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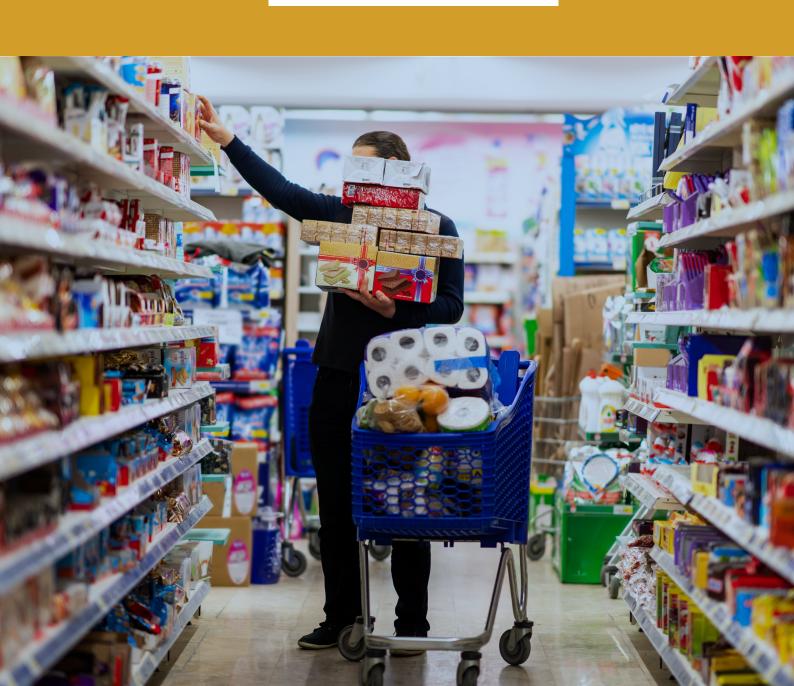


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PREFACE



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 April 2021, the annual inflation rate increased by 3.9 percent compared to 1.6 percent recorded in April 2020. On a monthly basis, the inflation rate rose by 0.4 percent compared to 0.5 percent recorded a month earlier. The main contributors to the 3.9 percent annual inflation rate were the Food and non-alcoholic beverages (1.1 percentage point) and Transport (1 percentage point). Food and non-alcoholic beverages which accounts for 16.5 percent of the basket of goods and services increased by 5.9 percent , year on year, while Transport which accounts for 14.3 percent of the basket was 7.5 percent more expensive than a year ago. .

The Zonal inflation rates for the month of April 2021 revealed that, Zone 1 (Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa, and Zambezi) and Zone 2 (Khomas) both recorded annual inflation rates of 3.7 percent, while Zone 3, (Erongo, Hardap Omaheke and //Kharas) registered inflation rate of 4.4 percent. On a monthly basis, Zone 1 recorded inflation rate stood at 0.4 percent, Zone 2 at 0.3 percent and Zone 3 at 0.5 percent.

The analysis of the average retail prices for some of the basic products consumed by the households for the month of April 2021 indicated that consumers in Zone 1 paid the highest price of N\$45.69 for White Cake Flour (2.5 kg) while consumers in Zone 2 paid the lowest price at N\$39.99. For Diesel per liter, consumers in Zone 3 paid the lowest price at N\$13.58 while the highest price was paid in Zone 1 at N\$13.69.

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 at <code>info@nsa.org.na</code>

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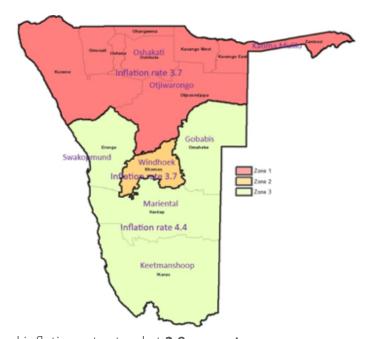
Statistician-General & CEO



Annual inflation rate increased.

The annual inflation rate for April 2021 increased to 3.9 percent compared to 1.6 percent recorded in April 2020. On a monthly basis, inflation rate rose to 0.4 percent compared to 0.5 percent recorded in the previous month.

