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PREFACE

This report examines the monthly inflation rate performance in Namibia as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). 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 policymaking, especially the conduct of monetary policy and to consumers in general. The Consumer Price Index is published about 15 days after the end of the reference month to which it relates.

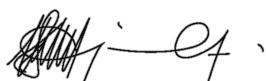
In May 2022, the annual inflation rate increased by 5.4 percent compared to 3.8 percent recorded in May 2021. On a monthly basis, the inflation rate increased by 0.1 percent compared to 1.4 percent recorded a month earlier. Transport; and Food and non-alcoholic beverages continued to be the main contributors to the annual inflation rate with a contribution of (2.4 percentage points) and (1.2 percentage points), respectively.

The Zonal inflation rates for the month of May 2022 revealed that, Zone 2 (Komas) recorded the highest annual inflation rate of 6.3 percent followed by Zone 3 (Hardap, Omaheke, //Karas, and Erongo) which recorded an annual inflation rate of 5.1 percent while Zone 1 (Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa, and Zambezi) recorded the lowest annual percentage rate of 4.8 percent. On a monthly basis, Zone 2 and Zone 3 both recorded 0.1 percent while Zone 1 recorded monthly inflation rate of 0.0 percent.

Analysis of the average retail prices of selected products for the month of May 2022 showed that consumers in Zone 2 paid the highest price for Eggs (pack of 6) at N\$20.05 followed by Zone 3 at N\$19.94, while consumers in Zone 1 paid the lowest price of N\$17.90. For brown bread, consumers in Zone 2 paid the highest price at N\$11.69, while the lowest price was paid by consumers residing in Zone 1 at N\$11.39.

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

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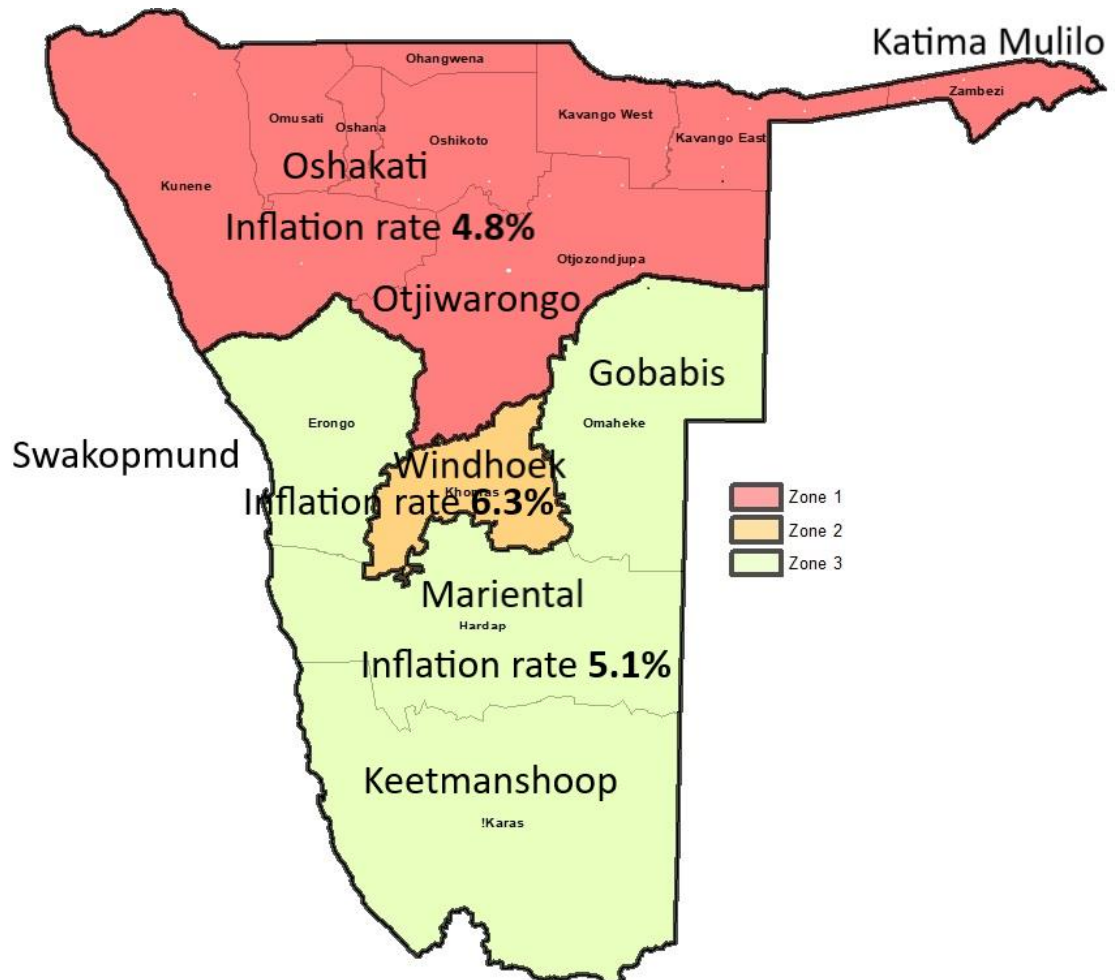
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Annual inflation stood at 5.4 percent in May 2022

