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PREFACE



This report examines the monthly inflation rate performance in Namibia as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Namibia Consumer Price Index (NCPI) is used as the basis to calculate the rate of inflation as experienced by the 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 changes) as well as to the corresponding month in the previous year (year-on-year changes). The inflation rate is vital for purposes of economic policy-making, especially the conduct of monetary policy and to consumers in general.

In October 2021, the annual inflation rate increased by 3.6 percent compared to 2.3 percent recorded in October 2020. On a monthly basis, the inflation rate slowed to 0.2 percent compared to 0.3 percent recorded a month earlier. The main contributors to the annual inflation rate were Transport (1.5 percentage points) and Food and non-alcoholic beverages (1.0 percentage points).

The Zonal inflation rates for the month of October 2021 revealed that, **Zone 1** (Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa, and Zambezi) and **Zone 2** (Khomas) recorded annual inflation rate of 3.2 percent and 3.3 percent, respectively, which was below the national average of 3.6 percent. While **Zone 3**, (Erongo, Hardap, Omaheke and //Kharas) on the other hand registered the highest inflation rate of 4.7 percent above the national average. On a monthly basis, **Zone 1 and 3** recorded an inflation rate of 0.2 percent each, while **Zone 2** registered a rate of 0.1 percent.

The average retail prices of selected products for the month of October 2021 revealed that consumers residing in **Zone 1** paid the lowest price for Eggs at N\$17.48 for pack of 6, followed by **Zone 2** at N\$18.84 while consumers in **Zone 3** paid the highest price of N\$19.05. For Pure Sunflower oil, consumers in **Zone 2** paid the highest price at N\$27.99 for 750ml, while the lowest price was recorded in **Zone 1** at N\$26.77.

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 info@nsa.org.na

Please take note that the forthcoming report for November 2021 will be released on 15 December 2021.

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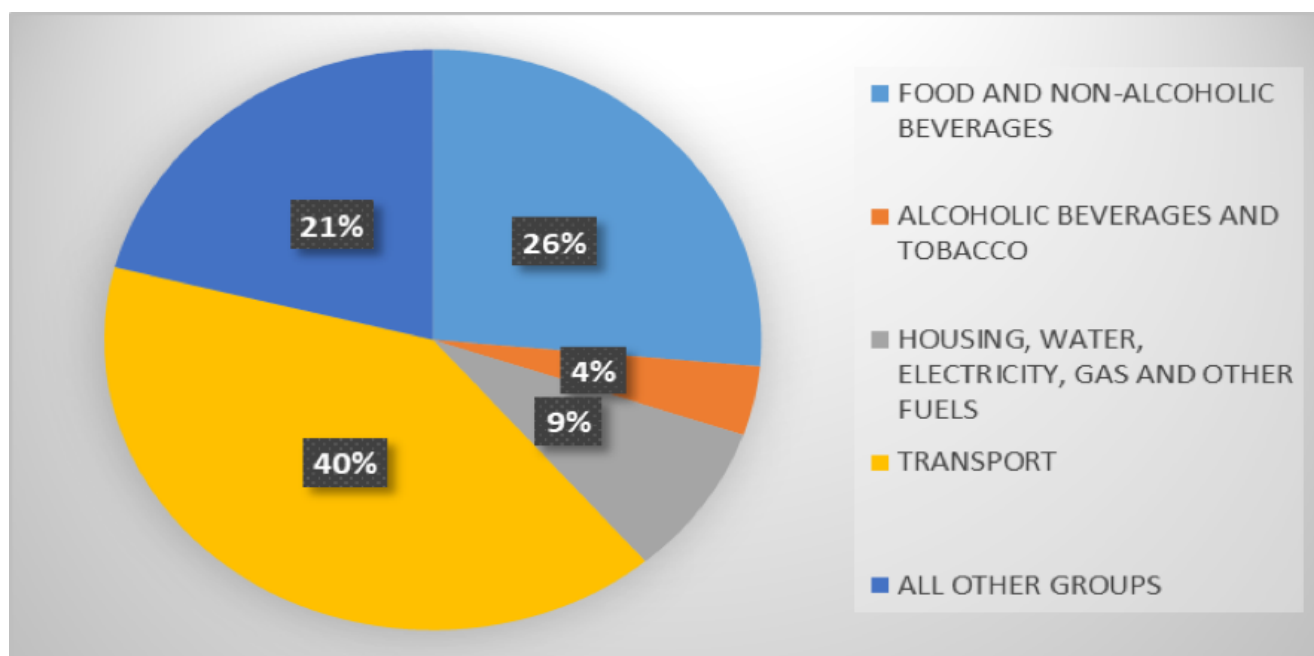
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Overall inflation rate

The annual inflation rate for October 2021 stood at 3.6 percent, up from 2.3 percent recorded in October 2020 an increase of 1.3 percentage points. The main contributors to the annual inflation rate for October 2021 were mainly Transport (1.5 percentage points); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (1.0 percentage points); Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels; Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house; and Miscellaneous goods and services that contributed (0.3 percentage points) each, while Alcoholic beverages & tobacco; Health; and Recreation and culture contributed (0.1 percentage points) each.