Box 1: Key highlights



- o The annual inflation rate stood at **3.9 percent**
- o The annual inflation rate for Goods was estimated at **5.2 percent**
- o The annual inflation rate for Services stood at **2.1 percent**
- o The average annual inflation rate for the period April 2020 to April 2021 stood at **2.5 percent**
- The twelve-month average annual inflation rate from May 2020 to April 2021 was estimated at **2.5 percent.**

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

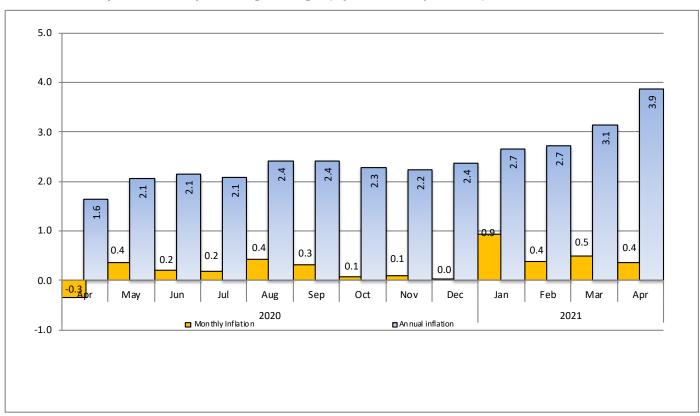
Groups	Contribut	ions (%)
	Mar-21	Apr-21
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1.2	1.1
Alcoholic, beverages and tobacco	0.5	0.6
Clothing and footwear	-0.1	-0.1
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.3	0.3
Furnishings, household equipment etc	0.2	0.3
Health	0.1	0.1
Transport	0.3	1.0
Communication	0.1	0.1
Recreation and culture	0.1	0.1
Education	0.0	0.0
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous goods and services	0.3	0.4
All items	2.1	3.9

Overall inflation rate

The annual inflation rate for April 2021 stood at 3.9 percent, up from 1.6 percent recorded in April 2020, making it the highest annual inflation rate recorded since June 2019 (3.9 percent). The main contributors to the 3.9 percent annual inflation rate were the Food and non-alcoholic beverages (1.1 percentage point) and Transport (1.0 percentage point). Food and non-alcoholic beverages which accounts for 16.5 percent of the basket of goods and services increased by 5.9 percent year on year, while Transport which accounts for 14.3 percent of the basket increased by 7.5 percent year on year.

The consumer price index increased to 0.4 percent in April 2021 compared to 0.5 percent obtained during the previous month.

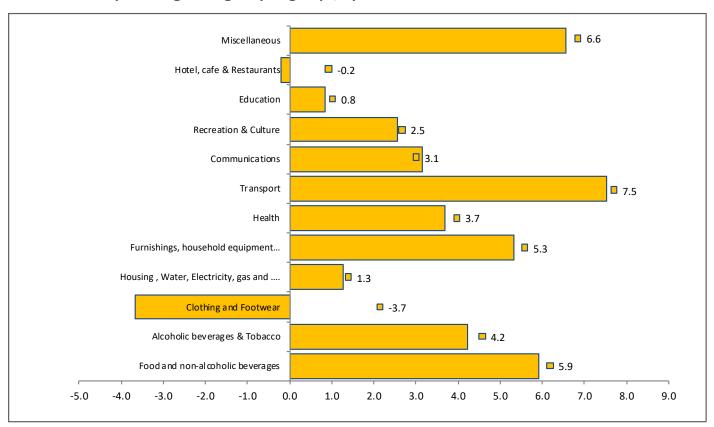
Chart 1: Monthly and annual percentage change: (April 2020 - April 2021)



Annual inflation rate by main categories

The highest change in the annual inflation rate were witnessed in the categories of Transport at 7.5 percent, followed by Miscellaneous goods and services (6.6 percent); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (5.9 percent); Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (5.3 percent); Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (4.2 percent) and Health (3.7 percent). While, Clothing and footwear; and Hotel, café and restaurant recorded declines of 3.7 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Chart 2: Annual percentage changes by all groups; April 2021

