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## PREFACE

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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 compared 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 August 2021, the annual inflation rate increased by 3.4 percent compared to 2.4 percent recorded in August 2020. On a monthly basis, the inflation rate declined by 0.2 percent lower than the 0.2 percent recorded a month earlier. The main contributors to the annual inflation rate of 3.4 percent were Food and non-alcoholic beverages (1.0 percentage points) and Transport (0.9 percentage points).

The Zonal inflation rates for the month of August 2021 revealed that, Zone 1 (Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa, and Zambezi) and Zone 2 (Karas) each recorded annual inflation rate of 3.1 percent, while Zone 3, (Erongo, Hardap, Omaheke and //Karas) registered inflation rate of 4.5 percent. On a monthly basis, Zone 2 recorded an inflation rate of 0.0 percent, while Zone 1 and 3 registered a decline of 0.2 percent each.

The average retail prices of selected products for the month of August 2021 revealed that consumers residing in Zone 1 paid more for washing powder of 1kg at N\$48.99 followed by Zone 2 at N\$30.99, while consumers in Zone 3 paid more for beers at N\$11.05 per 330ml while consumers in zone 1 paying the lowest price of N\$10.31 per 330ml.

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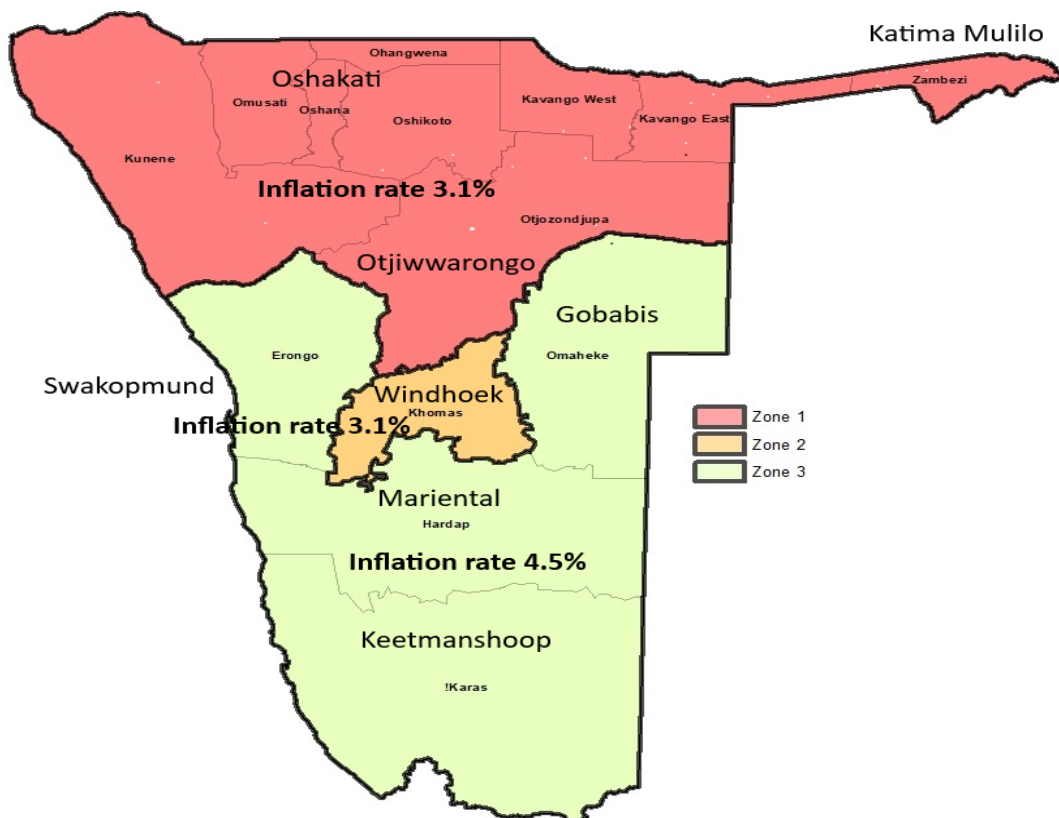
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### Annual inflation rate increased.

The annual inflation rate for August 2021 increased by 3.4 percent compared to 2.4 percent recorded in August 2020. On a monthly basis, inflation rate decline by 0.2 percent compared to an increase of 0.2 percent posted in the preceding month.

#### Box 1: Key highlights



- o The annual inflation rate stood at **3.4 percent**
- o The annual inflation rate for Goods was estimated at **4.8 percent**
- o The annual inflation rate for Services stood at **1.7 percent**
- o The average annual inflation rate for the period August 2020 to August 2021 stood at **3.0 percent**
- o The twelve-month average annual inflation rate from September 2020 to August 2021 was estimated at **3.1 percent**.

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

Groups	Contributions (%)	
	Jul -21	Aug -21
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1.1	1.0
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.3	0.4
Clothing and footwear	-0.1	-0.1
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.3	0.4
Furnishings, household equipment etc.	0.3	0.2
Health	0.1	0.1
Transport	1.4	0.9
Communication	0.0	0.0
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	0.3
<b>All items</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>