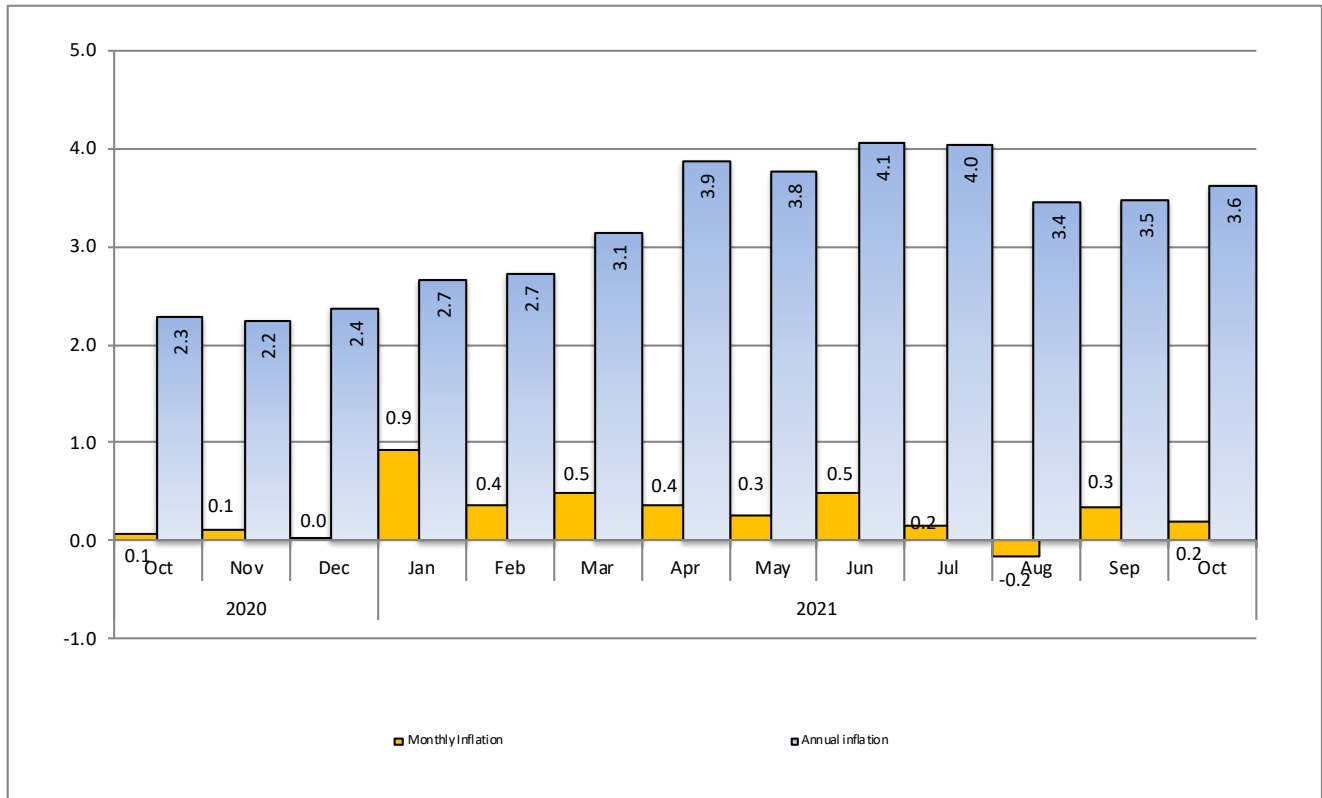
Chart 1: NCPI groups contribution to inflation rate for October 2021 (%)



On a monthly basis, Namibia recorded an inflation rate of 0.2 percent in October 2021 compared to 0.3 percent obtained during the previous month. For the period of October 2020 to October 2021, the lowest rate of -0.2 percent was witnessed in the month of August 2021.

The main contributors to the monthly inflation rate recorded in October 2021 were mainly Transport (0.7 percent); Recreation and culture; and Hotels, cafes and restaurant each recorded (0.5 percent).

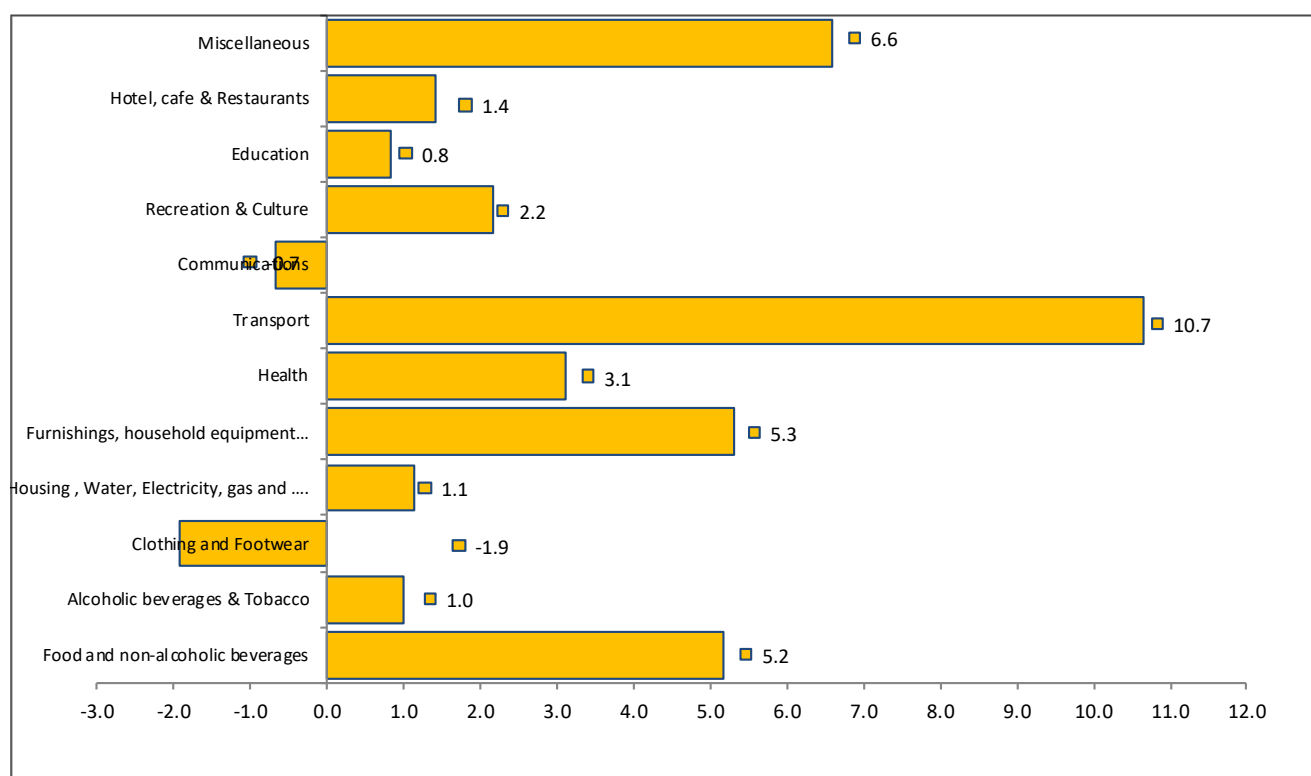
Chart 2: Monthly and annual percentage change (October 2020 - October 2021)