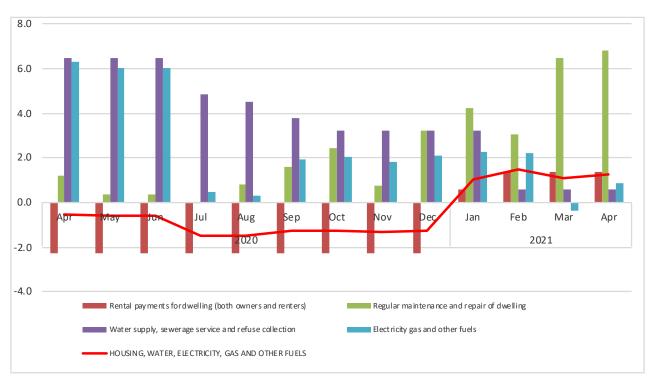


Selected main categories' annual inflation rates

Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels

The annual inflation rate for Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels component increased by 1.3 percent during April 2021 compared to -0.5 percent registered in April of the previous year (chart 3). The increase in prices of this category was reflected in the subgroups of Regular maintenance and repair of dwelling (from 1.2 percent to 6.8 percent) and Rental payment for dwelling (from -2.3 percent to 1.3 percent).

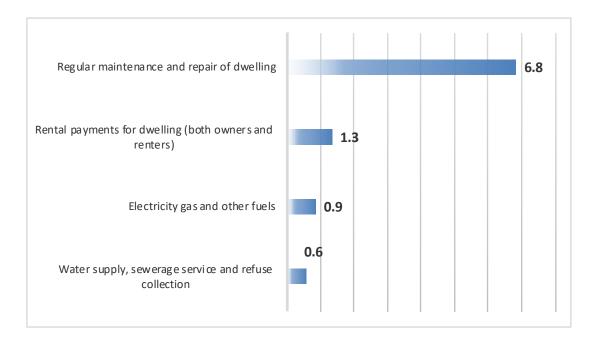
Chart 3: Annual inflation rate for Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (April 2020 April 2021)



The highest percentage change in April 2021 was observed in Regular maintenance and repair of dwelling (6.8 percent) followed by Rental payment for dwelling (1.3 percent); electricity, gas and other fuels (0.9 percent); and water supply, sewerage services and refuse collection (0.6 percent) as reflected in Chart 4.

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for this category remained unchanged in April 2021.

Chart 4: Annual inflation rate for Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels for April 2021



Food and non-alcoholic beverages

During the month of April 2021, the annual inflation rate for this category stood at 5.9 percent compared to 4.2 percent registered during the same period last year.

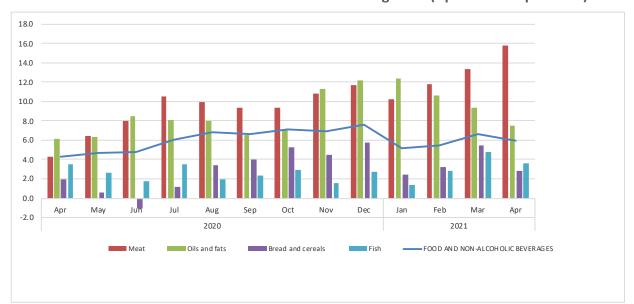
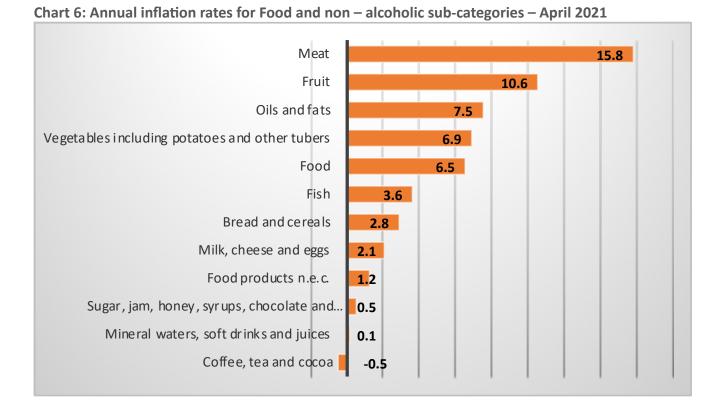


Chart 5: Annual inflation rates for selected Food sub-categories: (April 2020 - April 2021)

In April 2021, Meat was 15.8 percent more expensive than a year ago followed by Fruit (10.6 percent); and Oils and fats (7.5 percent). On the other hand, Coffee, tea and cocoa was observed to be 0.5 percent cheaper than a year ago (Chart 6).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for Food and non-alcoholic beverages increased by 0.4 percent in April 2021 compared to 1.2 percent recorded last month.