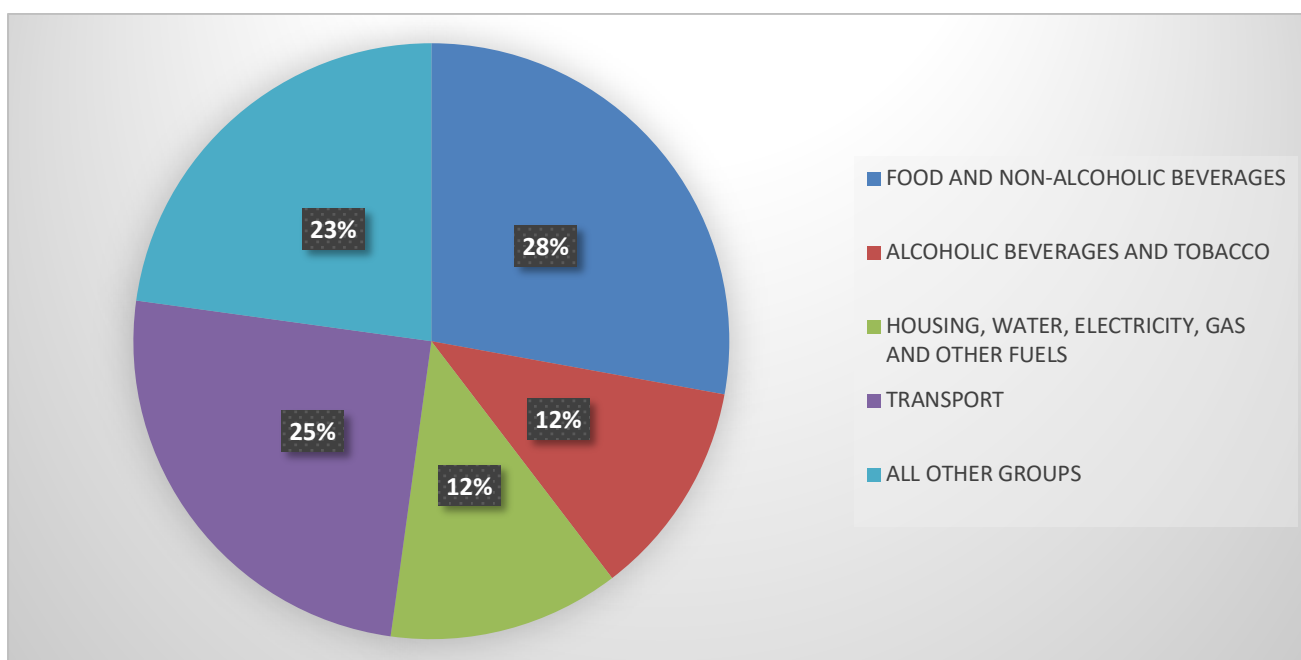


## Overall inflation rate

The annual inflation rate for August 2021 stood at 3.4 percent, up from 2.4 percent recorded in August 2020 an increase of 1.0 percentage points. The main contributors to the inflation rate for August 2021 were mainly Food and non-alcoholic beverages (1.0 percentage points); Transport (0.9 percentage points); Alcoholic beverages & tobacco; and Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels contributed 0.4 percentage points each. Miscellaneous goods and services contributed 0.3 percentage points while Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house contributed 0.2 percentage points.

For the month of August 2021, Food and non-alcoholic beverages was the main driver of inflation accounting for 27.9 percent of the overall inflation change followed by Transport with 25.0 percent.

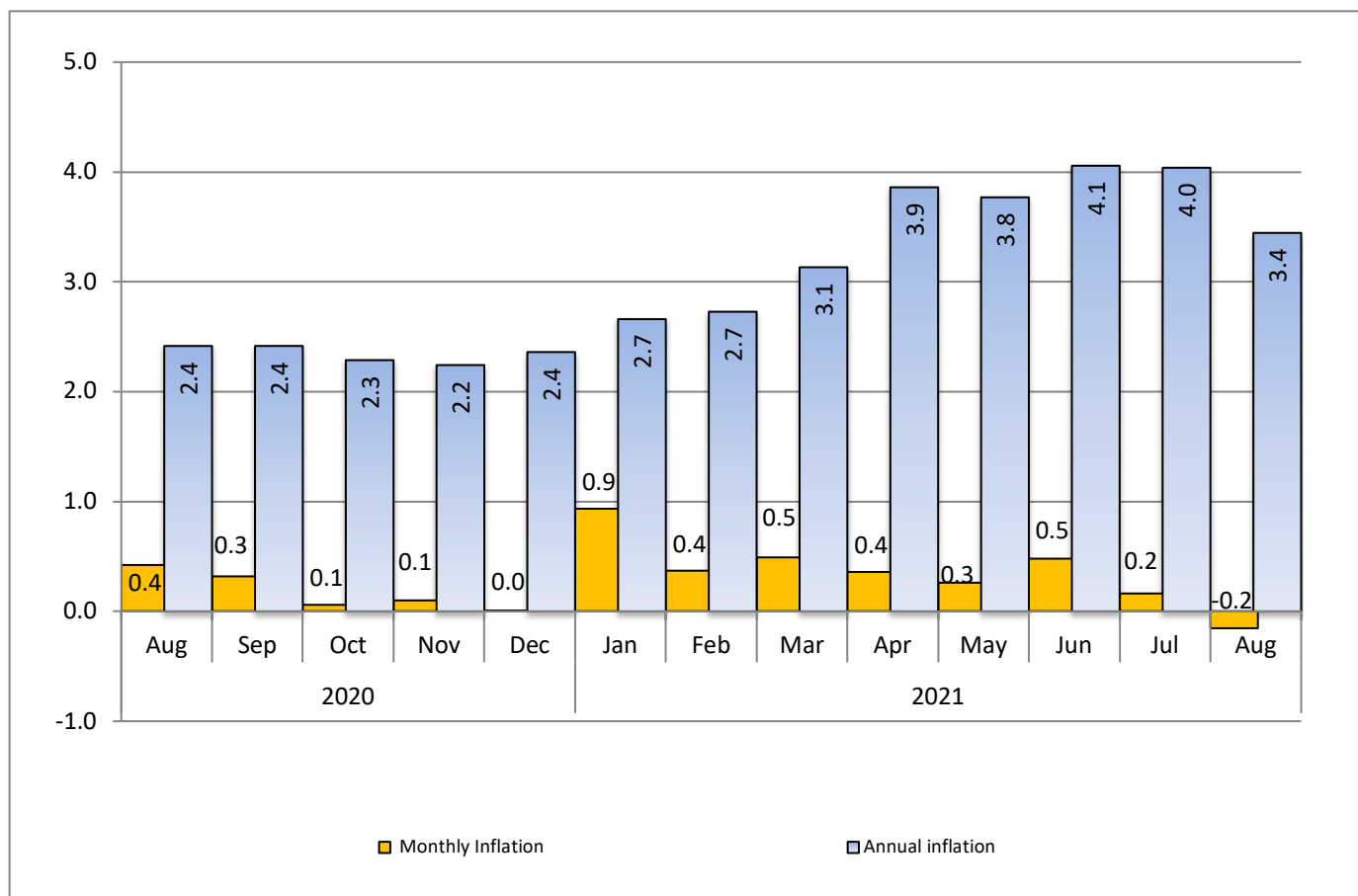
**Chart 1: NCPI groups contribution to inflation rate for August 2021 (%)**



On a monthly basis, Namibia recorded a deflation of 0.2 percent in August 2021 compared to an increase of 0.2 percent obtained during the previous month. This is the lowest monthly inflation rate recorded since August 2020 while the highest rate of 0.9 percent was witnessed in the month of January 2021.

The deflation recorded in August 2021 was mainly reflected in the Transport category that recorded a decline of 1.6 percent compared to an increase of 1 percent in the preceding month. The decline in Transport was mainly reflected in the Public transportation services that declined by 9.9 percent in August 2021.

Chart 2: Monthly and annual percentage change (August 2020 - August 2021)