Annual inflation rate by main categories

The highest change in the annual inflation rate were mainly witnessed in the categories of Transport (10.7 percent); Miscellaneous goods and services (6.6 percent); Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (5.3 percent); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (5.2 percent); Health (3.1 percent); Recreation and culture (2.2 percent); while Clothing and footwear and Communications registered deflation of (1.9 percent and 0.7 percent respectively)

Chart 3: Annual percentage change by groups for October 2021

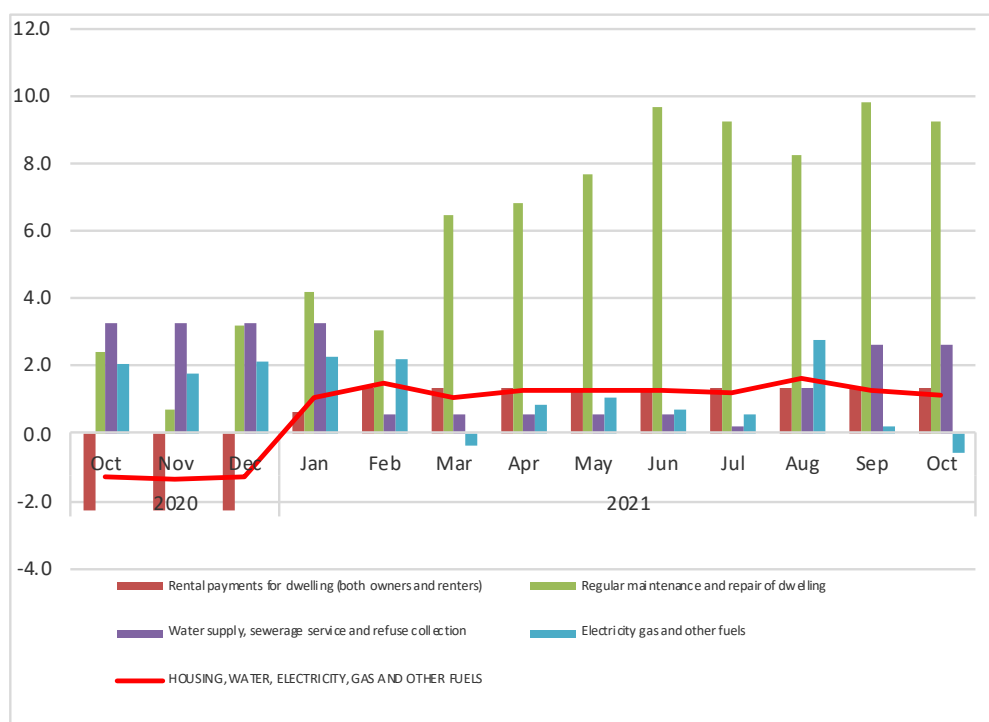


Selected main categories' annual inflation rates

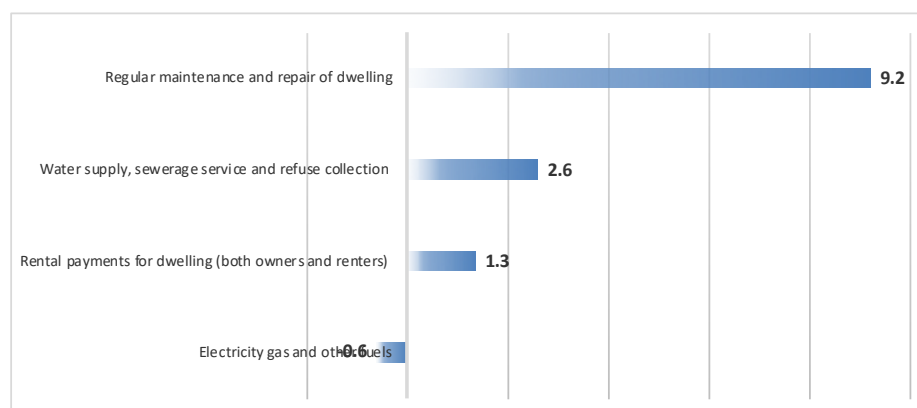
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels

