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PREFACE



This report examines the monthly inflation rate performance in Namibia as measured by the Consumer Price Index. The Namibia Consumer Price Index (NCPI) is used as the basis to calculate the rate of inflation as experienced by consumers. The Consumer Price Index is published about 15 days after the end of the reference month to which it relates.

The inflation rate measures the change in the CPI for the month under review to the previous month (month-on-month change) as well as to the corresponding month in the previous year (year-on-year change). The inflation rate is vital for purposes of economic policy-making, especially the conduct of monetary policy and to consumers in general.

In February 2021, the annual inflation rate increased by 2.7 percent compared to 2.5 percent recorded in February 2020, on a monthly basis, the inflation rate decreased by 0.4 percent compared to 0.9 percent recorded a month earlier. The growth in the annual inflation rate for February 2021 was mainly as a result of increases witnessed in the price levels of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (from 2.8 percent to 5.5 percent); Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (from -0.5 percent to 1.5 percent); Communication (from 1.4 percent to 3.1 percent); Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (from 2.7 percent to 4.2 percent); Health (from 2.9 percent to 3.9 percent) and Miscellaneous goods and services (from 6.2 percent to 6.6 percent).

The Zonal inflation rates for the month of February 2021 revealed that, Zone 1 (Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa, and Zambezi) recorded annual inflation rate of 2.4 percent, Zone 2 (Khomas) obtained 2.6 percent and Zone 3 (//Kharas, Erongo, Hardap and Omaheke) registered 3.5 percent. On a monthly basis, Zone 1 recorded 0.5 percent, Zone 2 recorded 0.2 percent while Zone 3 monthly inflation rate was 0.5 percent.

The analysis of the average retail prices for some of the basic products consumed by the households for the month of February 2021 indicate that Cake flour (2.5kg), in Zone 1 recorded the highest price of N\$46.72 while Zone 2 recorded the lowest price at N\$41.36. For milk (1 liter), consumers in Zone 2 paid the lowest price at N\$19.69 while the highest price was observed in Zone 1 at N\$20.86.

I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to all stakeholders who assisted in the production of this bulletin. Further, I would like to urge our readers and users of this bulletin to send to us any comments that may enhance statistical production and contribute to the improvement of this bulletin.

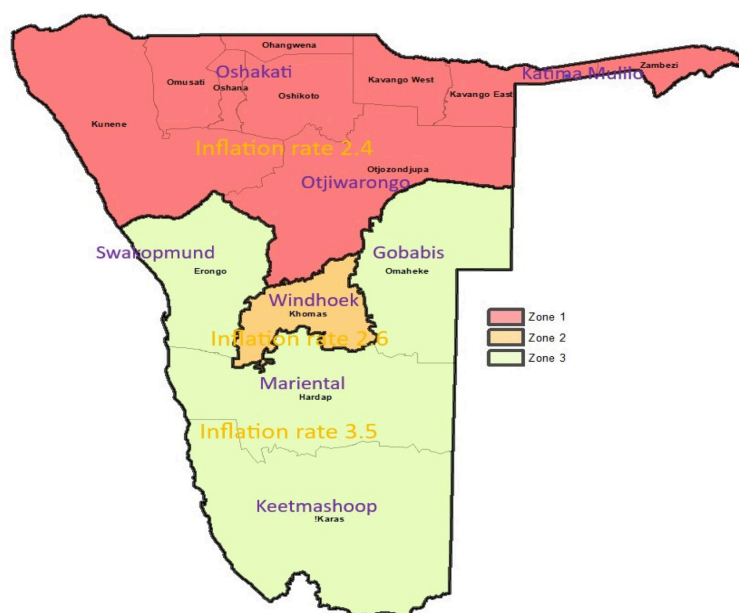
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Annual inflation rate increased.

The annual inflation rate for February 2021 increased to 2.7 percent compared to 2.5 percent recorded in February 2020. On a monthly basis, inflation decreased to 0.4 percent compared to 0.9 percent recorded in the previous month.

Box 1: Key highlights



- o The annual inflation rate stood at **2.7 percent**
- o The annual inflation rate for Goods was estimated at **3.2 percent**
- o The annual inflation rate for Services stood at **2.0 percent**
- o The average annual inflation rate for Dec 2019 to Dec 2020 stood at **2.3 percent**
- o The twelve-month average annual inflation rate from Jan 2020 to Dec 2020 was estimated at **2.3 percent**

Box 2: Contribution of the different groups to the annual percentage change in NCPI

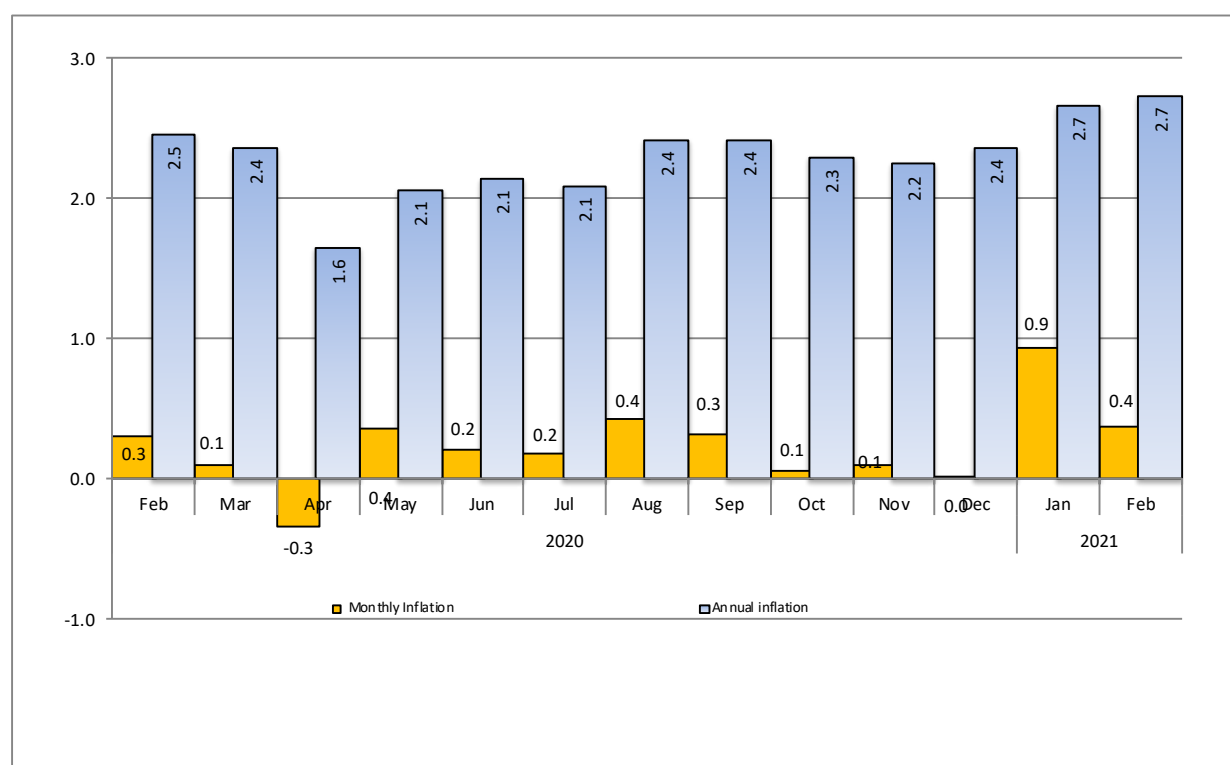
Groups	Contributions (%)	
	Jan-21	Feb-21
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0.9	1.0
Alcoholic, beverages and tobacco	0.7	0.6
Clothing and footwear	-0.1	-0.1
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.3	0.4
Furnishings, household equipment etc	0.2	0.2
Health	0.1	0.1
Transport	-0.1	0.0
Communication	0.1	0.1
Recreation and culture	0.2	0.1
Education	0.1	0.0
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous goods and services	0.3	0.4
All items	2.7	2.7