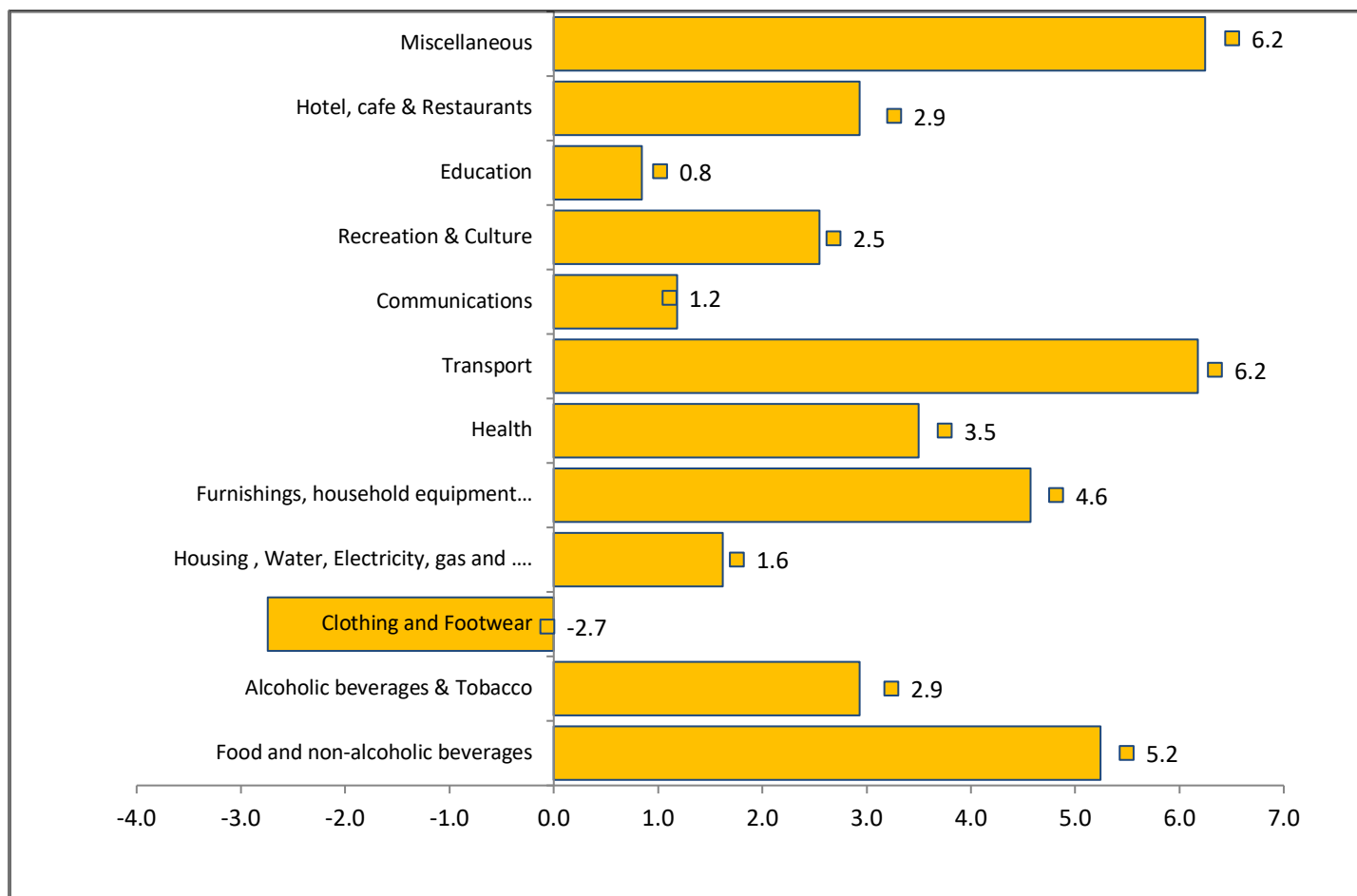




## Annual inflation rate by main categories

The highest change in the annual inflation rate were mainly witnessed in the categories of Transport and Miscellaneous goods and services, both increasing by 6.2 percent followed by Food and non-alcoholic beverages (5.2%); Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (4.6%) and Health (3.5%) while Clothing and footwear registered a deflation of (2.7%) (Chart 3).