Transport

The annual inflation rate for the Transport category increased to 7.5 percent in April 2021 compared to -0.1 percent recorded in April 2020. The increase in prices for the Transport category was mainly reflected in the price levels of Purchase of vehicles (11.6 percent) and Operation of personal transport equipment (8.1 percent).

Transport monthly inflation rate rose by 1.2 percent in April 2021 compared to 2.0 percent recorded in March 2021.



Chart 7: Annual inflation rate for Transport (April 2020- April 2021)

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Alcoholic beverages and tobacco

In April 2021, the annual inflation rate for the Alcoholic beverages and tobacco category stood at 4.2 percent compared to 0.4 percent registered in April 2020, an increase of 3.8 percentage points. The upward movement of the inflation rate in this category was as a result of price increases in all sub components of this category, with Alcoholic beverages being 3.3 percent more expensive than a year ago while Tobacco was 8.3 percent more expensive.

On a monthly basis, prices for this category increased by 0.4 percent compared to -0.2 percent recorded in the previous month.

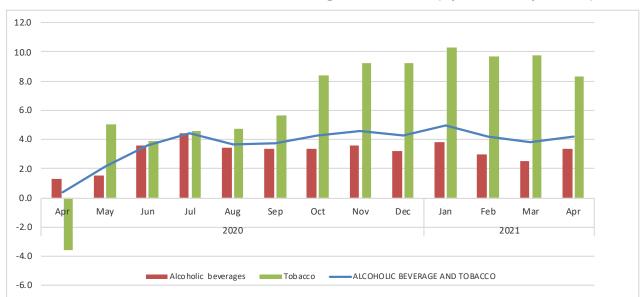


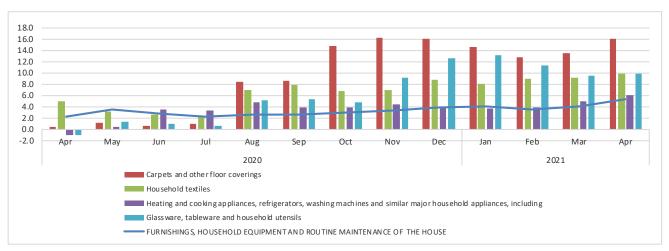
Chart 8: Annual inflation rate for Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (April 2020 - April 2021)

Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house

The annual inflation rate for the Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house category stood at 5.3 percent in April 2021, an increase of 3.1 percentage points when compared to 2.2 percent recorded in April 2020. The increase in this component was as result in the levels of price increases observed mainly in Carpets and coverings (from 0.5 percent to 16.0 percent); Glassware, tableware and household utensils (from -1.0 percent to 9.9 percent); Heating and cooking appliances, refrigerators, washing machines and similar major household appliances etc., (from -1.0 percent to 6.1 percent) and Household textiles (from 5.1 percent to 9.9 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate of this category increased by 0.8 compared to -0.2 percent registered in the preceding month.

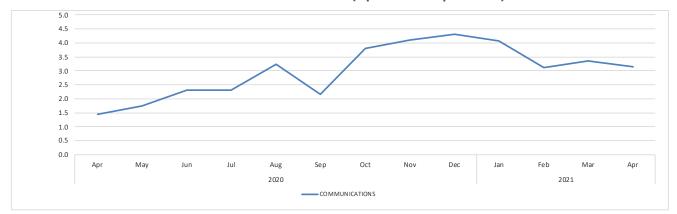
Chart 9: Annual inflation rate for Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house: (April 2020 - April 2021)



Communications

In April 2021, the annual inflation rate for this category increased by 3.1 percent compared to 1.5 percent recorded in April 2020 while on a monthly basis the inflation rose by 0.2 percent compared to -0.2 percent registered in the previous month.