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 1.3 percent during October 2021 compared to a deflation of 1.3 percent registered in September 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 1.6 percent to 9.8 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 (October 2020 – October 2021)



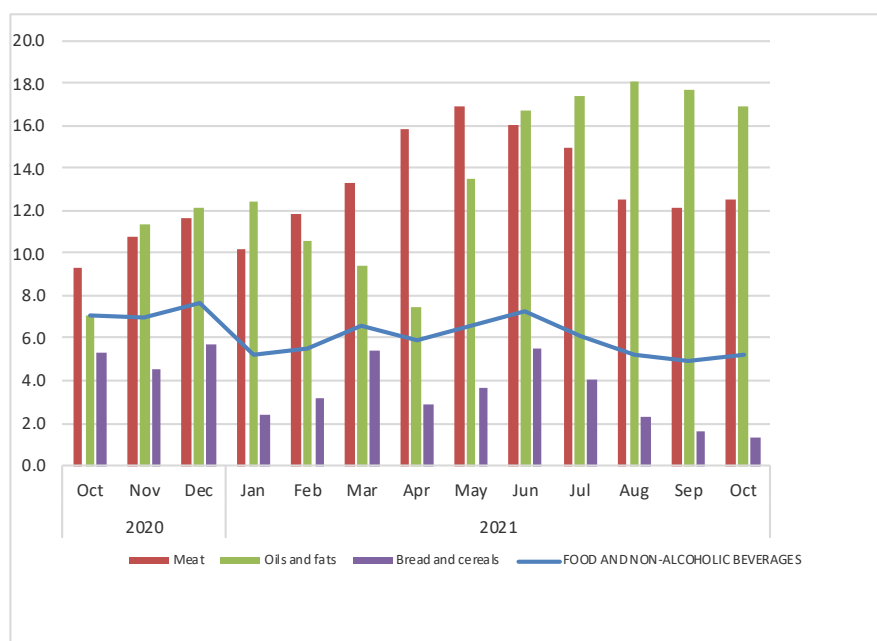
The highest percentage change in October 2021 was observed in Regular maintenance and repair of dwelling at 9.2 percent while the lowest rate of -0.6 percent was observed in Electricity, gas and other fuels.

Chart 5: Annual inflation rate for Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels for October 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 October 2021 compared to 7.1 percent witnessed during the same period last year.

On a monthly basis, prices for Food and non-alcoholic beverages increased by 0.9 percent in October 2021 compared to 0.1 percent recorded last month. The increase in prices levels of this group emanated from increases observed in all subgroups of this category with the exception of oils and fats, Sugar, gem, honey, syrup, chocolate and confectionary and Food products n.e.c which slowed to 0.8 percent, 0.4 percent and 0.2 percent respectively.

Chart 6: Annual inflation rate for the main subcategories of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (October 2020 - October 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 5.4 percent during the period of review

compared to 7.5 percent recorded during the same period of the preceding year.

Prices for Oils and fats rose by 16.9 percent in October 2021 when compared to 7.1 percent recorded in October 2020. The growth in inflation rate was reflected in the price increases registered in Cooking oil (26.4 percent), cooking fats (17.7 percent) and Margarine & margarine spreads (8.9 percent).

Prices for bread and cereals increased by 1.3 percent during the month of October 2021 lower than 5.3 percent registered in October 2020. The slowdown in the inflation rate for this category was mainly as a result of changes observed in the price levels of Maize meal (-3.7 percent), Mealie rice (-2.4 percent), Bread and cake flour (-0.7 percent).

Prices for meat were 12.5 percent more expensive than a year ago. The highest inflation rates within this category were observed in Chicken (23.8 percent), Minced meat (16.6 percent), Liver and kidney (15.2 percent).

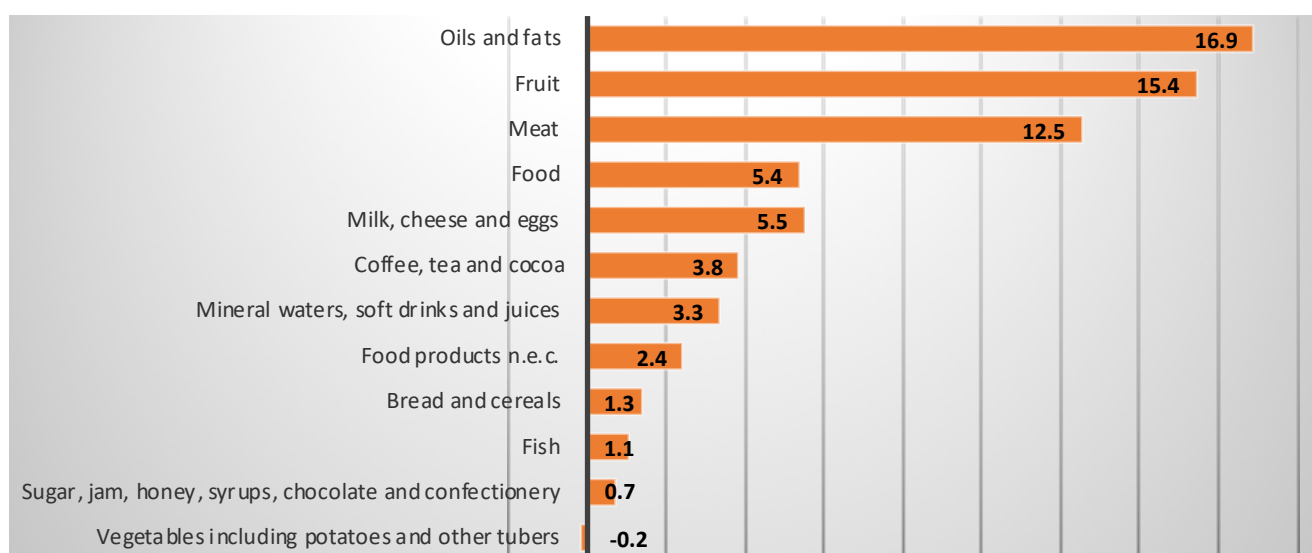
Prices for Sugar, jam, honey, syrups, chocolate and confectionery registered a slowdown of 0.7 percent in October 2021 compared to an increase of 6.6 percent recorded during the same period last year. The slowdown in the inflation rate for this category was mainly as a result of changes observed in the price levels of Syrup (from 10.6 percent to 2.1 percent) and Sugar (from 7.2 percent to 0.6 percent).