Overall inflation rate

The annual inflation rate for February 2021 stood at 2.7 percent, up from 2.5 percent recorded in February 2020, an increase of 0.2 percentage points. The increase in the annual inflation rate between February 2020 and February 2021 emanated mainly from increases reflected in the price levels of Food and non-alcoholic beverages which accounts for 16.5 percent of the basket that increased by 5.5 percent in February 2021 compared to 2.8 percent recorded in February 2020; Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels accounting for 28.4 percent of the basket rose by 1.5 percent in February 2021 compared to -0.5 percent obtained in February 2020; Communications that account for 3.8 percent of the basket increased by 3.1 percent in February 2021 compared to 1.4 percent recorded in February 2020; Alcoholic beverages and tobacco which accounts for 12.6 percent of the basket went up by 4.2 percent in February 2021 compared to 2.7 percent recorded in February of the previous year; Health that accounts for 2.0 percent of the basket rose by 3.9 percent in February 2021 compared to 2.9 percent recorded in February 2020 and Miscellaneous goods and services which accounts for 5.4 percent of the basket increased by 6.6 percent in February 2021 compared to 6.2 recorded in February 2020.

The monthly inflation rate rose by 0.4 percent in February 2021 compared to 0.9 percent obtained in the previous month.

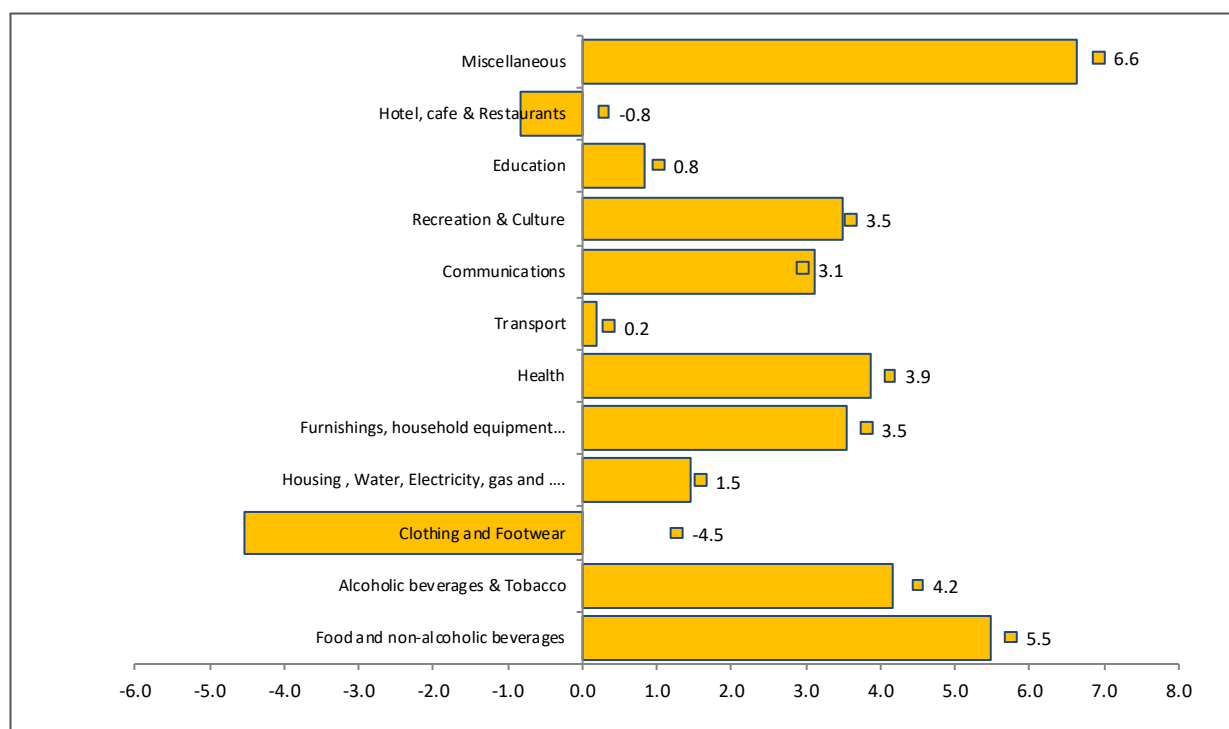
Chart 1: Monthly and annual percentage changes - February 2021 (Dec 2012 = 100)



Annual inflation rate by main categories

Miscellaneous goods and services recorded the highest annual inflation rate of 6.6 percent in February 2021, followed by Food and non-alcoholic beverages at 5.5 percent, Alcoholic beverages and tobacco at 4.2 percent; Health at 3.9 percent; Recreation and culture; and Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house both recorded 3.5 percent; Communications at 3.1 percent and Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at 1.5 percent. Clothing and footwear; and Hotel, café and restaurant recorded declines of -4.5 percent and -0.8 percent, respectively.

Chart 2: Annual percentage changes by all groups - February 2021 (Dec 2012 = 100)



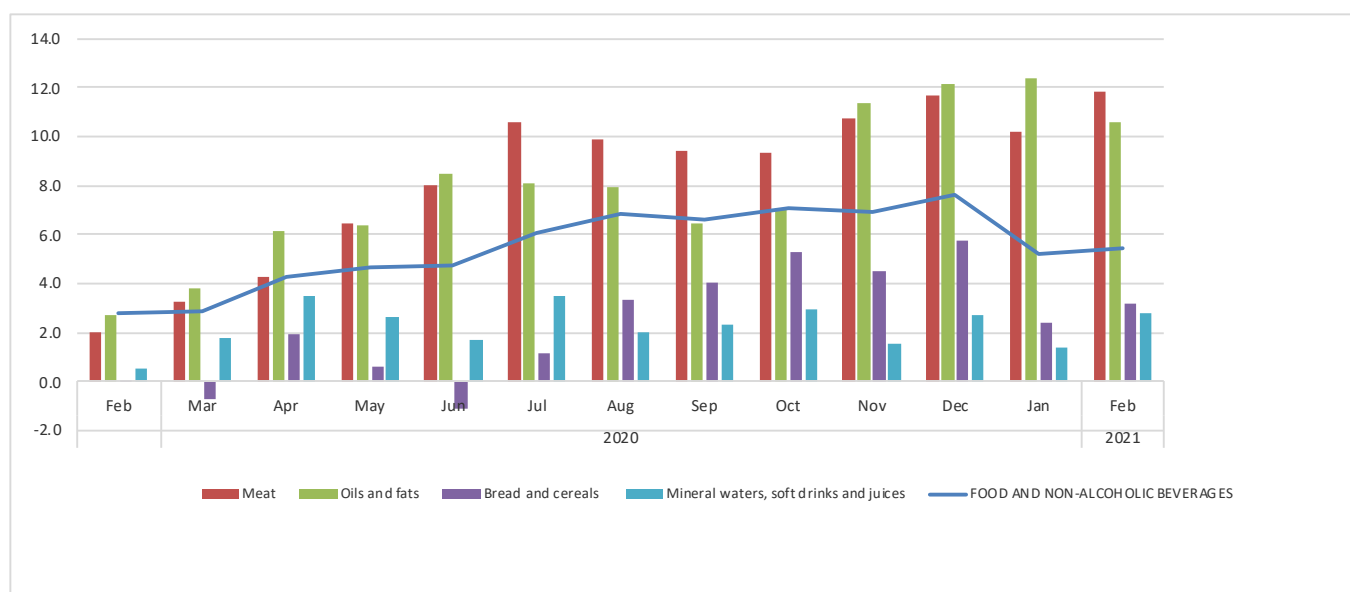
Selected main categories' annual inflation rates