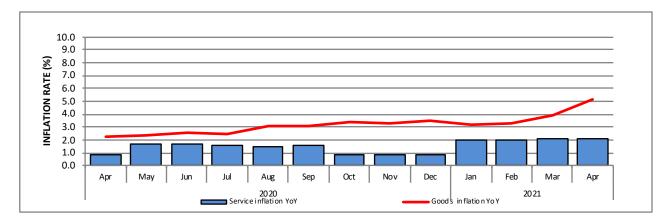
Chart 10: Annual inflation rate for Communication: (April 2020- April 2021)



Goods and Services inflation rates

During the month of April 2021, the Index for Goods and Services stood at 148.3 basis points and 140.4 basis points compared to the corresponding indices of 141.0 basis points and 137.5 basis points recorded during the same period last year. The annual inflation rates for Good and Services increased by 5.2 percent and 2.1 percent in April 2021 compared to 2.2 percent and 0.9 percent recorded in April 2020, respectively.

Chart 11: Goods and Services annual inflation rates (April 2020 - April 2021)



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 (April 2020 - April 2021))

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
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
Mar-21	2.9	3.0	3.7
Apr-21	3.7	3.7	4.4

The Zonal inflation rates for the month of April 2021 revealed that, Zone 3 recorded the highest annual inflation of 4.4 percent, while Zone 1 and Zone 2 each recorded 3.7 percent annual inflation rates. On a monthly basis inflation for Zone 1 stood at 0.4 percent, Zone 2 at 0.3 percent and Zone 3 at 0.5 percent.

Zone 1 (Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa, and Zambezi) - The annual inflation rate increased by 3.7 percent in April 2021 compared to 2.1 percent registered in April 2020, an increase of 1.6 percentage points. The increase in the annual inflation rate was mainly due to price developments in Transport (from -0.3 percent to 9.2 percent); Communications (from -1.7 percent to 7.6 percent); Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (from 2.7 percent to 7.8 percent) and Hotels cafes and restaurants (from 0.7 percent to 4.3 percent).

On a monthly basis, prices for April 2021 in the Zone 1 were on average 0.4 percent more expensive compared to the previous month.

Zone 2 (Khomas) - The annual inflation rate was estimated at 3.7 percent compared to 0.8 percent recorded in April 2020. The increase was mainly due to increases obtained in the price levels of Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (from -3.2 percent to 4.8 percent); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (from 1.5 percent to 8.0 percent); Miscellaneous goods and services (from 5.8 percent to 7.6 percent); Transport (from 0.5 percent to

6.2 percent); Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (from 1.3 percent to 5.3 percent) and Health (from 3.5 percent to 5.5 percent)

On a monthly basis, prices in Zone 2 were on average 0.3 percent more expensive in April 2021 compared to the previous month

Zone 3 (//Kharas, Erongo, Hardap and Omaheke) - The annual inflation rate increased by 4.4 percent in April 2021 compared to 2.2 percent recorded in April 2020. The increase was mainly due to the price developments in Transport (from -0.5 percent to 6.6 percent), Miscellaneous goods and services (from 5.2 percent to 9.8 percent); Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (from -0.3 percent to 3.7 percent); Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (from 4.4 percent to 7.5 percent) and Recreation and culture (from 0.4 percent to 3.3 percent).

On a monthly basis, the prices in Zone 3 were on average 0.5 percent more expensive than in March 2021.

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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 April 2021 presented in Table 2 shows that for the 2.5 kg white cake flour in Zone 2 recorded the lowest price of N\$39.99 followed by Zone 3 at N\$44.89. For white sugar of 2.5 kg, consumers in Zone 1 paid the lowest at N\$38.73 while the highest price was observed in Zone 3 at N\$43.99. Further, it was observed that the average price of 1 liter of diesel between the Zones varies slightly, with Zone 1 recording the highest at N\$13.69 while the lowest was observed in Zone 3 at N\$13.58