During the period under review, the annual inflation rate increased by 5.4 percent compared to 3.8 percent recorded in May 2021 while monthly the inflation rate slowed by 0.1 percent compared to an increase of 1.4 percent recorded in the previous month.

Box 1: Key highlights



- o The annual inflation rate stood at **5.4 percent**
- o The annual inflation rate for Goods was estimated at **7.1 percent**
- o The annual inflation rate for Services stood at **3.1 percent**
- o The average annual inflation rate for the period May 2021 to May 2022 stood at **4.3 percent**.
- o The twelve-month average annual inflation rate from June 2021 to May 2022 was estimated at **4.3 percent**.

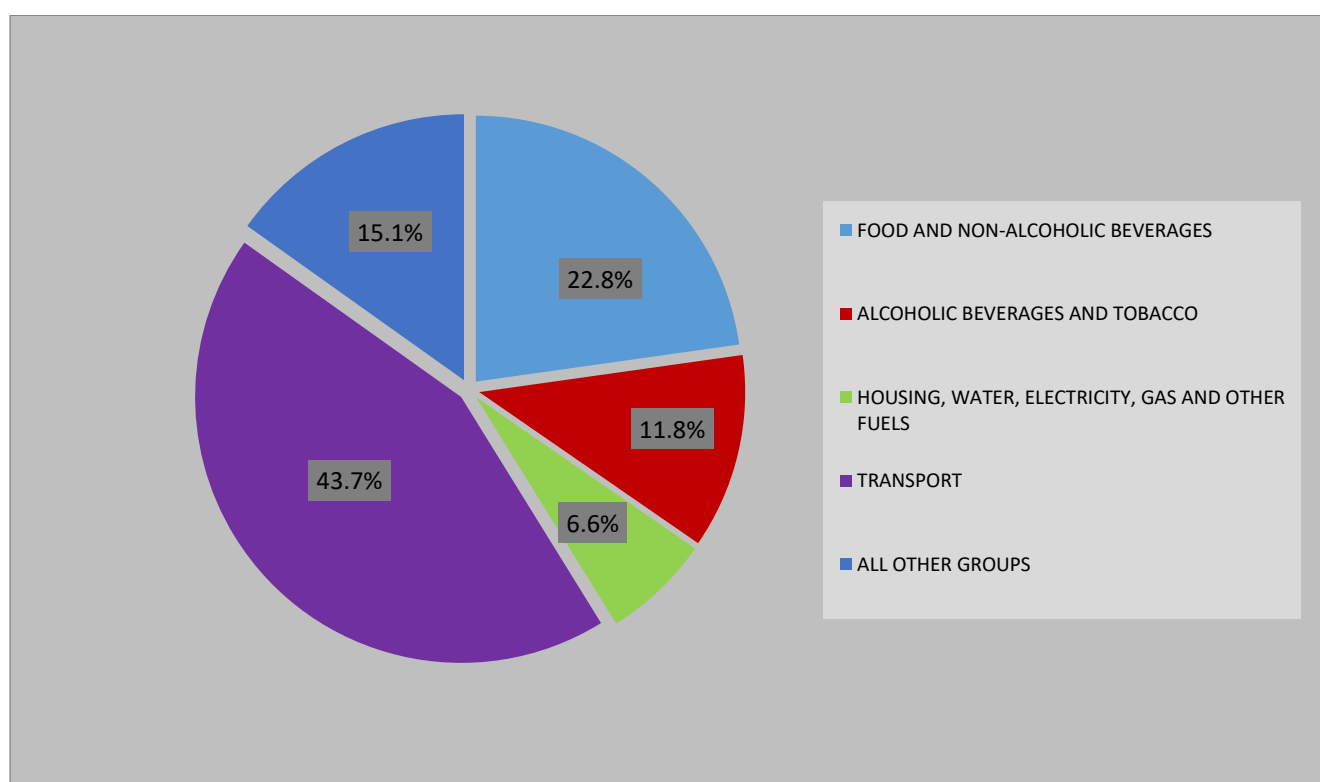
Box 2: Contribution of the different groups to the annual percentage change in NCPI