Food and non-alcoholic beverages

The annual inflation rate for this category stood at 5.5 percent during February 2021 compared to 2.8 percent registered during the same period of last year. The increase in this group emanated mainly from price increases in Meat (from 2.0 percent to 11.8 percent); Oils and fats (from 2.7 percent to 10.6 percent); Bread and cereals (from 0.0 percent to 3.2 percent) and Minerals water, soft drinks and juices (from 0.5 percent to 2.8 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for this component rose by 1.2 percent this month compared to -0.1 percent recorded last month.

Chart 3: Annual inflation rates for selected food and non – alcoholic sub-categories - February 2021
(Dec 2012 = 100)

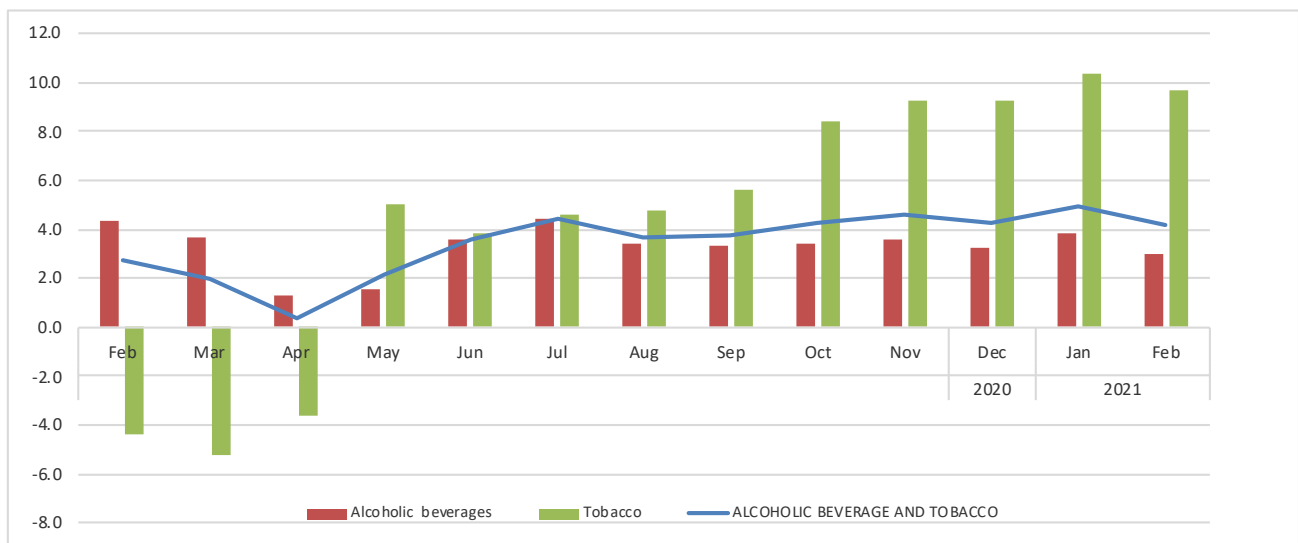


Alcoholic beverages and tobacco

In February 2021, the annual inflation rate for Alcoholic beverages and tobacco category stood at 4.2 percent compared to 2.7 percent registered in February 2020, resulting in an increase of 1.5 percentage points. The upward movement of inflation rate in this category was due to price increases in the Tobacco sub component from -4.4 percent to 9.7 percent in February 2021.

On a monthly basis, this category declined by 0.4 percent compared to an increase of 0.8 percent recorded in previous month.

Chart 4: Annual inflation rate for Alcoholic beverages and tobacco - February 2021 (Dec 2012 = 100)

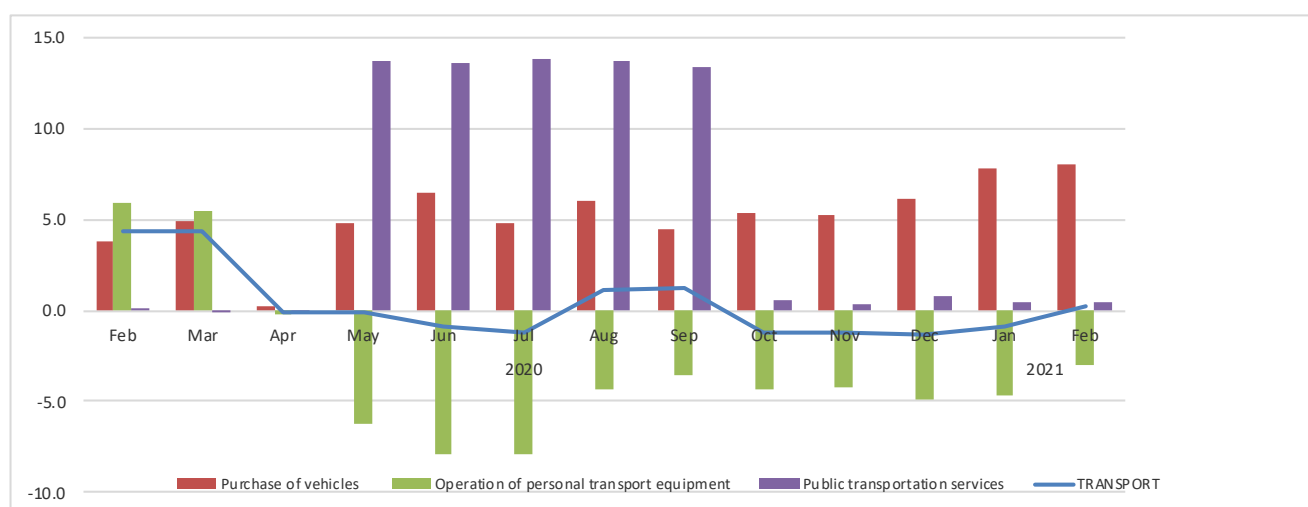


Transport

The annual inflation rate for the Transport category rose by 0.2 percent in February 2021 from 4.4 percent recorded in February 2020. The slow increase in prices for Transport category was mainly reflected in the price levels of Operation of personal transport equipment (from 5.9 percent to -3.0 percent) due to a reduction in fuel prices (from 5.9 percent to -10.7 percent).

Transport monthly inflation rate increased by 1.3 percent in February 2021 compared to 0.7 recorded in January 2021.