Prices for Vegetables including potatoes and other tubers declined by 0.2 percent in October 2021, compared to an increase of 14.1 percent recorded in October 2020. The decrease was mainly observed in the price levels of carrots (from -2.2 percent to -16.6 percent), Mealie/corn cob (from 177.4 percent to -5.1 percent); Tomatoes (from 26.7 percent to -10.3 percent), and Pumpkins and Squashes (from 22.2 percent to -9.5 percent).

The price levels of **Fruits** recorded an inflation of 15.4 percent in October 2021 compared to 16.1 percent recorded in October 2020. Within this category, Avocados recorded the highest inflation rate of (65.8 percent), followed by Pears at (24.8 percent) and Apples at (13.1 percent).

The price levels of **Non-alcoholic beverages** increased by 3.5 percent in October 2021 compared to 3.1 percent recorded in October 2020. Coffee, tea and cocoa recorded the highest inflation rate of (3.8 percent), followed by Mineral waters, soft drinks and juices at (3.3 percent).

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

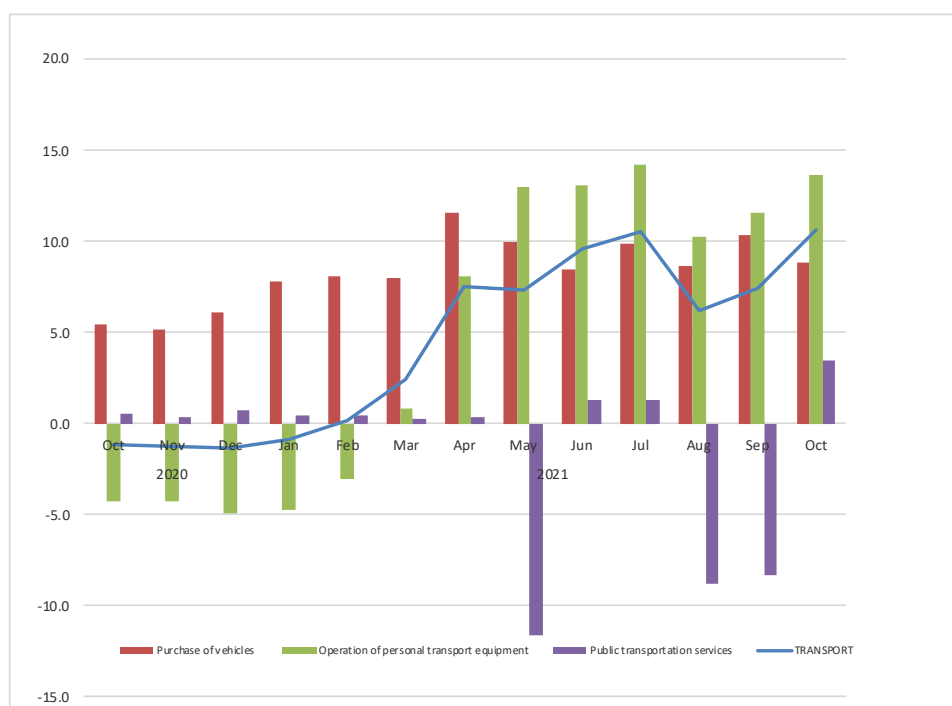


Transport

The annual inflation rate for the Transport category which accounts for 14.3 percent of the consumer basket increased by 10.7 percent in October 2021 compared to a decline of 1.2 percent recorded in October 2020. The increases in the Transport component were reflected in the price levels of all subgroups, Operation of personal transport equipment that rose by 13.6 percent, Purchase of vehicles (8.9 percent) and Public transportation services (3.5 percent).

Transport monthly inflation rate stood at 0.7 percent in October 2021 compared to 1.5 percent recorded in September 2021.

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



Prices for Purchase of vehicles increased by 8.9 percent in October 2021 compared to 5.4 percent recorded during the same period last year. The increases resulted from increases witnessed in the price levels of all subgroups, Motor cars that increased by 8.9 percent in October 2021 compared to 5.5 recorded in October 2020, Motor cycles at 8.2 percent compared 6.0 percent and Bicycles that recorded an inflation rate of 2.9 percent compared to a deflation of 26.0 percent registered a year ago.

Prices for Operation of personal transport equipment increased by 13.6 percent in October 2021, compared to a deflation of 4.3 percent recorded in October 2020. The increase resulted mainly from price increases recorded in Petrol/Diesel which recorded an increase of 22.4 percent in October 2021 compared to a deflation of 12.5 percent registered during the same period last year.