Table 2: Average prices on selected products April 2021

Product	Unit of Measurement	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
White cake flour	2.5kg	45.69	39.99	44.89
White bread flour	2.5kg	39.32	38.82	44.49
Maize meal	2.5kg	35.40	34.32	37.57
Milk	1 liter	21.09	20.97	21.33
White sugar	2.5kg	38.73	43.99	38.79
Icing/castor sugar	750g	42.70	40.74	42.59
Pure Sunflower oil	750ml	21.27	22.86	22.73
Olive oil	per liter	102.64	116.32	99.29
Petrol 95	per liter	13.65	13.57	13.55
Diesel	per liter	13.69	13.61	13.58

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

		Weights		
	NCPI MAIN GROUPS	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	140.6	0.2	2.2
2021	Jan	143.1	0.9	2.7
	Feb	143.7	0.4	2.7
	Mar	144.4	0.5	3.1
	Apr	144.9	0.4	3.9

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

		Weights		СРІ		Inflation	Rate
		weights	Apr-20	Mar-21	Apr-21	m-o-m	у-о-у
ALL ITEMS		100.00	139.5	144.4	144.9	0.4	3.9
GOODS		57.7	141.0	147.4	148.3	0.6	5.2
SERVICES		42.3	137.5	140.4	140.4	0.0	2.1
EOOD AND	NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	16.45	154.6	163.1	163.8	0.4	5.9
Food	NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	14.78	156.0	165.6	166.2	0.4	6.5
FOOG	Bread and cereals	4.84	141.9	147.1	145.9	-0.8	2.8
	Meat	3.53	158.2	179.7	183.3	2.0	15.8
	Fish	0.81	164.2	169.5	170.1	0.3	3.6
	Milk, cheese and eggs	1.17	154.9	157.6	158.2	0.4	2.1
	Oils and fats	0.78	142.0	152.1	152.6	0.4	7.5
	Fruit	0.33	205.2	230.9	226.8	-1.8	10.6
	Vegetables including potatoes and other tubers	1.23	189.9	197.8	203.0	2.6	6.9
	Sugar, jam, honey, syrups, chocolate and confectionery	1.44	165.1	168.7	165.8	-1.7	0.5
	Food products n.e.c.	0.65	149.1	151.6	150.9	-0.4	1.2
Non-alc	oholic beverages	1.66	142.2	141.0	142.1	0.8	0.0
	Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.31	180.7	181.4	179.8	-0.9	-0.5
	Mineral waters, soft drinks and juices	1.35	133.3	131.7	133.4	1.3	0.1
ALCOHOLI	C BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	12.59	151.7	157.4	158.1	0.4	4.2
ALCOHOLI	Alcoholic beverages	9.99	156.9	161.7	162.1	0.3	3.3
	Tobacco	2.61	131.7	141.0	142.6	1.1	8.3
	AND FOOTWEAR	3.05	101.0	97.7	97.3	-0.4	-3.7
Clothing	-	2.04	103.6	103.3	103.5	0.2	-0.2
	ning materials	0.07	144.8	149.1	149.1	0.0	3.0
Read	dy-made clothing	1.93	101.9	101.2	101.3	0.1	-0.6
	Men's clothing	0.58	107.1	102.5	103.7	1.2	-3.1
	Women's clothing	0.70	90.4	90.0	89.4	-0.7	-1.1
C	hildren's clothing Boys' clothing	0.66	108.0 105.2	110.1 106.1	109.9 106.7	-0.1 0.5	1.8
	Girls' clothing	0.24	109.8	111.6	110.8	-0.7	0.9
	Infants' clothing	0.09	111.6	116.7	110.8	0.2	4.8
Othe	er articles of clothing and clothing accessories	0.05	115.5	124.2	125.9	1.4	9.0
	cleaning, repair and hire of clothing	0.00	129.9	133.5	134.5	0.8	3.5
Footwe		1.01	95.6	86.3	84.8	-1.8	-11.3
100000	Adult footwear	0.80	88.1	76.2	76.0	-0.3	-13.8
	Children's footwear	0.20	122.5	124.4	117.4	-5.6	-4.2
	Repair of footwear	0.01	148.5	132.9	134.7	1.3	-9.3
HOUSING	WATER ELECTRICITY CAS AND OTHER SHEES	20.20	122.2	124.0	124.0	0.0	4.5
noosing,	WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS Pontal payments for dwelling (both owners and renters)	28.36	133.2	134.9	134.9	0.0	1.3
	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	140.9	150.1	150.6	0.3	6.8
	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	157.8	159.2	159.2	0.0	0.9