Groups	Contributions (%)	
	Apr-22	May-22
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1.1	1.2
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	0.6	0.6
Clothing and footwear	0.0	0.0
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.4	0.4
Furnishings, household equipment etc.	0.4	0.4
Health	0.0	0.0
Transport	2.7	2.4
Communication	0.0	0.0
Recreation and culture	0.2	0.2
Education	0.1	0.1
Hotels, cafes, and restaurants	0.1	0.1
Miscellaneous goods and services	0.0	0.0
All items	5.6	5.4

Overall inflation rate

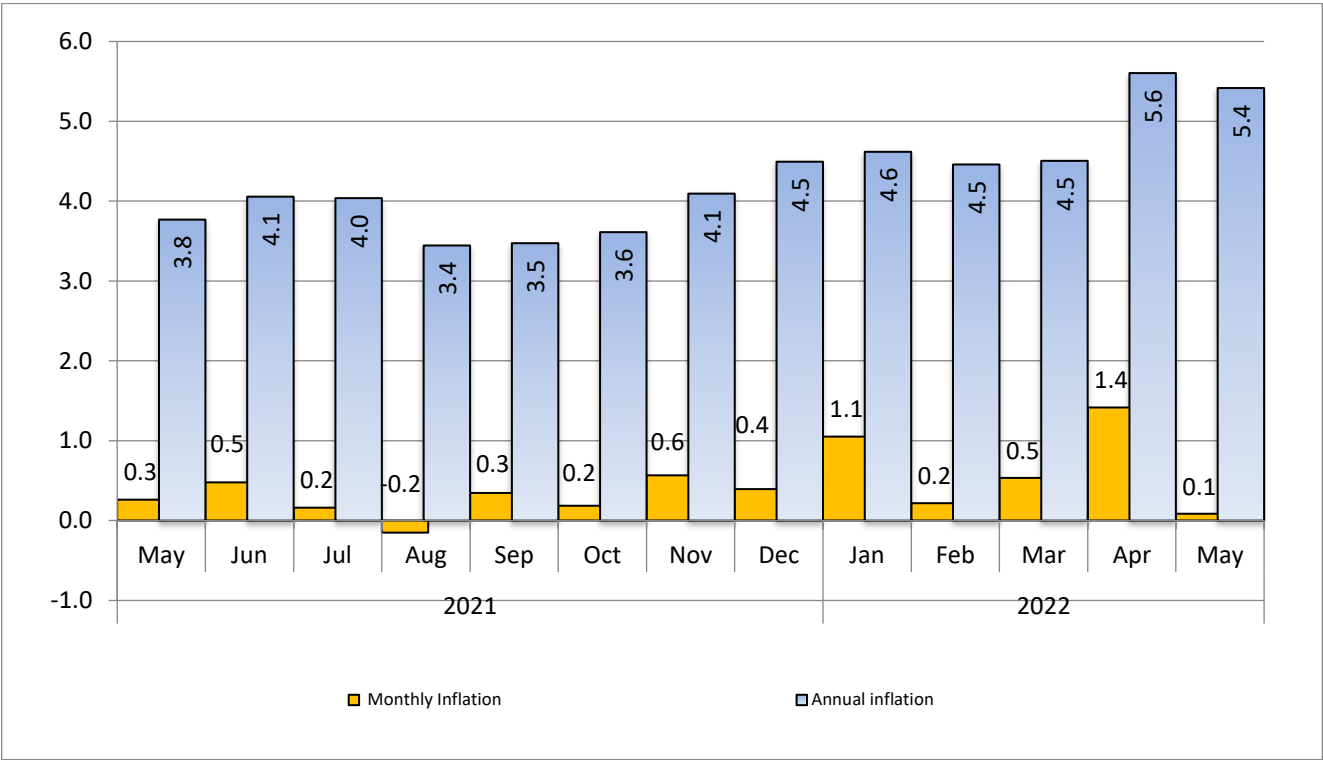
The annual inflation rate for the month of May 2022 stood at 5.4 percent, up from 3.8 percent recorded in May 2021, an increase of 1.6 percentage points. The main contributors to the annual inflation rate for May 2022 were mainly Transport (2.4 percentage points); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (1.2 percentage points); Alcoholic beverages & tobacco (0.6 percentage points); Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels; and Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house each contributed (0.4 percentage points).