Chart 5: Annual inflation rate for Transport - February 2021 (Dec 2012 = 100)

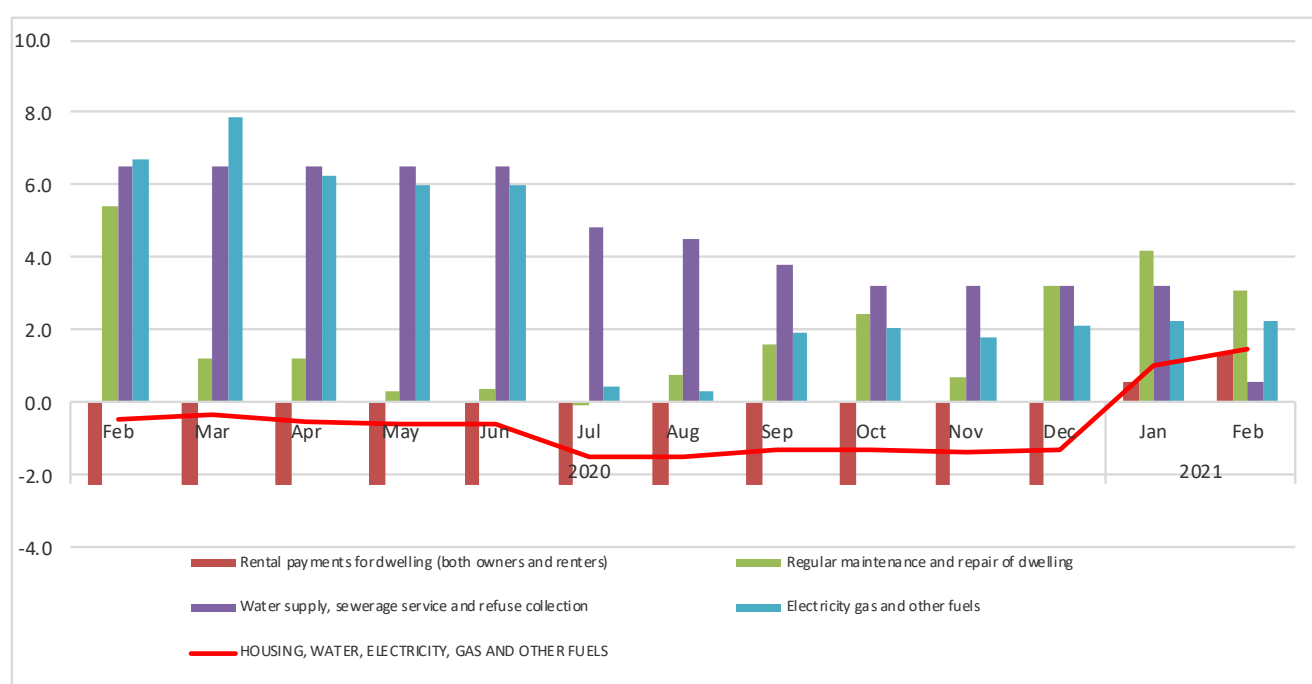


Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels

The annual inflation rate for Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels component increased by 1.5 percent during February 2021 compared to -0.5 percent registered in February of the previous year. The increase was as a result of increases witnessed in the subgroup of Rental payment for dwelling (both owners and renters) from -2.3 percent to 1.3 percent.

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for this category stood at 0.0 percent in February 2021 compared to 1.1 percent recorded in the previous month.

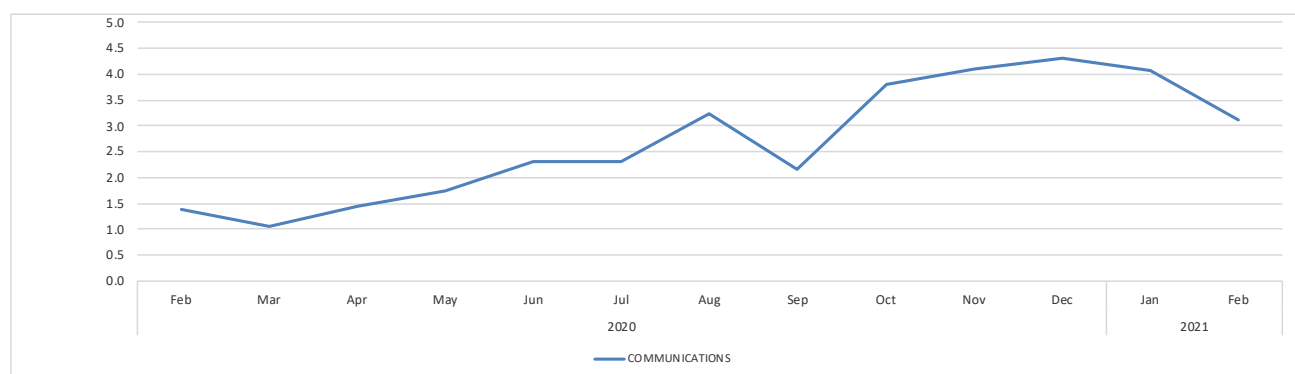
Chart 6: Annual inflation rate for Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels - February 2021 (Dec 2012 = 100)



Communications

In February 2021, the annual inflation rate for this category increased by 3.1 percent from 1.4 percent recorded in February 2020 while on a monthly basis prices declined by 0.2 percent compared to an increase of 0.2 percent recorded in the previous month.

Chart 7: Annual inflation rate for Communication - February 2021 (Dec 2012 = 100)

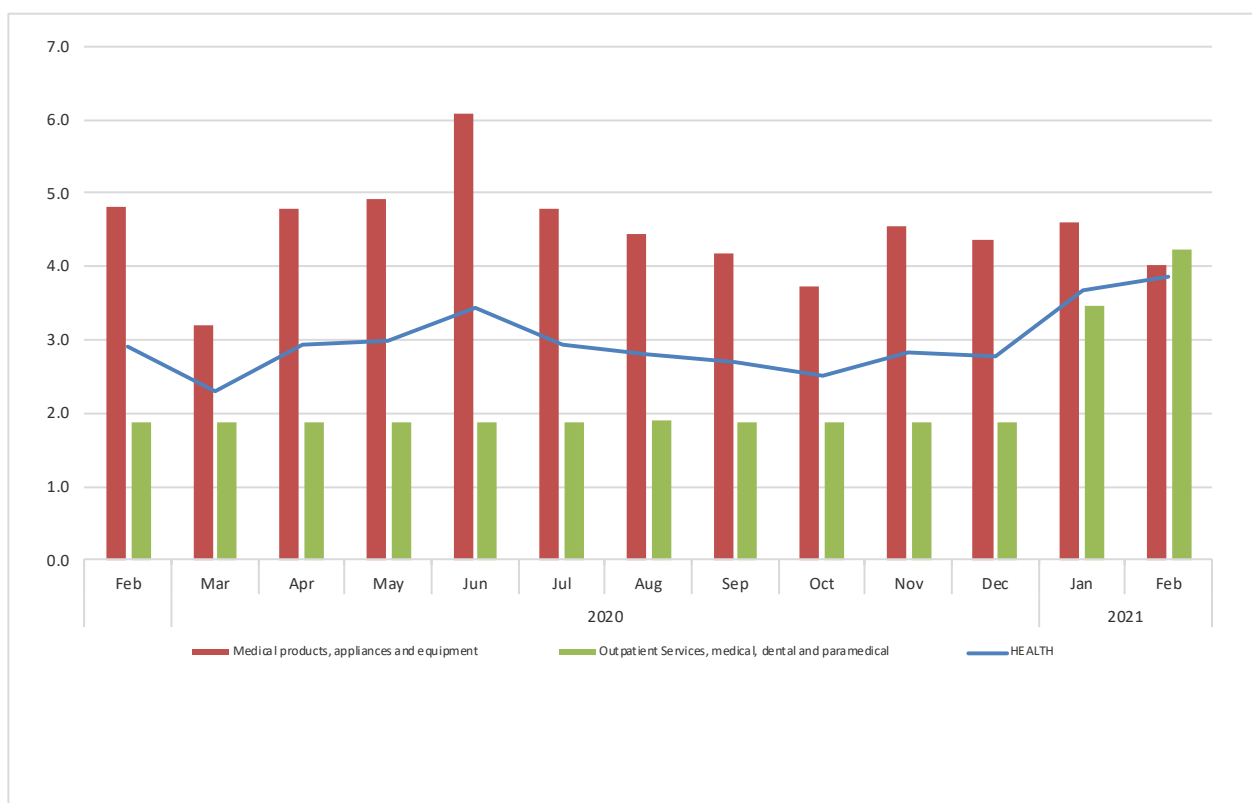


Health

For February 2021, the annual inflation rate for Health rose by 3.9 percent up from 2.9 percent registered in the same period last year. The increase emanated from increases recorded in the subgroup of Outpatient services, medical, dental and paramedical (from 1.9 percent to 4.2 percent).