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

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	Weights	Apr-20	CPI Mar-21	Apr-21	Inflatior m-o-m	y-o-y
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	5.5	128.6	134.4	135.4	0.8	5.3
Furniture, furnishings, decorations, carpets, floor coverings, incl. repairs	1.8	100.6	103.0	104.8	1.8	4.2
Furniture and furnishings	1.7	99.2	101.0	102.8	1.8	3.7
Carpets and other floor coverings	0.1	109.2	124.1	126.7	2.1	16.0
Repair of furnishings and floor coverings	0.0	200.2	206.8	206.8	0.0	3.3
Household textiles	0.7	139.4	151.1	153.2	1.4	9.9
Heating and cooking appliances, refrigerators, washing machines and similar major household appliances, etc	0.9	125.0	132.5	132.6	0.1	6.1
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	0.2	151.0	165.7	165.9	0.1	9.9
Tools and equipment for house and garden	0.4	133.7	138.8	139.3	0.3	4.2
Goods and services for routine household maintenance	1.4	156.6	161.3	161.6	0.2	3.2
HEALTH	2.0	138.8	143.7	144.0	0.2	3.7
Medical products, appliances and equipment	0.8	135.3	139.4	140.1	0.5	3.6
Outpatient Services, medical, dental and paramedical	1.0	149.3	155.6	155.6	0.0	4.2
Hospital services	0.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
TRANSPORT	14.3	132.9	141.2	142.9	1.2	7.5
Purchase of vehicles	2.9	157.3	175.0	175.5	0.3	11.6
Operation of personal transport equipment	9.0	123.4	130.8	133.4	1.9	8.1
Public transportation services	2.4	138.8	139.2	139.4	0.1	0.4
COMMUNICATIONS	3.8	109.7	112.9	113.1	0.2	3.1
RECREATION AND CULTURE	3.6	140.3	144.2	143.9	-0.2	2.5
Audio-visual, photographic and data processing equip. incl. repairs	1.2	125.6	129.2	128.5	-0.6	2.2
Other major durables for recreation and culture	0.1	134.1	147.3	153.3	4.1	14.3
Other recreational items and equipment; flowers, gardens and pets	0.5	135.9	139.9	140.7	0.5	3.5
Recreation and cultural services	0.8	142.9	143.3	143.3	0.0	0.3
Newspapers, books and stationery	0.9	150.9	158.4	158.7	0.2	5.2
Package holidays	0.1	211.8	206.0	196.8	-4.5	-7.0
EDUCATION	3.6	179.0	180.5	180.5	0.0	0.8
Pre-primary education (ages 2 to 6 years)	0.2	201.2	207.6	207.6	0.0	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	150.0	149.6	149.7	0.1	-0.2
Catering	0.7	148.1	155.1	155.7	0.4	5.2
Accommodation services	0.6	152.2	143.2	142.8	-0.3	-6.2
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	5.4	139.7	148.3	148.9	0.4	6.6
Personal care	1.4	140.4	141.8	143.2	1.0	2.0
Personal effects n.e.c.	1.0	127.6	123.0	123.8	0.6	-3.0
Insurance	0.7	106.9	106.9	106.9	0.0	0.1
Financial services n.e.c.	0.9	186.1	236.7		0.0	27.2

Annex C: Zone 1 CPI (Northern Part of Namibia); April 2021

Table 1: 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
	Mar	143.6	0.5	2.9
	Apr	144.1	0.4	3.7

Annex D: Zone 2 CPI (Windhoek Area); April 2021

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
	Mar	140.4	0.5	3.0
	Apr	140.8	0.3	3.7

Annex E: Zone 3 CPI (Eastern, Southern & Western Parts of Namibia); April 2021

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
	Mar	152.1	0.4	3.7
	Apr	152.9	0.5	4.4

Annex F: Background of the Zonal Consumer Price Index; April 2021

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, Idustrial 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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