Chart 1: NCPI groups contribution to inflation rate for May 2022 (%)



On monthly basis Namibia recorded inflation rate of 0.1 percent in May 2022 compared to 1.4 percent registered during the preceding month. The slow growth in the monthly percentage change was caused by Transport which deflated (from 5.7% to -1.2%).

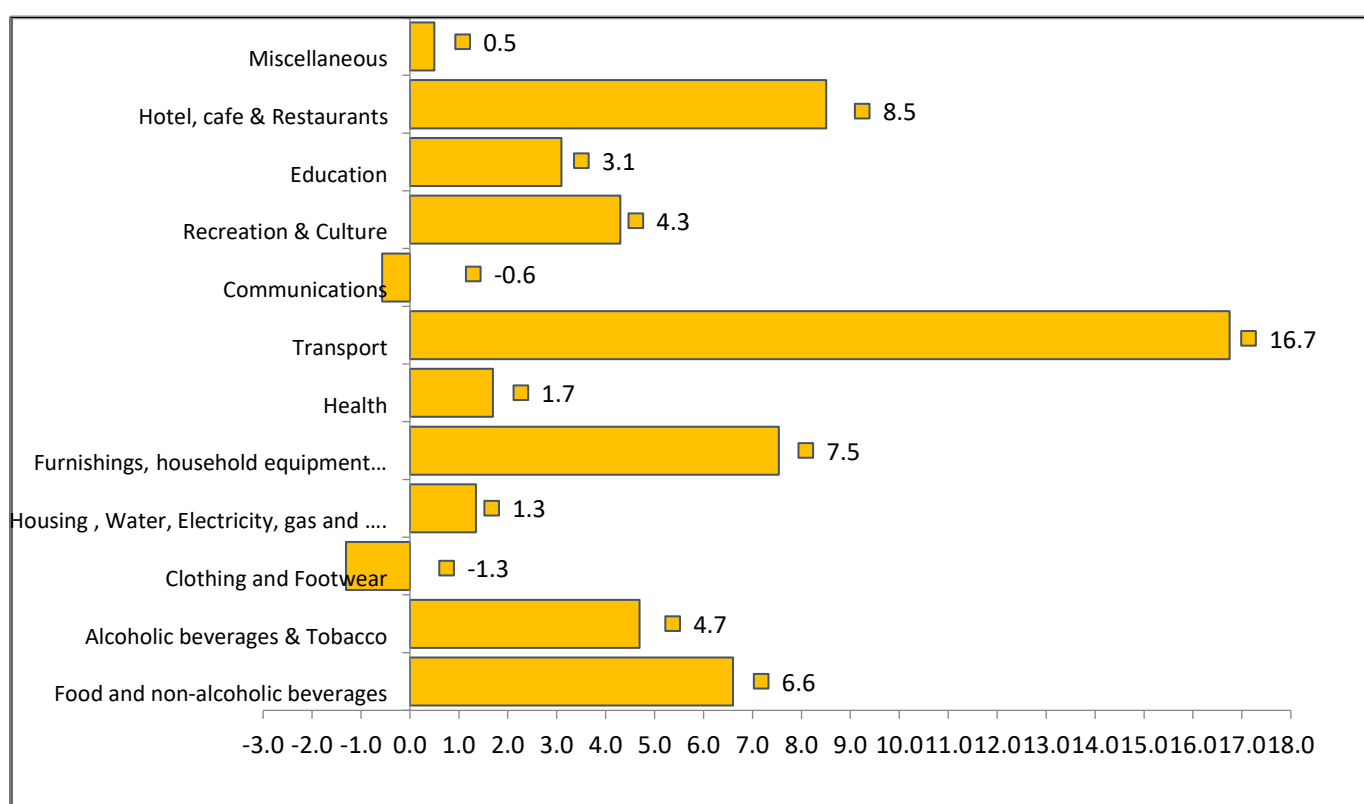
Chart 2: Monthly and annual percentage change (May 2021-May 2022)



