164.70

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

ANNEX 2: Somaliland Consumer Price Indices and Inflation Rates for Food & Non-Food (Aug_ 2017–Aug_ 2018) = 100

GROUP	Weights	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct17	Nov_17	Dec_17	Jan_18	Feb-18	Mar_18	Apr_18	May-18	Jun_18	July_18	Aug_18
Headline Index	1000.0000	147.91	153.77	156.48	156.64	157.63	158.90	159.86	160.64	161.95	165.43	166.73	166.31	168.12
Food	387.0796	159.30	163.17	166.80	166.61	166.11	167.37	168.42	169.50	173.40	176.59	175.33	174.74	175.51
Non - Food	612.9204	140.72	147.84	149.96	150.35	152.27	153.56	154.46	155.05	154.62	158.39	161.30	160.99	163.45
Monthly % Change														
Headline		1.1	4.0	1.8	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	2.2	0.8	-0.2	1.1
Food		-0.1	2.4	2.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.8	0.6	0.6	2.3	1.8	-0.7	-0.3	0.4
Non - Food		1.9	5.1	1.4	0.3	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	-0.3	2.4	1.8	-0.2	1.5
Annual % Change														
Headline		14.9	19.9	19.6	19.4	18.4	18.9	19.1	18.9	18.3	17.6	15.1	13.6	13.7
Food		18.4	22.3	22.7	21.0	18.7	18.1	17.5	16.9	18.1	15.3	9.7	9.6	10.2
Non - Food		12.6	18.3	17.5	18.8	20.1	20.3	20.9	20.4	18.4	19.4	19.2	16.6	16.2

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

ANNEX 3: Somaliland Monthly Inflation by COICOP Divisions (Aug_2018).

		Aug_17	Sep_17	Oct_17	Nov_17	Dec_17	Jan_18	Feb_18	Mar_18	Apr_18	May_18	Jun_18	July_18	Aug_18
Div.	PARTICULARS													
	Headline	1.1	4.0	1.8	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	2.2	0.8	-0.2	1.1
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-0.3	1.7	2.1	0.1	-0.6	0.5	0.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	-0.3	-0.2	0.4
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	0.8	45.2	-0.5	-20.2	-3.1	5.4	-0.8	-8.5	-3.9	-1.3	0.7	0.1	16.4
03	Clothing And Footwear	0.4	1.5	1.7	2.6	3.1	-0.4	0.4	0.3	3.6	3.6	1.5	0.5	0.3
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	3.2	1.8	2.5	-0.4	1.8	0.1	0.6	0.0	-1.3	2.9	2.3	-0.5	0.4
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	2.0	-0.1	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.1	-0.3	0.6	3.0	1.9	0.1	19.7	-15.5
06	Health	1.1	0.2	0.2	2.2	0.3	0.8	1.1	-1.7	3.0	1.1	0.1	-12.3	14.4
07	Transport	4.4	1.9	3.3	10.5	0.0	0.3	1.2	0.9	-4.8	8.6	2.0	-2.4	0.0
08	Communication	1.0	0.7	0.9	4.9	0.7	6.8	0.2	1.4	7.2	0.3	6.1	0.0	0.0
09	Recreation and Culture	4.2	2.9	0.9	1.8	0.2	-0.4	1.1	1.0	-0.4	2.5	1.4	0.0	0.0
10	Education	1.9	4.6	1.0	5.4	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	Restaurants and Hotels	1.7	-0.1	-0.6	3.6	23.4	1.1	-0.2	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.3	-0.1	0.1
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.4	2.9	1.5	5.8	-2.1	0.4	3.2	0.8	-2.9	2.1	2.3	-0.3	0.6

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

ANNEX 4: Somaliland Annual Inflation by COICOP Divisions (Aug_2017- Aug_ 2018).

PARTICULARS														
Div	PARTICULARS	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct17	Nov_17	Dec_17	Jan_18	Feb-18	Mar_18	Apr_18	May-18	Jun_18	July_18	Aug_18
	Headline	14.9	19.9	19.6	19.4	18.4	18.9	19.1	18.9	18.3	17.6	15.1	13.6	13.7
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	18.7	21.8	22.0	20.7	18.2	17.4	16.8	17.6	18.4	15.3	10.1	9.5	10.4
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	6.9	53.5	57.0	29.2	17.9	21.0	17.5	7.4	-3.6	3.8	4.4	3.0	18.9
03	Clothing and Footwear	11.6	15.9	15.1	19.3	20.6	18.4	17.7	15.8	19.0	22.5	23.2	20.5	20.4
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	20.6	25.4	24.4	19.6	21.0	24.4	25.2	23.5	19.8	19.0	17.3	13.6	10.4
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	11.0	10.9	11.1	12.2	11.3	10.5	9.9	10.5	13.6	14.4	13.3	33.2	10.4
06	Health	16.8	3.6	21.3	22.0	6.1	12.4	14.4	8.2	11.1	10.1	8.8	-4.7	7.9
07	Transport	-0.8	-0.1	-1.3	9.9	30.7	19.7	25.5	32.3	25.8	30.8	33.0	28.0	22.6
08	Communication	9.7	11.1	11.7	16.8	17.4	23.2	21.2	20.3	28.2	27.9	34.4	34.3	32.9
09	Recreation and Culture	16.9	20.8	44.1	47.0	42.3	40.6	18.6	18.1	16.7	17.8	17.8	16.3	11.6
10	Education	4.8	10.4	10.4	16.2	13.4	16.2	18.3	19.9	23.7	18.8	18.8	18.8	16.6
11	Restaurants and Hotels	5.8	6.9	7.5	7.0	32.7	33.0	31.5	34.5	36.0	36.1	33.9	33.6	31.5
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	18.9	21.4	22.6	26.3	22.0	20.2	22.0	22.9	18.9	19.3	17.8	15.8	14.9