**Chart 3: Annual percentage change by groups for August 2021**

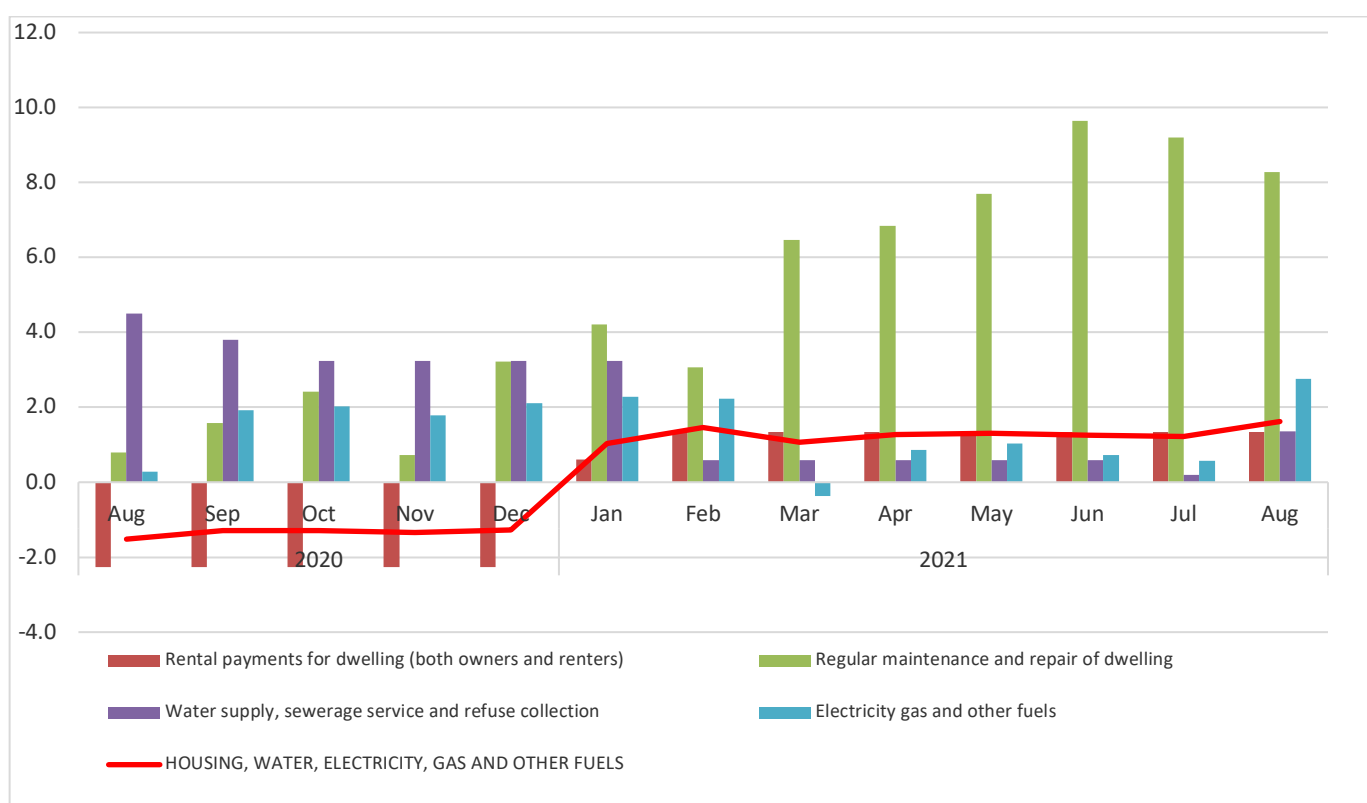


## Selected main categories' annual inflation rates

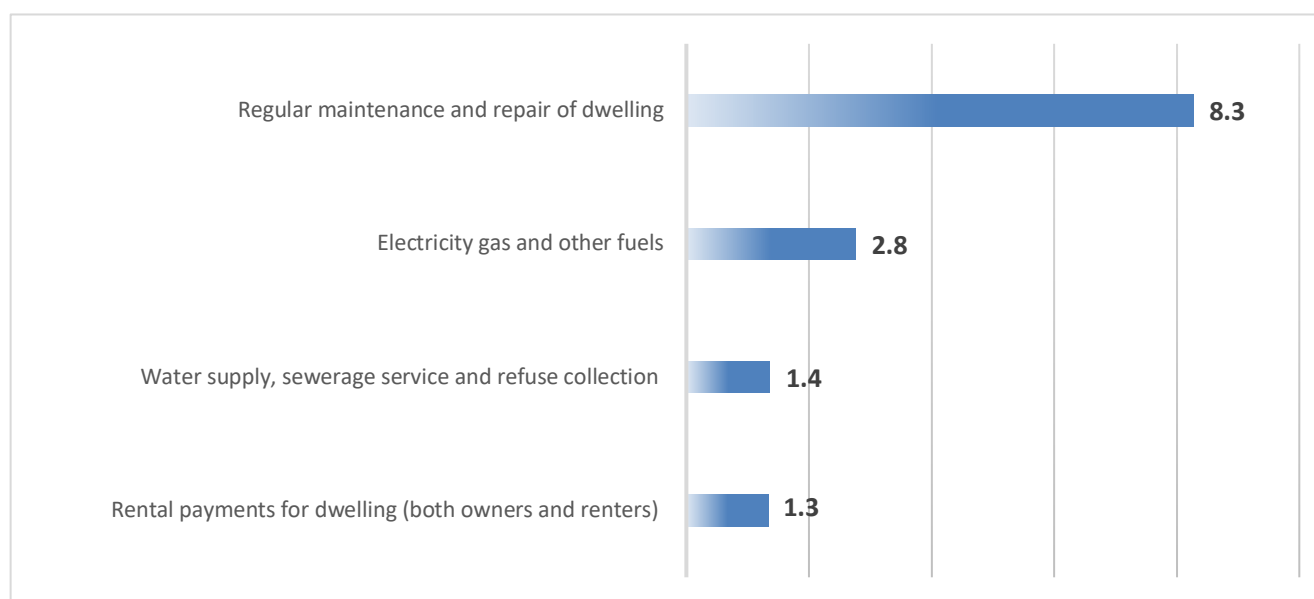
### Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels

The annual inflation rate for Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels component which accounts for 28.4 percent of the consumer basket, increased by 1.6 percent during August 2021 compared to a deflation of 1.5 percent registered in August of the preceding year. The increase in the price levels of this category was reflected in the subgroups of Regular maintenance and repair of dwelling which increased (from 0.8 percent to 8.3 percent); Electricity gas and other fuels (from 0.3 percent to 2.8 percent) and Rental payment for dwelling (from -2.3 percent to 1.3 percent).

**Chart 4: Annual inflation rate for Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (August 2020 -August 2021)**



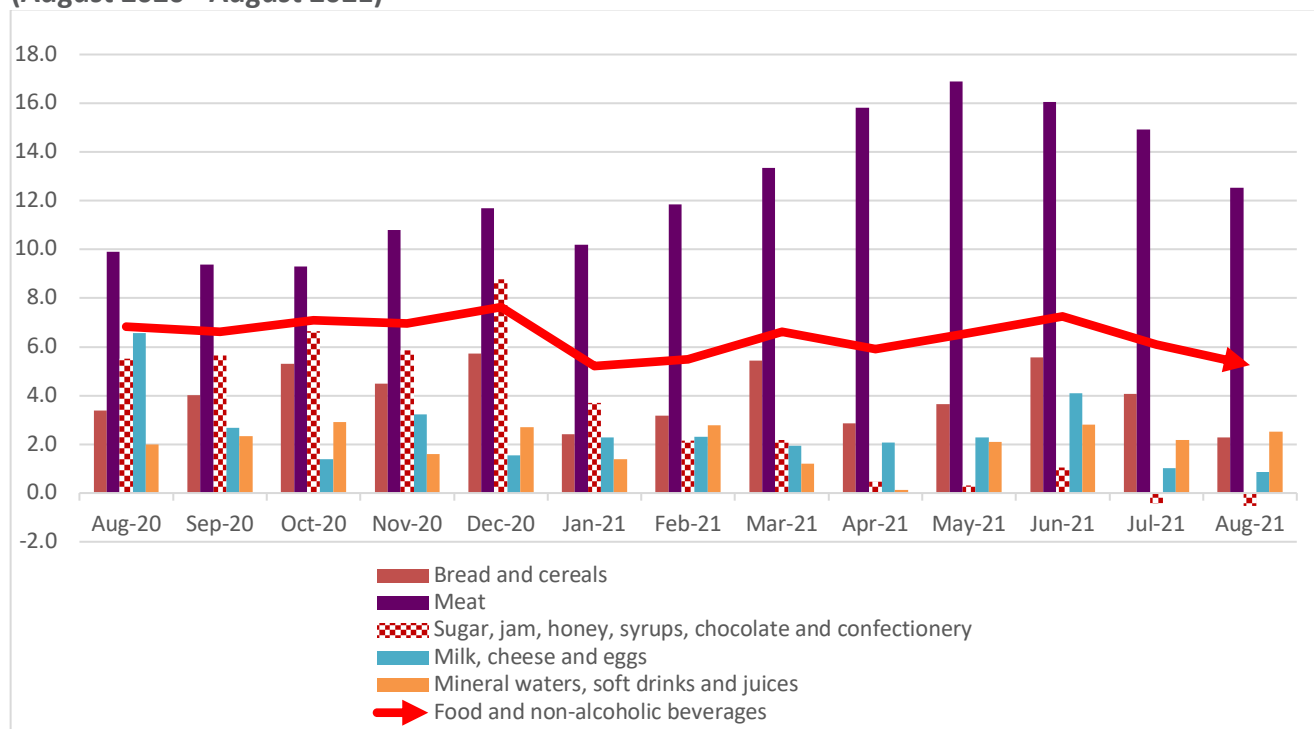
The highest percentage change in August 2021 was observed in Regular maintenance and repair of dwelling (8.3 percent) while the lowest rate of (1.3 percent) was observed in Rental payment for dwelling.

**Chart 5: Annual inflation rate for Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels for August 2021**

### Food and non-alcoholic beverages

Food and non-alcoholic beverages which accounts for 16.5 percent rose by 5.2 percent during the month of August 2021, compared to 6.8 percent witnessed during the same period last year.

On a monthly basis, prices for Food and non-alcoholic beverages increased by 0.4 percent in August 2021 compared to a decline of 0.4 percent recorded last month. The increase in prices levels of this group emanated mainly from increases observed in Fruits (4.3%) and Fish (2.6%).

**Chart 6: Annual inflation rate for the main subcategories of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (August 2020 - August 2021)**

**Food** accounts for 14.8 percent of the consumer basket in the CPI. Within the food sub-category, bread and cereals accounts for the highest weight of food items that consumers purchase, having a weight of (4.8 percent) followed by Meat (3.5 percent); Sugar, jam, honey, syrups, chocolate and confectionery (1.4 percent); Vegetables and Milk, cheese and eggs (1.2 percent) each.