The monthly inflation rate for this group stood at 0.4 percent in February 2021 compared with 2.0 percent registered during the preceding month.

Chart 8: Annual inflation rates for Health - February 2021 (Dec 2012 = 100)

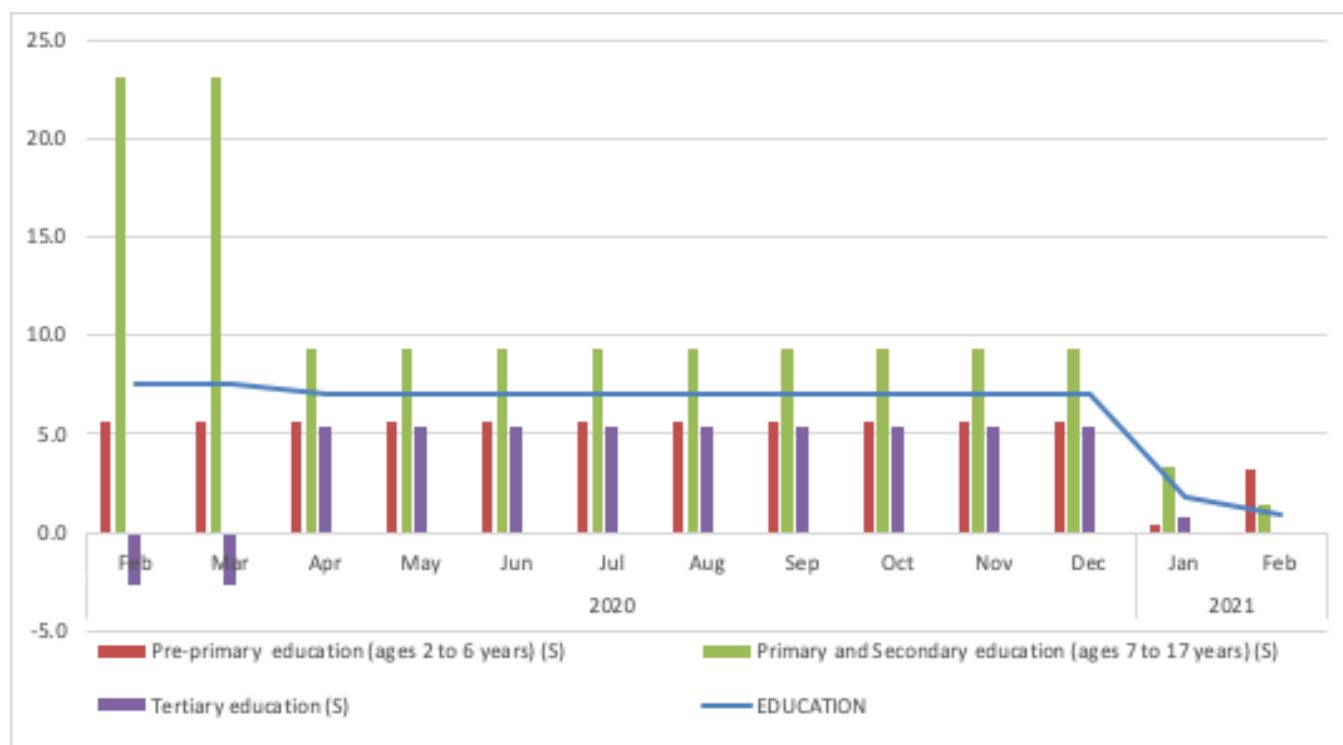


Education

The annual inflation rate for the Education category stood at 0.8 percent in February 2021, a decline of 6.7 percentage points when compared to 7.6 percent recorded in February 2020. The slowdown in Education component resulted in price reduction observed in the Pre-primary education and, Primary and Secondary education school fees.

On a monthly basis, this category inflation rate stood at 0.6 percent compared to 0.2 percent registered in the preceding month.

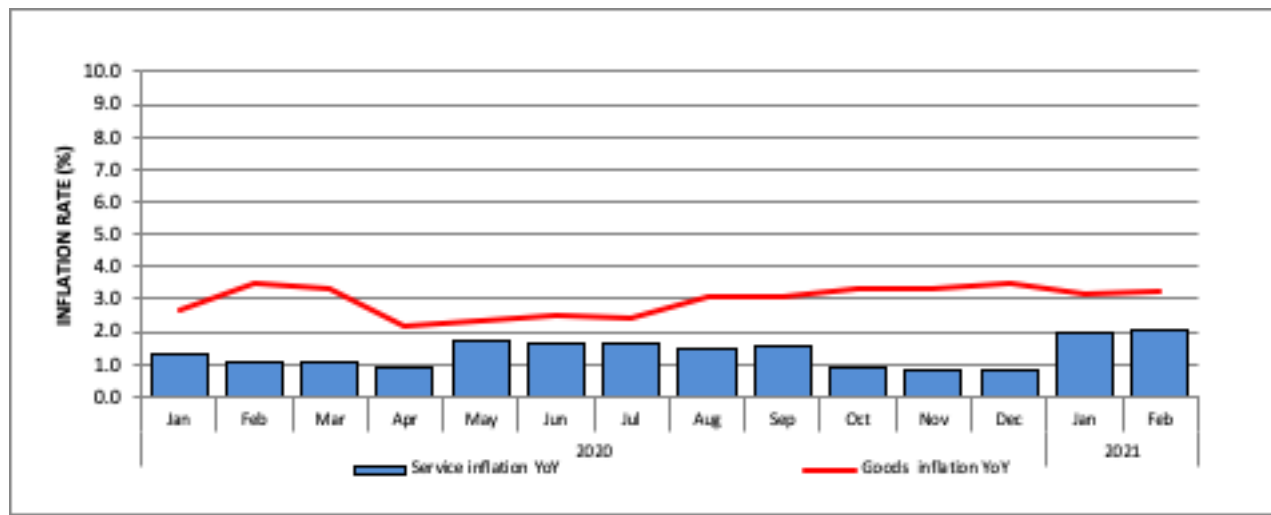
Chart 9: Annual inflation rate for Education - February 2021 (Dec 2012 = 100)



Goods and Services inflation rates

During the month of February 2021, the Index for Goods and Services stood at 146.3 basis points and 140.3 basis points compared to the corresponding indices of 141.7 basis points and 137.5 basis points recorded during the same period last year. The annual inflation rates for Good and Services were 3.2 percent and 2.0 percent, respectively.