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		Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct17	Nov_17	Dec_17	Jan_18	Feb-18	Mar_18	Apr_18	May-18	Jun_18	July_18	Aug_18
Group														
Headline Index	1000.0000	147.91	153.77	156.48	156.64	157.59	158.90	159.86	160.64	161.95	165.43	166.73	166.31	168.12
Food Crops and Related Items	95.33	160.73	175.86	181.83	179.53	180.80	181.30	180.98	186.38	184.50	190.00	191.38	180.59	182.28
Other Goods	629.71	155.52	161.99	164.01	161.91	160.92	162.35	163.56	163.76	167.22	169.27	170.07	171.24	173.69
Services	184.37	122.61	124.27	126.07	135.34	141.39	143.57	144.32	145.10	143.61	145.57	148.93	148.68	148.70
Energy Fuel and Utilities	90.59	133.05	133.38	139.31	139.30	143.00	142.62	143.51	143.51	138.84	153.30	153.81	152.93	153.96
Monthly % Change														
Headline		1.1	4.0	1.8	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	2.2	0.8	-0.2	1.1
Food Crops and Related Items		-2.0	9.4	3.4	-1.3	0.7	0.3	-0.2	3.0	-1.0	3.0	0.7	-5.6	0.9
Other Goods		0.9	4.2	1.2	-1.3	-0.6	0.9	0.7	0.1	2.1	1.2	0.5	0.7	1.4
Services		4.0	1.4	1.5	7.3	4.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	-1.0	1.4	2.3	-0.2	0.0
Energy Fuel and Utilities		1.0	0.2	4.4	0.0	2.7	-0.3	0.6	0.0	-3.3	10.4	0.3	-0.6	0.7
Annual % Change														
Headline		14.9	19.9	19.6	19.4	18.4	18.9	19.1	18.9	18.3	17.6	15.1	13.6	13.7
Food Crops and Related Items		23.3	33.5	26.9	31.1	32.1	32.7	26.2	23.0	20.4	20.1	17.0	10.1	13.4
Other Goods		14.9	20.0	21.9	18.8	15.2	14.7	15.1	14.9	15.6	14.3	11.3	11.1	11.7
Services		5.6	7.3	8.0	15.0	20.7	26.6	27.5	30.0	28.5	26.5	27.8	26.1	21.3
Energy Fuel and Utilities		24.8	30.3	15.0	18.5	23.5	22.2	27.1	25.9	18.6	25.5	20.5	16.1	15.7

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

ANNEX 6: Somaliland Consumer Price Indices and for Annual Food Class Inflation (July_2017–Aug_2018) = 100

Classes	Weights	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-8	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	July-18	Aug-18
Headline Index	1000.0000	147.91	153.77	156.48	156.64	157.59	158.90	159.86	160.64	161.95	165.43	166.73	166.31	168.12
Food Headline Annual Inflation	387.1043	18.4	22.3	22.7	21.0	18.7	18.1	17.5	16.9	18.1	15.3	9.7	9.6	10.2
Bread and cereals		13.3	15.2	17.1	15.6	11.3	10.2	10.2	11.5	12.6	10.0	8.0	9.8	7.6
Meat		18.7	23.4	28.5	34.7	21.9	23.0	22.5	21.4	23.9	16.1	-7.0	1.8	4.6
Fish and Sea Food		10.6	16.6	20.8	20.4	26.8	25.9	44.2	35.2	14.3	23.0	17.2	17.1	17.0
Milk, cheese and eggs		24.2	22.7	21.9	22.2	-1.8	8.2	2.1	7.3	4.6	16.0	10.4	7.7	12.0
Oils and Fats		8.7	4.3	11.5	13.1	10.5	9.1	10.4	19.5	20.2	23.0	20.8	18.1	15.2
Fruits		29.7	37.3	35.4	41.0	36.1	35.1	23.4	20.7	21.2	18.7	16.2	7.7	10.8
Vegetables		18.5	30.9	21.1	24.5	29.3	31.0	28.4	25.0	19.7	21.3	17.7	12.1	15.5
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate, and confectionery		24.1	25.6	26.0	27.4	24.7	27.3	27.7	23.3	23.1	11.6	14.2	6.6	4.7
Food Products n.e.c.		15.1	17.7	20.9	25.2	15.4	17.5	16.7	19.3	17.5	20.4	18.0	14.7	15.7
Food Headline Monthly Inflation		-0.1	2.4	2.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.8	0.6	0.6	2.3	1.8	-0.7	-0.3	0.4

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