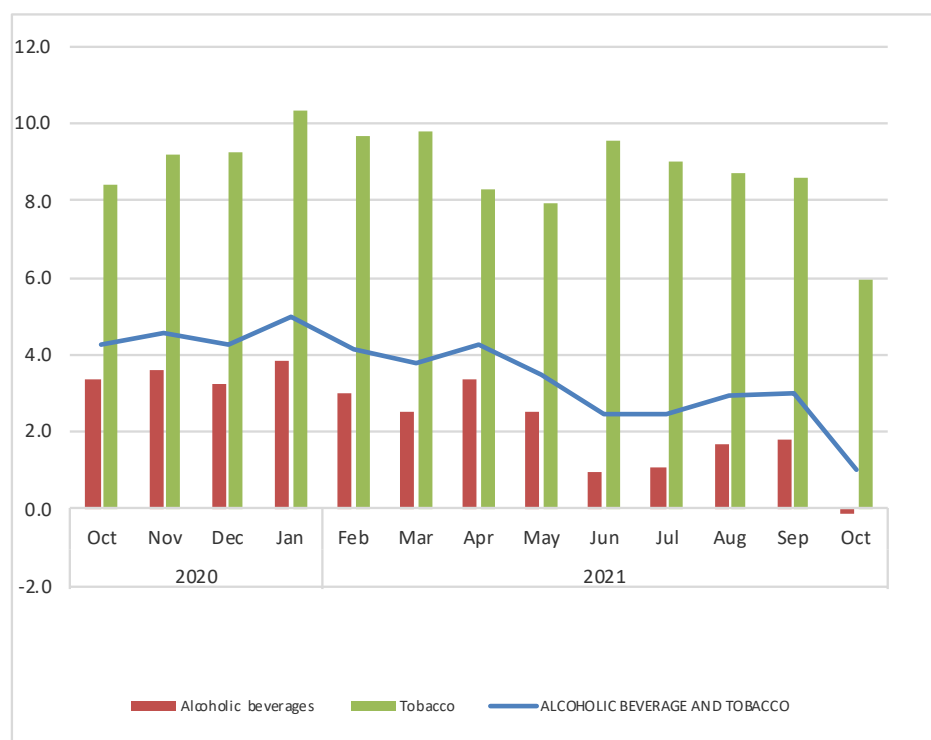
Prices for Public transportation services recorded an increase of 3.5 percent compared to an increase of 0.6 percent registered in October 2020. The increase was mainly as a result of price increases registered in Taxi transportation by 3.9 percent in October 2021 compared to 0.0 percent registered in October 2020 and Bus transportation from 0.7 percent registered in October 2020 to 3.6 percent in October 2021.

Alcoholic beverages and tobacco

In October 2021, the annual inflation rate for the Alcoholic beverages and tobacco category which accounts for 12.6 percent of the consumer basket slowed down to 1.0 percent compared to 4.3 percent registered in October 2020, a decline of 3.3 percentage points. The decline in the movement of the inflation rate in this group was as a result of price decreases in the Alcoholic beverages sub component which recorded a decline of 0.1 percent compared to 3.4 percent recorded in October 2020.

On a monthly basis, prices for this category declined by 0.6 percent compared to an increase of 0.5 percent recorded in the previous month. Tobacco increased by 0.7 percent while Alcoholic beverages decreased by -0.9 percent in October 2021 when compared to the previous month

Chart 9: Annual inflation rate for Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (October 2020 – October 2021)



Prices for Alcoholic beverages recorded a decline of 0.1 percent in October 2021, compared to an increase of 3.4 percent recorded during the same period last year. The decline in the rate of price levels was mainly attributed to a deflation of 6.2 percent recorded in prices of Liqueurs for the month of October 2021, compared to an increase of 5.2 percent registered during the same period last year followed by Wine that declined by 0.4 percent compared to an increase of 4.6 percent.

Prices for Tobacco recorded an increase of 5.9 percent in October 2021 compared to 8.4 percent recorded in October 2020. This slow increase was as a result of slow increases in Cigarettes (7.2 percent to 5.0 percent) and Pipe tobacco (from 12.2 percent to 8.8 percent).

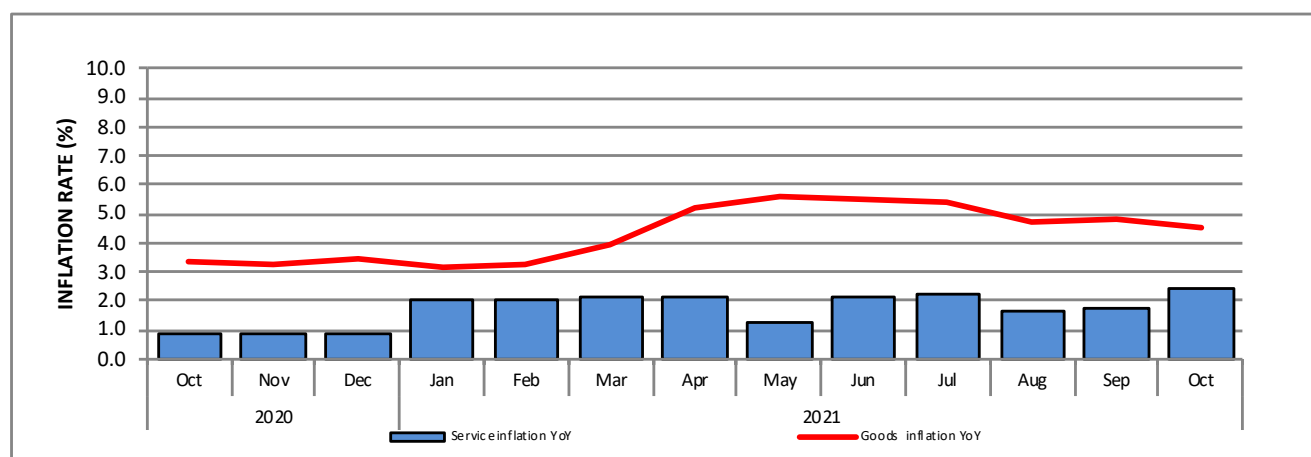
Goods and Services inflation rates

In October 2021, the annual inflation rates for Goods increased by 4.5 percent compared to 3.3 percent recorded in October 2020.