The inflation rate for the food sub-category increased by 5.5 percent during the period of review compared to 7.2 percent recorded during the same period of the preceding year.

**Prices for Oils and fats** rose by 18.1 percent in August 2021 when compared to 8.0 percent recorded in August 2020. The growth in inflation rate was reflected in the price increases registered in Cooking oil at (28.8%), Cooking fats (14.6%) and Margarine & margarine spreads (11.5%).

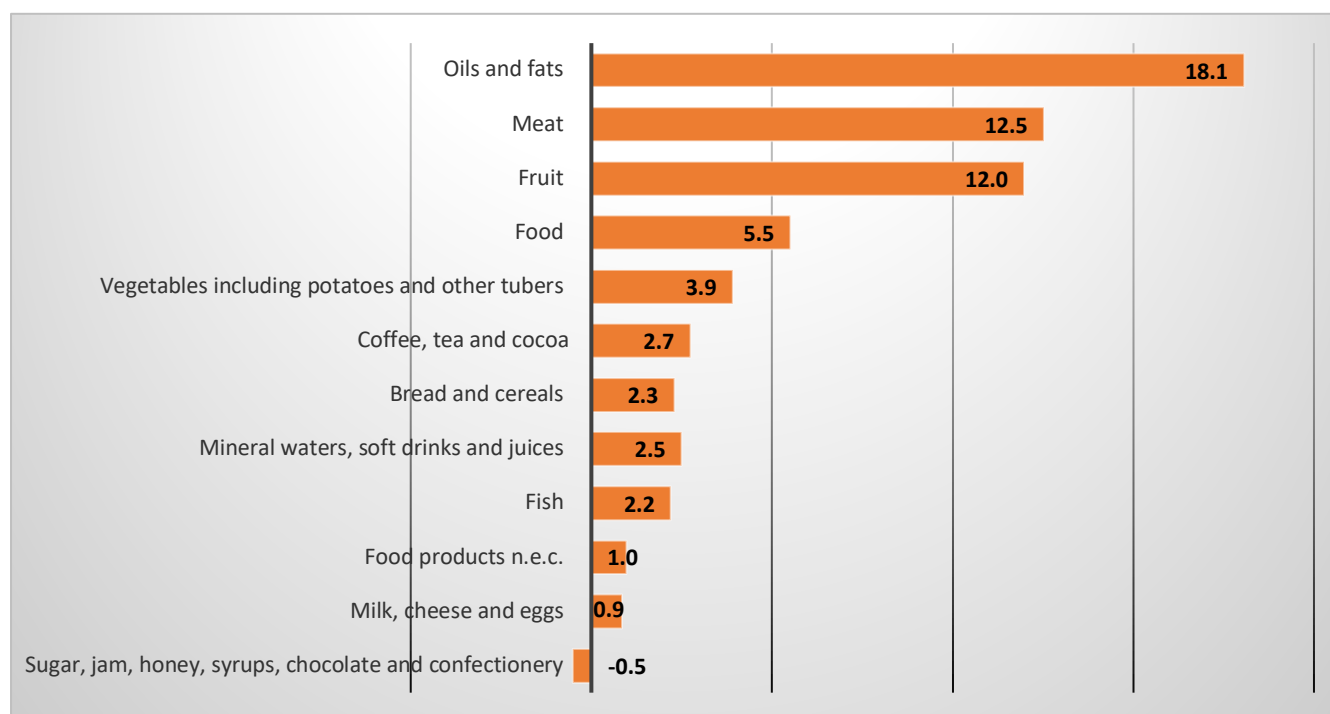
**Prices for bread and cereals** were 2.3 percent during the month of August 2021 lower than 3.4 percent registered in August 2020. Within this category, rice recorded the highest inflation of (8.7%) followed by bread at (6.8%) and cakes at (6.0%).

**Prices for meat** were 12.5 percent more expensive than a year ago. The highest inflation rate within this category were observed in Offal and meat waste (19.6%), Liver and kidney (18.7%), Minced meat (18.6%) and Beef (14.5%).

**Prices for Sugar, jam honey, syrups, chocolate and confectionery** registered a decline of 0.5 percent in August 2021 compared to 5.5 percent recorded during the same period last year. The fall in the inflation rate for this category was as a result of decreases observed in the price levels of Ice cream (-3.7%); Sweets (-3.0%) and chocolate (-1.6%).

**Prices for Vegetables including potatoes and other tubers** rose by 3.9 percent in August 2021, compared to an increase of 12.3 percent recorded in August 2020. The slowdown was mainly caused by large declines observed in the price levels of Lettuce (-15.5%); Green pepper (-15.4%), and Onion (-8.7%).

Meanwhile, the price levels of **Fruits** increased by 12.0 percent in August 2021 compared to 18.1 percent recorded in August 2020. Within this category, Avocados recorded the highest inflation rate of (37.2%), followed by Pears and Apples at (16.1%) and (15.2%), respectively.

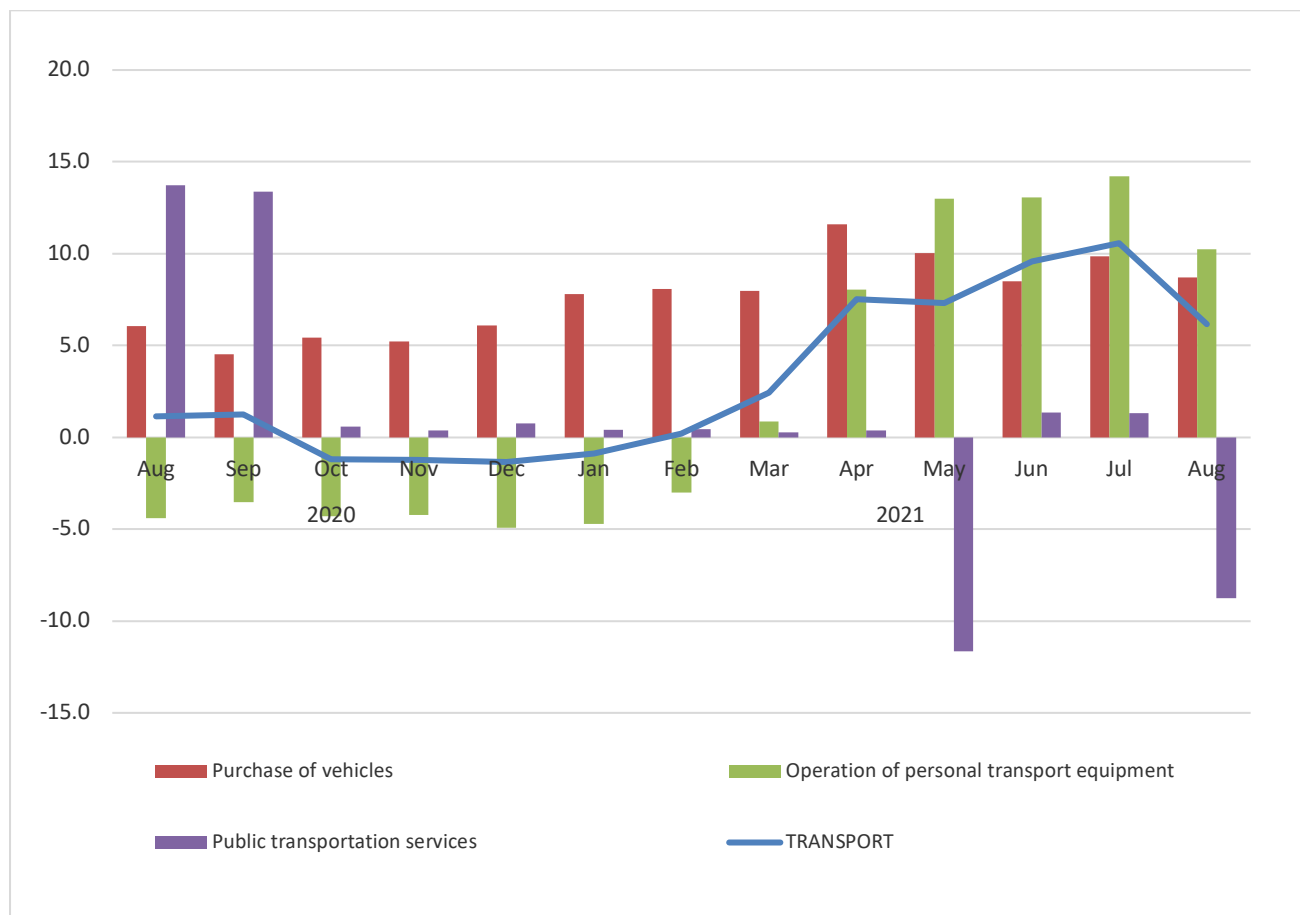
**Chart 7: Annual inflation rates for Food and non – alcoholic sub-categories for August 2021**