Chart 10: Goods and Services annual inflation rates - February 2021 (Dec 2012 = 100)



Zonal Consumer Price Index

The NCPI is designed to cover the entire economic territory of the country and includes national, urban and rural households of all income groups as derived from the Namibia Household Income and Expenditure Survey (NHIES). For the compilation of the National CPI, all administrative regions of the country were grouped into three Zones, with each zone considered as one geographic area as follows: Zone 1 (Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa, and Zambezi); Zone 2 (Khomas) and Zone 3 (//Kharas, Erongo, Hardap and Omaheke).

Table 1: Zonal annual inflation rates - February 2021; (Dec 2012=100)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Feb-20	2.8	2.1	2.5
Mar-20	2.6	2.0	2.5
Apr-20	2.1	0.8	2.2
May-20	2.3	1.9	1.9
Jun-20	2.4	2.1	1.8
Jul-20	2.1	2.5	1.5
Aug-20	2.5	2.9	1.5
Sep-20	2.5	2.6	1.9
Oct-20	2.6	2.4	1.8
Nov-20	2.0	2.6	2.1
Dec-20	2.3	2.4	2.3
Jan-21	1.7	3.2	3.2
Feb-21	2.4	2.6	3.5

The Zonal inflation rates for the month of February 2021 revealed that, Zone 3 recorded the highest annual inflation of 3.5 percent, Zone 2 recorded 2.6 percent, while Zone 1 recorded 2.4 percent. On a monthly basis, Zone 1 recorded inflation rate of 0.5 percent, Zone 2 recorded 0.2 percent and Zone 3 monthly inflation rate stood at 0.5 percent.

Zone 1 (Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa, and Zambezi) - The annual inflation rate rose by 2.4 percent in February 2021 compared with 2.8 percent registered in February 2020, a decrease of -0.4 percentage points. The slowdown in the annual inflation rate was mainly reflected in the price levels of Clothing and footwear (from -1.5 percent to -7.8 percent); Transport (from 3.7 percent to 1.6 percent); Education (from 5.3 percent to -1.3 percent); Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (from 3.8 percent to 1.7 percent) and Miscellaneous goods and services (from 6.5 percent to 3.5 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for February 2021 rose by 0.5 percent as compared to 0.6 percent recorded in the previous month.

Zone 2 (Khomas) - The annual inflation rate was estimated at 2.6 percent compared to 2.1 percent recorded in February 2020. The increase was mainly due to increases in the price levels of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (from 1.6 percent to 6.8 percent); Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (-0.6 percent to 5.6 percent);

Health (from 3.2 percent to 5.5 percent), Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (from -1.1 percent to 0.4 percent), Furnishings, household equipment and maintenance of house (from 2.9 percent to 4.1 percent and Miscellaneous goods and services (from 6.2 percent to 7.5 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate stood at 0.2 percent compared to 1.0 percent recorded during the previous month.

Zone 3 (//Kharas, Erongo, Hardap and Omaheke) - The annual inflation rate increased by 3.5 percent in February 2021 from 2.5 percent recorded in February 2020. The increase resulted mainly from increases in the price levels recorded in Housing water, electricity, gas and other fuels (from -0.4 percent to 4.1 percent); Miscellaneous goods and services (from 5.6 percent to 9.9 percent); Recreation and culture (from 1.2 percent to 3.3 percent); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (from 3.0 percent to 4.9 percent), Alcoholic, beverages and tobacco (from 5.4 percent to 6.4 percent) and Communications (from 1.7 percent to 2.0 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for February 2021 stood at 0.5 percent compared to 1.3 percent recorded last month.

Zonal average prices on selected products

More than 9000 prices of goods and services are collected on a monthly basis from more than 900 retail outlets in 8 localities. Analysis of the average retail prices of selected products for the month of February 2021 presented in Table 2 shows that for maize meal packaged for 2.5 kg, Zone 1 recorded the lowest price of N\$33.92 followed by Zone 2 at N\$35.43. For cooking oil of 750 ml, consumers in Zone 3 paid the lowest at N\$22.38 while the highest price was observed in Zone 1 at N\$26.31. Further it was observed that the average price of 1 liter of milk between the Zones varies slightly, with Zone 1 recording the highest at N\$20.86 while the lowest was observed in Zone 2 at N\$19.69.

Table 2: Average prices on selected products, February 2021

Product	Unit of Measurement	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Bread flour	2.5kg	38.99	42.84	41.32
Cake flour	2.5kg	46.72	41.36	44.85
Maize meal	2.5kg	33.92	35.43	37.12
Milk	1 liter	20.86	19.69	20.55
Sugar	2.5kg	39.81	43.73	41.49
Icing/castor sugar	750g	42.99	43.23	43.32
Cooking oil	750ml	26.31	23.09	22.38
Petrol	1 liter	12.35	12.27	12.24
Diesel	1 liter	12.39	12.31	12.28

BOX 3: NCPI BASKET WEIGHTS

Inflation is calculated based on a basket of goods and services, containing a representative sample of the goods and or services commonly consumed in a country, and weighted in accordance with the relative percentage of expenditure allotted to each of the said goods at household level. The price of these goods and services are then tracked over time, to illustrate the change in the cost of living over time. As spending patterns change, new products and services are added to the basket, and the basket is reweighted so as to better capture the current spending patterns of the consumer at the current point in time.

As such, the inflation basket is generally reconstituted every five years. In Namibia, the basket was last rebased in 2013, using household expenditure data collected in the 2009/10 Household Income and Expenditure Survey. The basket now contains over 350 items, grouped into 12 categories and 55 sub-categories, for which prices are collected on a monthly basis from more than 900 retail outlets.

Namibian inflation is largely determined by three categories of the overall NCPI basket, namely: (i) *Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels*, (ii) *Food and non-alcoholic beverages* and (iii) *Transport*, which cumulatively make up just under 60 percent of the total inflation basket. Additionally, following the rebasing of the NCPI basket in 2013, “*Alcoholic beverages and tobacco*” make up an additional 12.6 percent of the basket, meaning that the four largest categories represent well over 70 percent of the total basket. As such, a large increase in inflation in these categories has a greater impact on the overall inflation than increases in the lower weighted categories. Thus, it is rare to see major increases in overall inflation attributed to the lower weighted categories, despite the fact that these categories may have seen relatively high inflation in their own right.