The annual inflation rate for Services rose by 2.4 percent in October 2021 compared to 0.9 percent in October 2020. The increase in the inflation rate emanated mainly from Financial services n.e.c (from 10.7 percent to 27.2 percent), Operation of personal transport equipment (from -4.3 percent to 13.6 percent); Regular maintenance and repair of dwellings (from 2.4 percent to 9.2 percent).

The monthly inflation rate for Goods and Services rose by 0.3 percent and 0.1 percent in October 2021 compared to 0.5 percent and 0.1 percent registered during the former month, respectively.

Chart 10: Goods and Services annual inflation rates (October 2020 – October 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 - October 2021

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
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
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
Sep-21	3.1	3.1	4.6
Oct-21	3.2	3.3	4.7

Zone 1 - The annual inflation rate increased by 3.2 percent in October 2021 compared to 2.6 percent registered in October 2020. The increase in the annual inflation rate resulted from increases in the price levels of Transport (from 0.3 percent to 11.7 percent); Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (from 4.4 percent to 5.3 percent); Health (from 2.5 percent to 3.5); Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (from -2.6 percent to 1.0 percent); and Clothing and footwear (from -10.2 percent to -2.2 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for October 2021 stood at 0.2 percent compared to 0.4 percent recorded during the previous month.

Zone 2 - The annual inflation rate for October 2021 was registered at 3.3 percent compared to 2.4 percent recorded in October 2020. The increase was mainly due to increases in the price levels of Transport (from -1.1 percent to 10.1 percent); Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (from 2.9 percent to 5.3 percent); Miscellaneous goods and services (from 4.9 percent to 7.4 percent); Clothing and footwear (from -3.6 percent to -1.2 percent) and Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (from -1.1 percent to 0.5 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate rose by 0.1 percent, lower when compared to 0.2 percent recorded during the preceding month.

Zone 3 - The annual inflation rate increased by 4.7 percent in October 2021 from 1.8 percent recorded in October 2020. The increase in the annual inflation rate was mainly due to increases in the price levels of Transport (from -2.6 percent to 9.7 percent); Miscellaneous goods and services (from 3.4 percent to 11.6 percent); Hotels, cafes and restaurants (from -0.5 percent to 5.0 percent); Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (from 0.8 percent to 5.3 percent) and Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (from 0.4 percent to 2.4 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for October 2021 rose by 0.2 percent compared to an increase of 0.5 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 October 2021 presented in Table 2 shows that Zone 1 recorded the lowest price for Eggs at N\$17.48 for pack of 6, followed by Zone 2 at N\$18.84 while consumers in Zone 3 paid the highest price of N\$19.05. For Pure Sunflower oil, consumers in Zone 2 paid the highest price at N\$27.99 for 750g, while the lowest price was recorded in Zone 1 at N\$26.77.

Table 2: Average prices on selected products for October 2021

Item	Unit of Measurement	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
White bread	Each	10.74	11.05	11.16
Brown bread	each	10.48	10.64	10.99
Chicken, frozen assorted pieces	1.5kg	71.25	71.49	67.83
Eggs	pack of 6	17.48	18.84	19.05
Pure Sunflower oil	750ml	26.77	27.99	27.30
Brown sugar	1kg	16.99	17.99	17.87
Honey	500g	77.66	71.99	72.32
Stewing Beef	per kg	83.37	78.50	84.49
Beer (local)	330ml	10.49	10.19	11.15

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

	Categories	Weights		
		ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3
	NCPI MAIN GROUPS			
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 October 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	141.7	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
	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
	Sep	146.5	0.3	3.5
	Oct	146.8	0.2	3.6