Annual inflation rate by main categories

The highest change in the annual inflation rate were mainly witnessed in the categories of Transport (16.7%); Hotels, cafes and restaurants (8.5%); Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (7.5%); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (6.6%) and Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (4.7%).

Chart 3: Annual percentage change by groups for May 2022

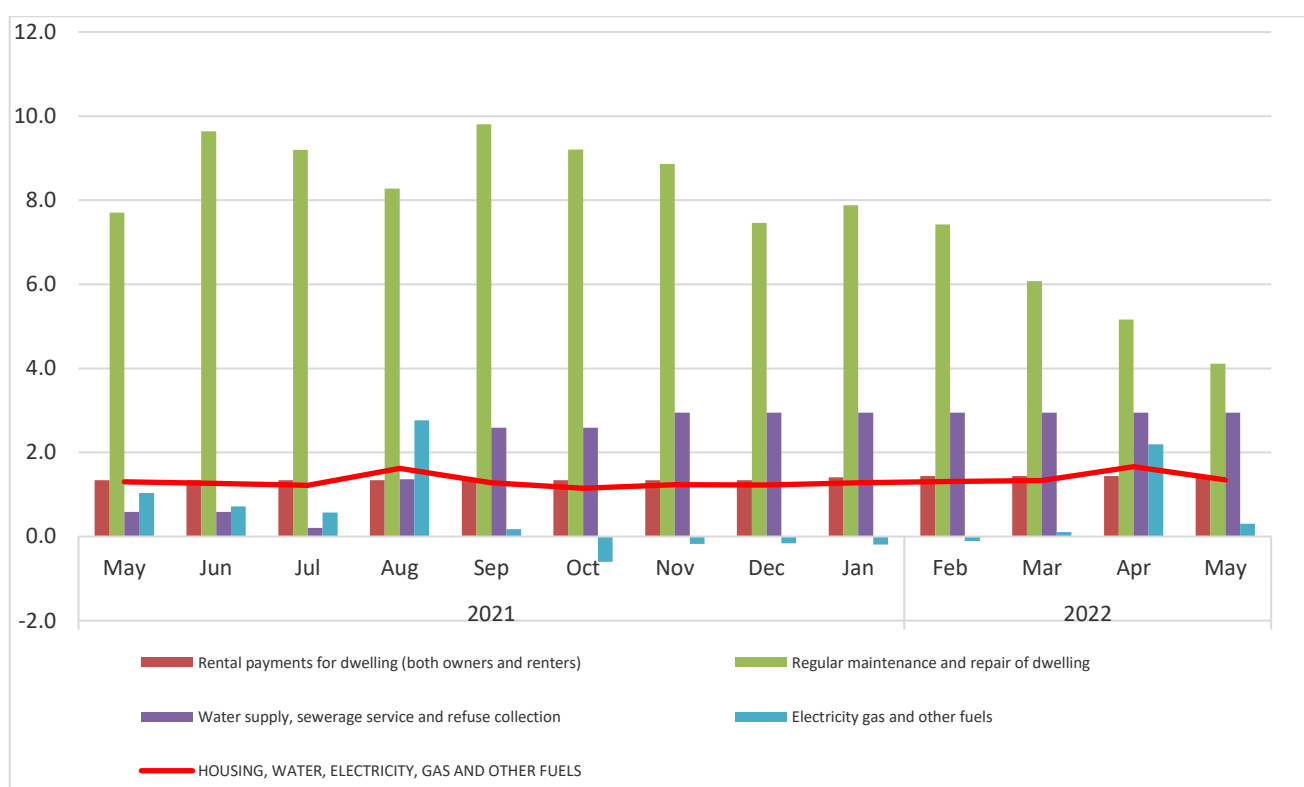