CATEGORY	WEIGHT %
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	28.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	16.5
Transport	14.3
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	12.6
Furnishing, Household Equipment...	5.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.4
Communications	3.8
Education	3.7
Recreation and Culture	3.6
Clothing and Footwear	3.1
Health	2.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	1.4

BOX 4: Zonal NCPI weights

	NCPI MAIN GROUPS	Weights		
		ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3
1	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	20.4	12.3	16.5
2	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	13.1	11.0	14.3
3	Clothing and footwear	3.9	2.4	2.6
4	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	25.8	32.7	25.5
5	Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	5.8	5.2	5.3
6	Health	1.6	2.3	2.2
7	Transport	14.7	13.0	15.6
8	Communications	3.5	3.8	4.4
9	Recreation and culture	2.2	4.8	3.7
10	Education	3.2	4.5	3.1
11	Hotels, cafes and restaurants	0.9	2.0	1.1
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	4.8	5.8	5.6
	All items	100.0	100.0	100.0

ANNEXURE

Annex A: NCPI: All-Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes (Dec 2012 =100)

Period		Monthly Index	Monthly inflation rate	Annual inflation rate
2019	Jan	136.6	1.2	4.7
	Feb	136.5	-0.1	4.4
	Mar	136.8	0.2	4.5
	Apr	137.2	0.4	4.5
	May	137.2	-0.1	4.1
	Jun	137.3	0.1	3.9
	Jul	137.7	0.2	3.6
	Aug	137.8	0.1	3.7
	Sep	138.2	0.3	3.3
	Oct	138.5	0.2	3.0
	Nov	138.7	0.2	2.5
	Dec	138.5	-0.1	2.6
An. Av		137.6	0.2	3.7
2020	Jan	139.4	0.6	2.1
	Feb	139.8	0.3	2.5
	Mar	140.0	0.1	2.4
	Apr	139.5	-0.3	1.6
	May	140.0	0.4	2.1
	Jun	140.3	0.2	2.1
	Jul	140.5	0.2	2.1
	Aug	141.1	0.4	2.4
	Sep	141.7	0.3	2.4
	Oct	141.6	0.1	2.3
	Nov	141.8	0.1	2.2
	Dec	141.8	0.0	2.4
An. Av		137.6	0.2	3.7
2021	Jan	143.1	0.9	2.7
	Feb	143.7	0.4	2.7

Annex B: NCPI for February 2021 by main groups and sub-groups (Dec.2012=100)

	Weights	CPI			Inflation Rate	
		Feb-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	m-o-m	y-o-y
ALL ITEMS	100.00	139.8	143.1	143.7	0.4	2.7
GOODS	57.7	141.7	145.3	146.3	0.6	3.2
SERVICES	42.3	137.5	140.3	140.3	0.0	2.0
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	16.45	152.8	159.3	161.2	1.2	5.5
Food	14.78	154.5	161.3	163.4	1.3	5.7
Bread and cereals	4.84	140.8	143.6	145.3	1.2	3.2
Meat	3.53	157.8	170.6	176.5	3.4	11.8
Fish	0.81	165.0	165.8	164.0	-1.1	-0.6
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.17	151.4	152.9	154.9	1.3	2.3
Oils and fats	0.78	138.6	152.3	153.3	0.7	10.6
Fruit	0.33	202.4	223.8	226.3	1.1	11.8
Vegetables including potatoes and other tubers	1.23	184.7	195.7	195.5	-0.1	5.8
Sugar, jam, honey, syrups, chocolate and confectionery	1.44	164.1	166.9	167.6	0.4	2.2
Food products n.e.c.	0.65	148.0	152.2	151.3	-0.6	2.2
Non-alcoholic beverages	1.66	137.4	141.3	141.4	0.1	3.0
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.31	174.1	181.2	180.1	-0.6	3.5
Mineral waters, soft drinks and juices	1.35	128.9	132.1	132.5	0.3	2.8
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	12.59	151.4	158.4	157.8	-0.4	4.2
Alcoholic beverages	9.99	157.6	163.0	162.3	-0.4	3.0
Tobacco	2.61	127.9	140.6	140.4	-0.2	9.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	3.05	101.5	96.7	96.9	0.2	-4.5
Clothing	2.04	104.2	101.9	101.8	0.0	-2.3
Clothing materials	0.07	145.3	147.6	149.8	1.5	3.1
Ready-made clothing	1.93	102.5	99.7	99.6	-0.1	-2.8
Men's clothing	0.58	105.7	102.8	103.0	0.2	-2.6
Women's clothing	0.70	90.5	87.8	87.5	-0.4	-3.3
Children's clothing	0.66	111.0	108.1	107.8	-0.3	-2.8
Boys' clothing	0.24	112.4	105.5	104.4	-1.0	-7.1
Girls' clothing	0.33	110.3	109.1	109.2	0.1	-1.0
Infants' clothing	0.09	112.0	113.4	113.5	0.2	1.4
Other articles of clothing and clothing accessories	0.05	115.4	124.3	124.8	0.4	8.1
Dry cleaning, repair and hire of clothing	0.00	129.9	133.6	133.5	-0.1	2.7
Footwear	1.01	95.9	86.3	86.8	0.6	-9.5
Adult footwear	0.80	88.5	76.0	76.5	0.6	-13.5
Children's footwear	0.20	122.5	124.8	125.6	0.7	2.6
Repair of footwear	0.01	148.5	132.9	132.9	0.0	-10.5
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	28.36	133.0	134.9	134.9	0.0	1.5
Rental payments for dwelling (both owners and renters)	23.3	126.8	128.5	128.5	0.0	1.3
Regular maintenance and repair of dwelling	0.2	144.0	148.4	148.5	0.0	3.1
Water supply, sewerage service and refuse collection	1.0	185.7	186.7	186.7	0.0	0.6
Electricity gas and other fuels	3.9	155.7	159.1	159.2	0.0	2.2

Annex B: NCPI for February 2021 by main groups and sub-groups (Dec.2012=100)

	Weights	CPI			Inflation Rate	
		Feb-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	m-o-m	y-o-y
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	5.5	130.0	134.2	134.6	0.3	3.5
Furniture, furnishings, decorations, carpets, floor coverings, incl. repairs	1.8	102.5	102.5	103.0	0.5	0.5
Furniture and furnishings	1.7	101.2	100.5	101.0	0.5	-0.2
Carpets and other floor coverings	0.1	110.1	124.8	124.1	-0.6	12.8
Repair of furnishings and floor coverings	0.0	200.2	206.8	210.4	1.8	5.1
Household textiles	0.7	137.8	148.2	150.3	1.4	9.0
Heating and cooking appliances, refrigerators, washing machines and similar major household appliances, etc	0.9	127.7	133.5	132.6	-0.7	3.8
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	0.2	151.0	166.1	168.1	1.2	11.4
Tools and equipment for house and garden	0.4	133.2	138.4	139.1	0.5	4.4
Goods and services for routine household maintenance	1.4	158.9	162.0	162.0	0.0	2.0
HEALTH	2.0	143.1	143.1	143.7	0.4	3.9
Medical products, appliances and equipment	0.8	139.3	139.3	139.5	0.1	4.0
Outpatient Services, medical, dental and paramedical	1.0	154.4	154.4	155.6	0.8	4.2
Hospital services	0.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
TRANSPORT	14.3	138.1	136.6	138.4	1.3	0.2
Purchase of vehicles	2.9	161.7	174.0	174.7	0.5	8.1
Operation of personal transport equipment	9.0	130.4	123.9	126.5	2.1	-3.0
Public transportation services	2.4	138.8	139.4	139.4	0.0	0.4
COMMUNICATIONS	3.8	109.8	113.4	113.2	-0.2	3.1
RECREATION AND CULTURE	3.6	138.6	143.7	143.4	-0.2	3.5
Audio-visual, photographic and data processing equip. incl. repairs	1.2	123.8	129.1	128.9	-0.2	4.1
Other major durables for recreation and culture	0.1	132.8	149.8	149.9	0.0	12.9
Other recreational items and equipment; flowers, gardens and pets	0.5	133.8	138.0	139.1	0.8	3.9
Recreation and cultural services	0.8	141.9	143.3	143.2	0.0	0.9
Newspapers, books and stationery	0.9	149.9	157.8	158.1	0.2	5.5
Package holidays	0.1	200.9	204.4	192.1	-6.0	-4.4
EDUCATION	3.6	179.0	180.2	180.5	0.2	0.8
Pre-primary education (ages 2 to 6 years)	0.2	201.2	202.0	207.6	2.8	3.2
Primary (private) and Secondary education (ages 7 to 17 years)	1.4	194.3	197.1	197.1	0.0	1.5
Tertiary education	2.0	165.3	165.2	165.2	0.0	0.0
HOTELS, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS	1.4	150.4	149.2	149.1	-0.1	-0.8
Catering	0.7	147.3	154.4	154.3	-0.1	4.7
Accommodation services	0.6	153.9	143.2	143.2	0.0	-7.0
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	5.4	139.1	148.4	148.4	0.0	6.6
Personal care	1.4	138.3	141.4	141.7	0.3	2.5
Personal effects n.e.c.	1.0	127.3	124.4	123.6	-0.6	-2.9
Insurance	0.7	106.9	106.9	106.9	0.0	0.1
Financial services n.e.c.	0.9	186.1	236.7	236.7	0.0	27.2
Other services n.e.c.	1.3	133.8	134.7	134.8	0.1	0.8