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

	Weights	CPI			Inflation Rate	
		Oct-20	Sep-21	Oct-21	m-o-m	y-o-y
ALL ITEMS	100.00	141.6	146.5	146.8	0.2	3.6
GOODS	57.7	144.5	150.6	151.0	0.3	4.5
SERVICES	42.3	137.9	141.1	141.2	0.1	2.4
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	16.45	158.9	165.6	167.1	0.9	5.2
Food	14.78	160.9	167.9	169.5	0.9	5.4
Bread and cereals	4.84	147.5	148.9	149.5	0.4	1.3
Meat	3.53	164.7	183.0	185.3	1.3	12.5
Fish	0.81	168.4	169.4	170.1	0.4	1.1
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.17	152.6	159.4	160.9	1.0	5.5
Oils and fats	0.78	145.9	169.3	170.6	0.8	16.9
Fruit	0.33	212.0	232.4	244.7	5.3	15.4
Vegetables including potatoes and other tubers	1.23	197.5	195.2	197.2	1.0	-0.2
Sugar, jam, honey, syrups, chocolate and confectionery	1.44	168.6	169.0	169.8	0.4	0.7
Food products n.e.c.	0.65	149.8	153.1	153.4	0.2	2.4
Non-alcoholic beverages	1.66	141.3	145.3	146.2	0.6	3.5
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.31	179.7	184.4	186.6	1.2	3.8
Mineral waters, soft drinks and juices	1.35	132.5	136.2	136.9	0.5	3.3
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	12.59	157.5	160.1	159.1	-0.6	1.0
Alcoholic beverages	9.99	162.3	163.7	162.2	-0.9	-0.1
Tobacco	2.61	139.0	146.2	147.3	0.7	5.9
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	3.05	97.9	95.8	96.0	0.2	-1.9
Clothing	2.04	103.1	100.9	101.2	0.3	-1.8
Clothing materials	0.07	145.3	154.0	154.7	0.5	6.4
Ready-made clothing	1.93	101.2	98.4	98.7	0.3	-2.4
Men's clothing	0.58	104.4	98.6	99.4	0.8	-4.7
Women's clothing	0.70	90.2	86.7	86.6	-0.1	-4.0
Children's clothing	0.66	108.3	108.5	108.9	0.4	0.6
Boys' clothing	0.24	104.5	106.3	106.7	0.3	2.1
Girls' clothing	0.33	110.2	109.5	110.2	0.6	-0.1
Infants' clothing	0.09	113.6	112.0	111.7	-0.2	-1.6
Other articles of clothing and clothing accessories	0.05	122.6	128.7	128.1	-0.5	4.4
Dry cleaning, repair and hire of clothing	0.00	131.8	134.8	134.7	-0.1	2.2
Footwear	1.01	87.3	85.4	85.4	-0.1	-2.2
Adult footwear	0.80	76.9	75.9	75.7	-0.2	-1.6
Children's footwear	0.20	125.8	121.1	121.4	0.3	-3.5
Repair of footwear	0.01	140.0	134.4	134.8	0.3	-3.8
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	28.36	133.4	135.1	134.9	-0.1	1.1
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	143.5	157.6	156.7	-0.5	9.2
Water supply, sewerage service and refuse collection	1.0	186.7	191.6	191.6	0.0	2.6
Electricity gas and other fuels	3.9	158.7	159.1	157.7	-0.8	-0.6

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

	Weights	CPI			Inflation Rate	
		Oct-20	Sep-21	Oct-21	m-o-m	y-o-y
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	5.5	131.6	138.0	138.6	0.4	5.3
Furniture, furnishings, decorations, carpets, floor coverings, incl. repairs	1.8	99.5	105.6	105.8	0.1	6.3
Furniture and furnishings	1.7	97.4	103.6	103.7	0.2	6.5
Carpets and other floor coverings	0.1	123.9	129.7	129.3	-0.3	4.4
Repair of furnishings and floor coverings	0.0	202.3	206.8	206.8	0.0	2.2
Household textiles	0.7	144.8	157.4	159.2	1.1	9.9
Heating and cooking appliances, refrigerators, washing machines and similar major household appliances, etc	0.9	131.2	136.6	137.5	0.7	4.8
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	0.2	164.8	175.8	174.3	-0.8	5.8
Tools and equipment for house and garden	0.4	137.6	141.9	142.0	0.1	3.2
Goods and services for routine household maintenance	1.4	159.4	163.5	164.2	0.4	3.0
HEALTH	2.0	139.6	144.7	144.0	-0.5	3.1
Medical products, appliances and equipment	0.8	137.1	141.9	140.1	-1.2	2.2
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	135.2	148.6	149.6	0.7	10.7
Purchase of vehicles	2.9	166.8	181.7	181.5	-0.1	8.9
Operation of personal transport equipment	9.0	124.0	139.3	140.9	1.2	13.6
Public transportation services	2.4	139.2	144.0	144.1	0.0	3.5
COMMUNICATIONS	3.8	113.0	112.1	112.2	0.1	-0.7
RECREATION AND CULTURE	3.6	144.2	146.6	147.3	0.5	2.2
Audio-visual, photographic and data processing equip. incl. repairs	1.2	128.8	129.2	128.8	-0.3	0.1
Other major durables for recreation and culture	0.1	140.6	154.3	156.3	1.2	11.1
Other recreational items and equipment; flowers, gardens and pets	0.5	139.2	145.6	146.3	0.4	5.1
Recreation and cultural services	0.8	143.4	147.4	147.4	0.0	2.8
Newspapers, books and stationery	0.9	158.5	162.0	163.7	1.0	3.3
Package holidays	0.1	217.6	196.4	203.7	3.7	-6.4
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	149.8	151.2	151.9	0.5	1.4
Catering	0.7	153.4	158.2	158.8	0.4	3.5
Accommodation services	0.6	145.6	143.2	144.0	0.6	-1.1
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	5.4	139.4	148.5	148.6	0.1	6.6
Personal care	1.4	142.7	143.5	143.5	0.0	0.6
Personal effects n.e.c.	1.0	122.9	121.2	121.2	0.0	-1.4
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	133.8	135.4	135.8	0.3	1.6

Annex C: Zone 1 CPI (Northern Part of Namibia) All Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes October 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
	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
	May	144.6	0.3	3.7
	Jun	144.7	0.4	3.9
	Jul	145.4	0.1	3.8
	Aug	145.1	-0.2	3.1
	Sep	145.6	0.4	3.1
	Oct	146.0	0.2	3.2

Annex D: Zone 2 CPI (Windhoek Area) All Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes October 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
	An. 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
	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
	Sep	142.3	0.2	3.1
	Oct	142.5	0.1	3.3

Annex E: Zone 3 CPI (Eastern, Southern & Western Parts of Namibia) All Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes October 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
	An. 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
	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
	Sep	154.8	0.5	4.6
	Oct	155.1	0.2	4.7

Annex F: Background of the 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 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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