## Transport

The annual inflation rate for the Transport category which accounts for 14.3 percent of the consumer basket increased by 6.2 percent in August 2021 compared to 1.2 percent recorded in August 2020. The increases in the Transport component were mainly reflected in the price levels of Operation of personal transport equipment that rose by 10.3 percent and Purchase of vehicles that was 8.7 percent more expensive than a year ago.

Transport monthly inflation rate declined by 1.6 percent in August 2021 compared to 1.0 percent recorded in July 2021. The deflation recorded in this category was mainly reflected in the Public transportation services that declined by 9.9 percent.

Chart 8: Annual inflation rate for Transport (August 2020- August 2021)

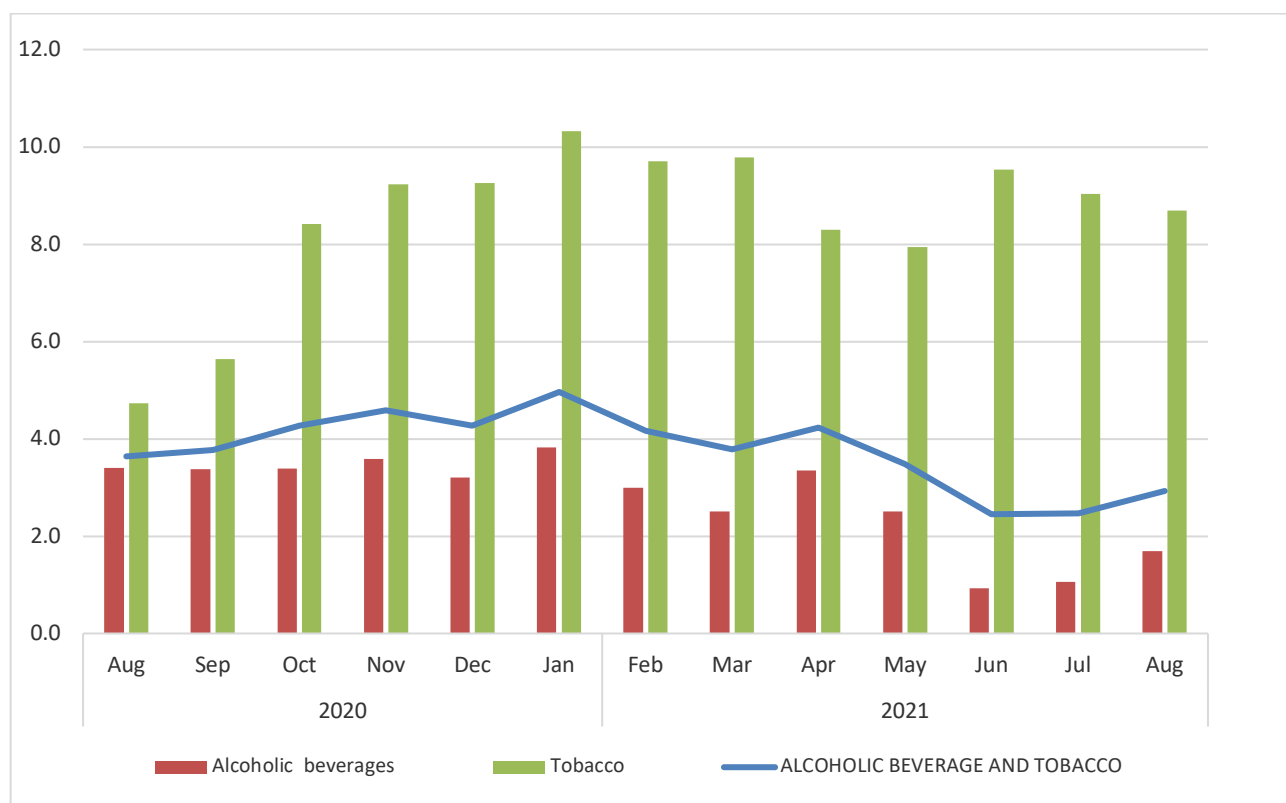


### Alcoholic beverages and tobacco

In August 2021, the annual inflation rate for the Alcoholic beverages and tobacco category which accounts for 12.6 percent of the consumer basket rose by 2.9 percent compared to 3.6 percent registered in August 2020 a slowdown of 0.7 percentage points. The slowdown in the movement of the inflation rate in this group was as a result of slow price increase in the Alcoholic beverages sub component which recorded an increase of 1.7 percent compared to 3.4 percent recorded in August 2020.

On a monthly basis, prices for this category declined by 0.2 percent compared to 0.8 percent recorded in the previous month. Tobacco decreased by 0.1 percent while Alcoholic beverages decreased by 0.2 percent in August 2021 when compared to the previous month.