Selected main categories' annual inflation rates

Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels

The annual percentage change for Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels component which accounts for 28.4 percent of the consumer basket, stood at 1.3 percent during May 2022 unchanged when compared to the same period of the preceding year.

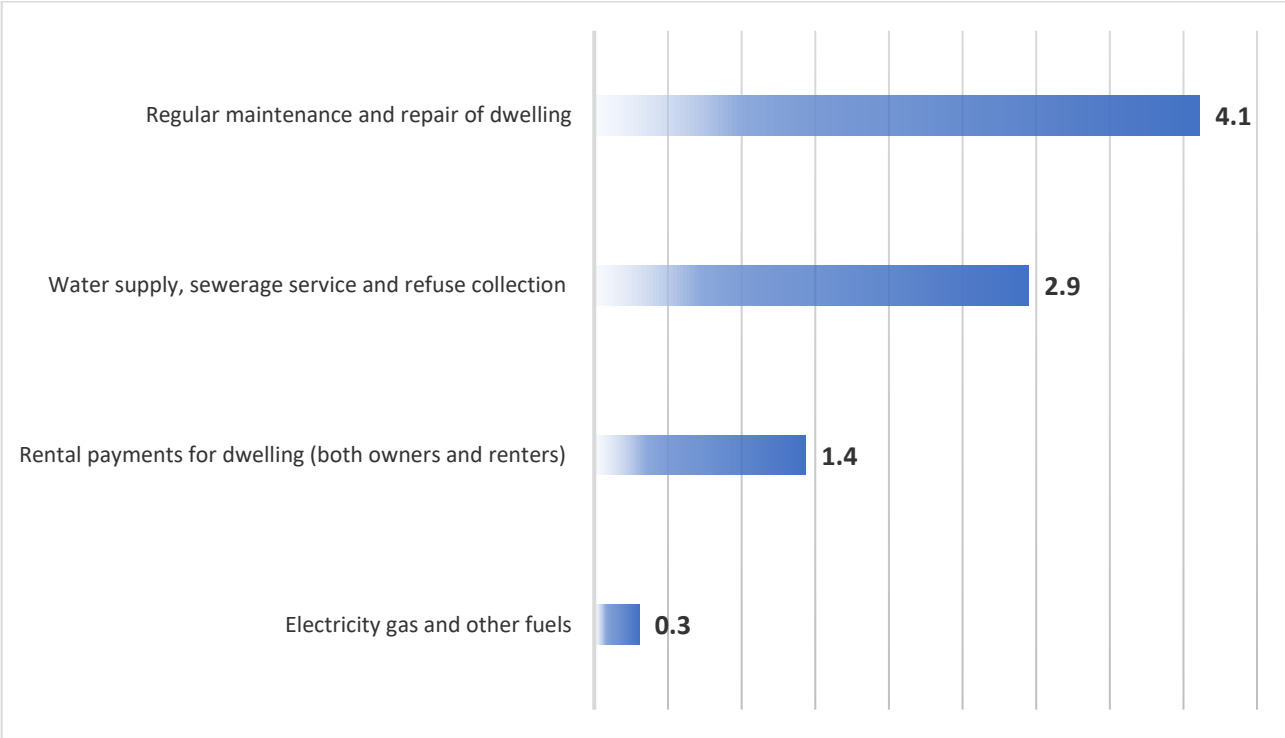
Chart 4: Annual inflation rate for Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels (May 2021- May 2022)