Annex C: Zone 1 CPI (Northern Part of Namibia)

Zone 1 CPI: All-Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes (Dec 2012 =100)

Period		Monthly Index	Monthly inflation rate	Annual inflation rate
2019	Jan	136.1	1.0	4.2
	Feb	135.8	-0.2	4.1
	Mar	136.0	0.2	4.1
	Apr	136.1	0.1	3.8
	May	136.3	0.1	3.3
	Jun	136.5	0.2	3.5
	Jul	137.1	0.5	3.3
	Aug	137.3	0.1	3.5
	Sep	137.7	0.3	3.0
	Oct	137.8	0.1	2.8
	Nov	138.5	0.5	2.2
	Dec	138.1	-0.3	2.5
	An. Av	136.9	0.2	3.4
2020	Jan	135.1	0.2	1.0
	Feb	136.1	0.8	2.1
	Mar	136.3	0.2	2.0
	Apr	135.8	-0.4	0.8
	May	136.4	0.5	1.9
	Jun	136.7	0.2	2.1
	Jul	137.1	0.3	2.5
	Aug	137.7	0.5	2.9
	Sep	137.1	0.3	2.5
	Oct	141.4	0.1	2.6
	Nov	141.4	0.0	2.0
	Dec	141.3	-0.1	2.3
	An. Av	140.2	0.2	2.4
2021	Jan	142.2	0.6	1.7
	Feb	142.8	0.5	2.4

Annex D: Zone 2 CPI (Windhoek Area)

Zone 2 CPI: All-Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes (Dec 2012 =100)

Period		Monthly Index	Monthly inflation rate	Annual inflation rate
2019	Jan	133.7	1.4	4.9
	Feb	133.3	0.0	4.4
	Mar	133.7	0.3	4.6
	Apr	134.7	0.8	5.0
	May	133.9	-0.6	4.1
	June	133.9	0.0	3.7
	July	133.8	-0.1	3.0
	Aug	133.8	0.0	3.1
	Sep	134.5	0.5	2.7
	Oct	134.7	0.2	2.5
	Nov	134.7	-0.1	1.9
	Dec	134.8	0.1	2.2
	Av	134.1	0.2	3.5
2020	Jan	135.1	0.2	1.0
	Feb	136.1	0.8	2.1
	Mar	136.3	0.2	2.0
	Apr	135.8	-0.4	0.8
	May	136.4	0.5	1.9
	Jun	136.7	0.2	2.1
	Jul	137.1	0.3	2.5
	Aug	137.7	0.5	2.9
	Sep	138.0	0.2	2.6
	Oct	138.0	-0.1	2.4
	Nov	138.1	0.1	2.6
	Dec	138.1	0.0	2.4
	Av	137.0	0.2	2.1
2021	Jan	139.5	1.0	3.2
	Feb	137.7	0.2	2.6

Annex E: Zone 3 CPI (Eastern, Southern & Western Parts of Namibia)

Zone 3 CPI: All-Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes (Dec 2012 =100)

Period		Monthly Index	Monthly inflation rate	Annual inflation rate
2019	Jan	142.3	1.0	4.9
	Feb	142.9	0.4	4.9
	Mar	143.1	0.1	4.9
	Apr	143.3	0.1	4.8
	May	144.0	0.5	5.1
	June	144.4	0.2	4.9
	July	144.9	0.3	5.1
	Aug	145.2	0.2	4.9
	Sep	145.2	0.03	4.4
	Oct	145.5	0.20	4.1
	Nov	145.5	-0.01	3.6
	Dec	145.4	-0.1	3.2
	Av	144.3	0.3	4.6
2020	Jan	146.1	0.5	2.7
	Feb	146.5	0.3	2.5
	Mar	146.7	0.2	2.5
	Apr	146.5	-0.2	2.2
	May	146.8	0.2	1.9
	Jun	147.0	0.1	1.8
	Jul	147.0	0.0	1.5
	Aug	147.4	0.2	1.5
	Sep	148.0	0.4	1.9
	Oct	148.1	0.1	1.8
	Nov	148.5	0.3	2.1
	Dec	148.8	0.2	2.3
	Av	147.3	0.2	2.0
2021	Jan	150.9	1.3	3.2
	Feb	151.5	0.5	3.5

Annex F: Background of the Zonal Consumer Price Index

Since January 2005, the then Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) under the National Planning Commission (NPC) published a monthly Consumer Price Index known as the Namibia Consumer Price Index (NCPI) for replacing the Interim Consumer Price Index (ICPI) which has been in existence since 1993. The Index was known as the Interim Consumer Prices Index-Windhoek and refers to the expenditure patterns of the households which resided in Windhoek. The weights and items were derived from a Household Expenditure Survey covering 800 households conducted during October and November 1985.

The NCPI is designed to cover the entire economic territory of the country and includes national, urban and rural households of all income groups as derived from the Namibia Household Income and Expenditure Survey (NHIES). For the compilation of the National CPI, all administrative regions of the country were grouped into three Zones, with each zone considered as one geographic area as follows.

Zone 1 covers the expenditure patterns of the regions in the northern part of the country namely Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa and Zambezi. Prices are collected from the following towns: Katima Mulilo (76 retail outlets covering mainly the Central Business District); Oshakati (107 retail outlets covering mainly Game Shopping Center, Yetu Shopping Center, Oshana Mall, Marula Mall and Ongwediva); and Otjiwarongo (114 retail outlets covering mainly the Central Business District, Orwetoveni, and the Industrial Area).

Zone 2 covers the expenditure patterns of Khomas region and the price collection covers Windhoek (218 retail outlets covering mainly Khomasdal, Katutura, Northern Industrial Area, Southern Industrial Area, Pioneers Park, Hochland Park, Prosperita, Klein Windhoek, Eros and Kleine Kuppe).

Zone 3 covers the expenditure patterns of //Karas, Erongo, Hardap, and Omaheke regions with prices being collected from Keetmanshoop (86 retail outlets covering mainly Central Business District, West Dene and Tseiblagte); Swakopmund (108 retail outlets covering Central Business District, Mondesa, Tamariskia, Industrial Area); Mariental (61 retail outlets covering mainly Central Business District and Ombili); as well as Gobabis (59 retail outlets mainly covering the Central Business District), respectively.

The localities identified for price collection were selected based on a mixed criterion of:

- (i) the relative importance of the locality as determined by its relative share exceeding 30 percent of the total household expenditure at national level;
- (ii) geographic distribution of economic activities; and
- (iii) regional capitals.

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