**Chart 9: Annual inflation rate for Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (August 2020 - August 2021)**





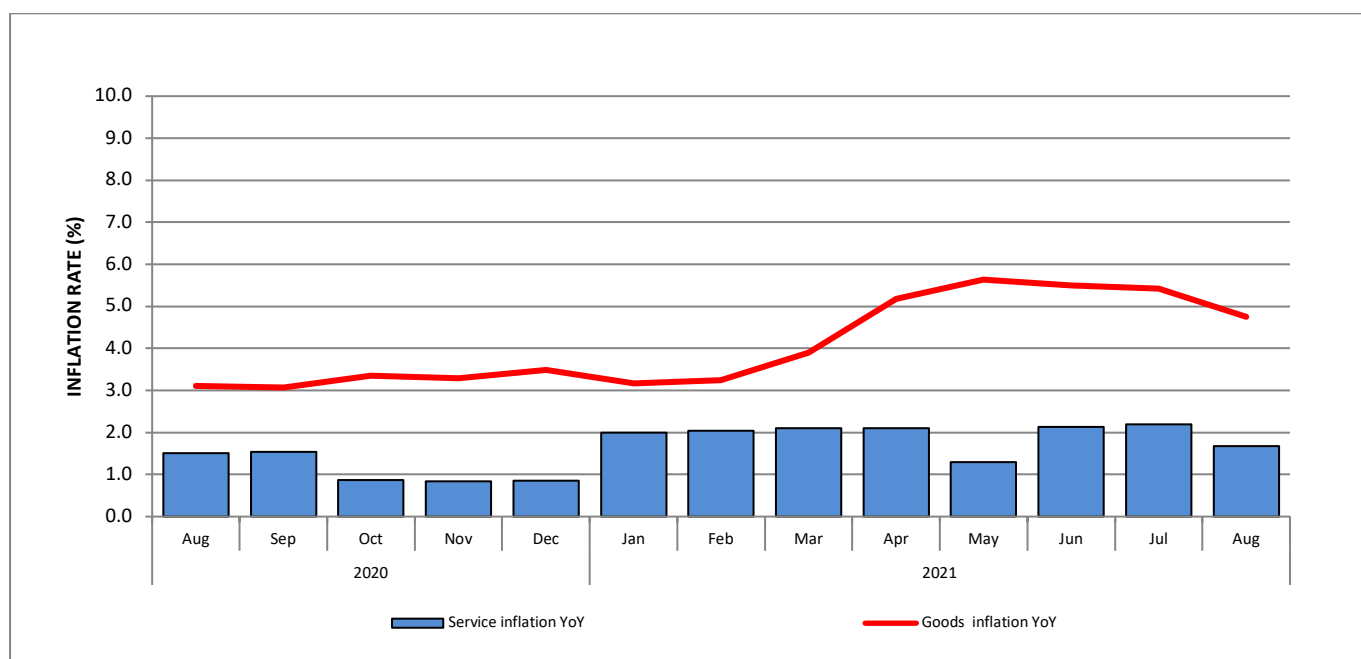
## Goods and Services inflation rates

In August 2021, the annual inflation rates for Goods increased by 4.8 percent compared to 3.1 percent recorded in August 2020, respectively. The increase in the annual inflation rates for Goods was mainly reflected in the price levels of Oils and fats (8.0 percent to 18.1 percent); Meat (9.9 percent to 12.5 percent); Clothing materials (-0.9 percent to 6.0 percent) and Other articles of clothing (2.2 percent to 8.7 percent).

The annual inflation rate for Services rose by 1.7 percent in August 2021 compared to 1.5 percent in August 2020. The increase in the inflation rate mainly emanated from Operation of personal transport equipment (-4.4 percent to 10.3 percent); Regular maintenance and repair of dwellings (0.8 percent to 8.3 percent) Outpatient services, medical, dental and paramedical (1.9 percent to 4.2 percent); Accommodation services (-7.8 percent to 3.0 percent) and Financial services n.e.c (10.7 percent to 27.2 percent) respectively.

The monthly inflation rate for Goods and Services registered 0.1 percent and -0.5 percent in August 2021 compared to 0.2 percent and 0.1 percent during the previous month.

**Chart 10: Goods and Services annual inflation rates (August 2020 - August 2021)**



## Inflation rates by Zones

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 - August 2021**

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
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	2.1
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
May-21	3.7	3.4	4.4
Jun-21	3.9	3.7	4.9
Jul-21	3.8	3.6	5.0
Aug - 21	3.1	3.1	4.5

**Zone 1 (Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa, and Zambezi)** - The annual inflation rate increased by 3.1 percent in August 2021 compared to 2.5 percent registered in August 2020. The increase in the annual inflation rate resulted mainly from increases in the price levels of Transport (from 1.7 percent to 7.3 percent); Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (from 4.2 percent to 5.0 percent); Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (from -2.9 percent to 1.9 percent); and Clothing and footwear (from -9.8 percent to -3.4 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for August 2021 declined by 0.2 percent compared to 0.1 percent increase recorded during the previous month.

**Zone 2 (Khomas)** - The annual inflation rate was estimated at 3.1 percent compared to 2.9 percent registered in August 2020. The increase was mainly due to increases in the price levels of Transport (from 1.9 percent to 5.8 percent); Hotels, cafes and restaurant (from -2.2 percent to 3.5 percent); Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (from 2.0 percent to 4.5 percent), Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (from -1.1 percent to 0.4 percent) and Health (from 3.6 percent to 4.8 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate was stagnant in August 2021 compared to an increase of 0.2 percent recorded a month earlier.

**Zone 3 (//Kharas, Erongo, Hardap and Omaheke)** - The annual inflation rate increased to 4.5 percent in August 2021 from 1.5 percent recorded in August 2020. The increase resulted from increases in price levels of all groups except Recreation and culture which slowed (from 3.6 percent to 2.2 percent), Education (from 5.2 percent to 0.8 percent) and Health (from 1.3 percent to 1.2 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for August 2021 declined by 0.2 percent compared to an increase of 0.2 percent recorded in the preceding 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 August 2021 presented in Table 2 shows that Zone 1 recorded the lowest price for Brown bread each at N\$10.23 followed by Zone 2 at N\$10.34, For white bread each, consumers in Zone 3 paid the highest at N\$10.90 while the lowest price was recorded in Zone 1 at N\$10.49.

**Table 2: Average prices on selected products for August 2021**

Item	Unit of Measurement	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
White bread	Each	10.49	10.87	10.90
Brown bread	each	10.23	10.34	10.71
Chicken, frozen assorted pieces	1.5kg	66.14	65.24	72.08
Eggs	pack of 6	17.48	18.81	18.83
Pure Sunflower oil	750ml	26.20	26.93	25.96
Citrus Fruits	per kg	26.95	24.62	29.57
Brown sugar	1kg	16.99	17.47	17.16
Honey	500g	75.97	73.56	72.42
Beer (local)	330ml	10.31	10.94	11.05
Washing Powder	1kg	48.99	30.99	30.91

## 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
	<b>All items</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## ANNEXURE

### Annex A: NCPI: All Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes August 2021

Period		Index	m-o-m	y-o-y
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	141.6	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
	<b>An. Av</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
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
	May	145.3	0.3	3.8
	Jun	146.0	0.5	4.1
	Jul	146.2	0.2	4.0
	Aug	146.0	-0.2	3.4