The highest percentage change in May 2021 was observed in Regular maintenance and repair of dwelling (4.1%) followed by Water supply, sewerage services and refuse collection (2.9%); Rental payment for dwelling (1.4%); and Electricity, gas and other fuels (0.3%).

On monthly basis, this category recorded a deflation of 0.3 percent in May 2022 as opposed to an increase of 0.3 percent in the previous month.

Chart 5: Annual inflation rate for Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels for May 2022

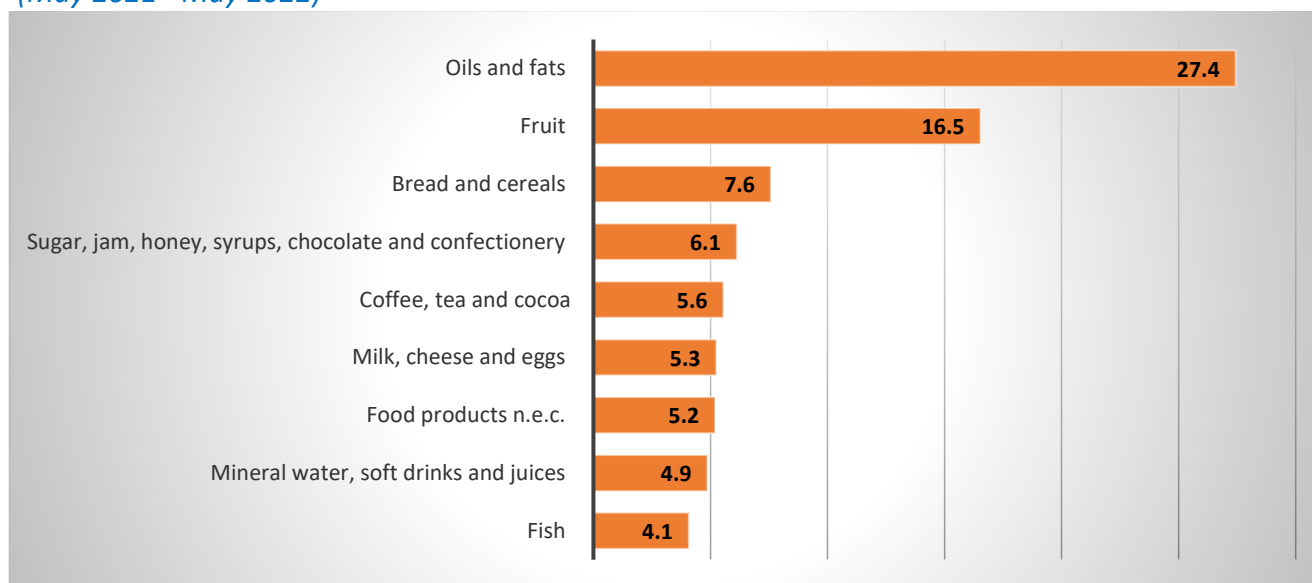


Food and non-alcoholic beverages

Food and non-alcoholic beverages which accounts for 16.5 percent of the NCPI basket recorded an inflation rate of 6.6 percent during the month of May 2022 unchanged when compared to the same period of last year.