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

		Weights	CPI		Inflation Rate		
			Aug-20	Jul-21	Aug-21	m-o-m	y-o-y
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>		<b>100.00</b>	<b>141.1</b>	<b>146.2</b>	<b>146.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>GOODS</b>		<b>57.7</b>	<b>143.0</b>	<b>149.6</b>	<b>149.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>SERVICES</b>		<b>42.3</b>	<b>138.7</b>	<b>141.8</b>	<b>141.0</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>		<b>16.45</b>	<b>157.2</b>	<b>164.8</b>	<b>165.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Food		14.78	159.0	167.1	167.8	0.4	5.5
Bread and cereals		4.84	145.1	148.0	148.4	0.2	2.3
Meat		3.53	162.6	184.1	182.9	-0.7	12.5
Fish		0.81	165.5	165.0	169.2	2.6	2.2
Milk, cheese and eggs		1.17	157.7	157.1	159.1	1.3	0.9
Oils and fats		0.78	141.8	165.7	167.4	1.0	18.1
Fruit		0.33	206.6	221.8	231.3	4.3	12.0
Vegetables including potatoes and other tubers		1.23	192.3	198.9	199.8	0.5	3.9
Sugar, jam, honey, syrups, chocolate and confectionery		1.44	168.2	167.2	167.3	0.1	-0.5
Food products n.e.c.		0.65	150.1	151.1	151.6	0.3	1.0
Non-alcoholic beverages		1.66	141.0	143.8	144.6	0.6	2.6
Coffee, tea and cocoa		0.31	177.8	182.2	182.7	0.3	2.7
Mineral waters, soft drinks and juices		1.35	132.5	134.9	135.8	0.7	2.5
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO</b>		<b>12.59</b>	<b>154.8</b>	<b>159.6</b>	<b>159.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Alcoholic beverages		9.99	160.5	163.5	163.2	-0.2	1.7
Tobacco		2.61	133.0	144.7	144.6	-0.1	8.7
<b>CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>		<b>3.05</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
Clothing		2.04	103.0	101.8	101.1	-0.7	-1.8
Clothing materials		0.07	145.3	154.0	154.0	0.0	6.0
Ready-made clothing		1.93	101.2	99.4	98.7	-0.8	-2.5
Men's clothing		0.58	104.9	99.6	99.4	-0.2	-5.3
Women's clothing		0.70	90.3	88.3	86.4	-2.1	-4.3
Children's clothing		0.66	107.8	109.3	109.0	-0.2	1.1
Boys' clothing		0.24	105.9	105.6	105.7	0.1	-0.2
Girls' clothing		0.33	109.0	110.0	109.1	-0.7	0.1
Infants' clothing		0.09	111.1	117.9	118.7	0.7	6.8
Other articles of clothing and clothing accessories		0.05	117.6	127.5	127.9	0.3	8.7
Dry cleaning, repair and hire of clothing		0.00	131.6	134.5	134.5	0.0	2.2
Footwear		1.01	88.2	84.2	83.8	-0.5	-4.9
Adult footwear		0.80	78.4	74.8	74.1	-1.0	-5.5
Children's footwear		0.20	124.7	119.4	120.3	0.8	-3.5

Repair of footwear	0.01	140.0	134.4	134.4	0.0	-4.0
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>	<b>28.36</b>	<b>132.9</b>	<b>135.0</b>	<b>135.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>
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	142.8	154.6	154.6	0.0	8.3
Water supply, sewerage service and refuse collection	1.0	186.7	187.1	189.3	1.2	1.4
Electricity gas and other fuels	3.9	155.3	159.4	159.6	0.1	2.8
<b>FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>131.1</b>	<b>136.8</b>	<b>137.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Furniture, furnishings, decorations, carpets, floor coverings, incl. repairs	1.8	98.4	104.6	104.9	0.3	6.5
Furniture and furnishings	1.7	96.6	102.6	102.8	0.2	6.4
Carpets and other floor coverings	0.1	117.5	127.8	129.4	1.3	10.2
Repair of furnishings and floor coverings	0.0	198.6	206.8	206.8	0.0	4.1
Household textiles	0.7	145.4	155.8	156.6	0.5	7.7
Heating and cooking appliances, refrigerators, washing machines and similar major household appliances, etc	0.9	131.2	133.2	135.2	1.5	3.0
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	0.2	162.0	174.0	173.3	-0.4	7.0
Tools and equipment for house and garden	0.4	135.9	139.9	140.3	0.2	3.2
Goods and services for routine household maintenance	1.4	159.5	164.1	163.2	-0.5	2.3
<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>139.7</b>	<b>144.4</b>	<b>144.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Medical products, appliances and equipment	0.8	137.3	141.3	141.6	0.2	3.1
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
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>137.9</b>	<b>148.8</b>	<b>146.4</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>6.2</b>
Purchase of vehicles	2.9	164.9	179.0	179.2	0.1	8.7

Operation of personal transport equipment	9.0	123.9	136.2	136.6	0.3	10.3
Public transportation services	2.4	157.7	159.7	143.9	-9.9	-8.7
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>111.1</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>143.0</b>	<b>145.8</b>	<b>146.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Audio-visual, photographic and data processing equip. incl. repairs	1.2	128.8	128.1	129.8	1.3	0.8
Other major durables for recreation and culture	0.1	140.6	154.3	153.3	-0.7	9.0
Other recreational items and equipment; flowers, gardens and pets	0.5	136.8	142.7	144.4	1.2	5.5
Recreation and cultural services	0.8	143.2	147.4	147.4	0.0	2.9
Newspapers, books and stationery	0.9	154.6	161.2	161.5	0.1	4.4
Package holidays	0.1	221.8	200.2	201.4	0.6	-9.2
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>179.0</b>	<b>180.5</b>	<b>180.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>
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
<b>HOTELS, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>146.4</b>	<b>150.6</b>	<b>150.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Catering	0.7	152.7	157.0	157.1	0.1	2.9
Accommodation services	0.6	139.1	143.3	143.3	0.0	3.0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>139.8</b>	<b>148.7</b>	<b>148.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>
Personal care	1.4	141.7	144.9	144.0	-0.6	1.6
Personal effects n.e.c.	1.0	126.5	120.5	120.9	0.3	-4.4
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	133.7	135.4	135.4	0.0	1.3

## Annex C: Zone 1 CPI (Northern Part of Namibia) All Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes August 2021

Period		Index	m-o-m	y-o-y
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
	<b>An. Av</b>	<b>140.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>
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
	May	144.6	0.3	3.7
	Jun	144.7	0.4	3.9
	July	145.4	0.1	3.8
	Aug	145.1	-0.2	3.1

## Annex D: Zone 2 CPI (Windhoek Area) All Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes August 2021

Period		Index	m-o-m	y-o-y
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
	<b>An. Av</b>	<b>137.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>
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
	May	141.0	0.2	3.4
	Jun	141.8	0.5	3.7
	Jul	142.0	0.2	3.6
	Aug	142.0	0.0	3.1

**Annex E: Zone 3 CPI (Eastern, Southern & Western Parts of Namibia) All Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes August 2021**

Period		Index	m-o-m	y-o-y
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
	<b>An. Av</b>	<b>147.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>
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
	May	153.3	0.3	4.4
	Jun	154.2	0.6	4.9
	Jul	154.4	0.2	5.0
	Aug	154.1	-0.2	4.5

## 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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Scheduled dates for the NCPI releases for the up coming months of 2021 are:

Issue	Expected release date
September 2021	14 October 2021
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