On monthly basis, price levels for this category rose by 1.5 percent during the period under review compared to 1.4 percent recorded a month earlier.

Chart 6: Annual inflation rate for the main subcategories of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (May 2021 - May 2022)



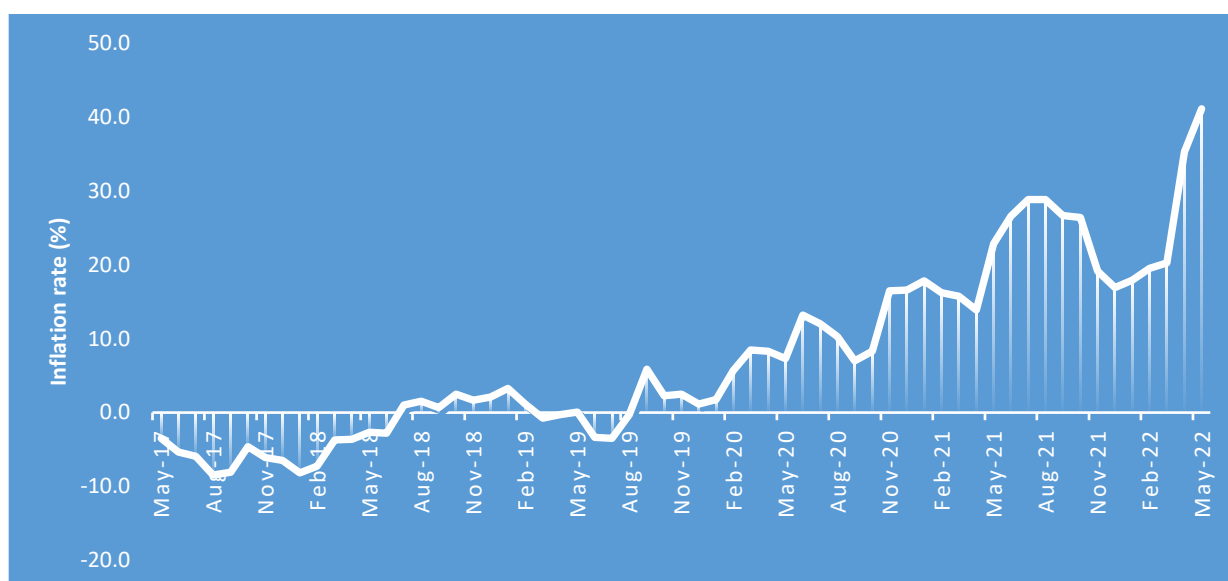
Food sub-category accounts for 14.8 percent of the consumer basket in the CPI. Within the food sub-category, bread, and cereals accounts for the highest weight of food items that consumers purchase, having a weight of (4.8 percent) followed by Meat (3.5 percent); Sugar, jam, honey, syrups, chocolate,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

The inflation rate for the **Food** sub-category recorded a slow increase of 6.8 percent during the period under review compared to 7.1 percent registered during the same period of the preceding year. The slow increase was mainly reflected in meat prices that increased by 3.4 percent compared to an increase of 16.9 percent registered in May 2021.

Prices for Bread and cereals increased by 7.6 percent during May 2022 compared to 3.7 percent obtained in May 2021. The increase in the annual inflation rate for this sub-category resulted mainly from the increases in the price levels of Bread, cake flour (from 3.7% to 14.2%), Maize meal/grain (from -2.4% to 9.3%) and Mealie rice/malt (from -0.8% to 6.7%).

Prices for **Oils and fats** augmented by 27.4 percent in May 2022 compared to 13.5 percent recorded during the same time a year earlier. The increase was reflected mainly in the price levels of Cooking oil that escalated (from 22.8% to 41.1%) this was the highest annual increase recorded to date as reflected in Chart 7. The increase was further reflected in Cooking fats (from 8.0% to 25.5%); and Margarine & margarine spreads (from 2.7% to 10.5%)

Chart 7: Annual inflation rates for cooking oil (May 2017 - May 2022)

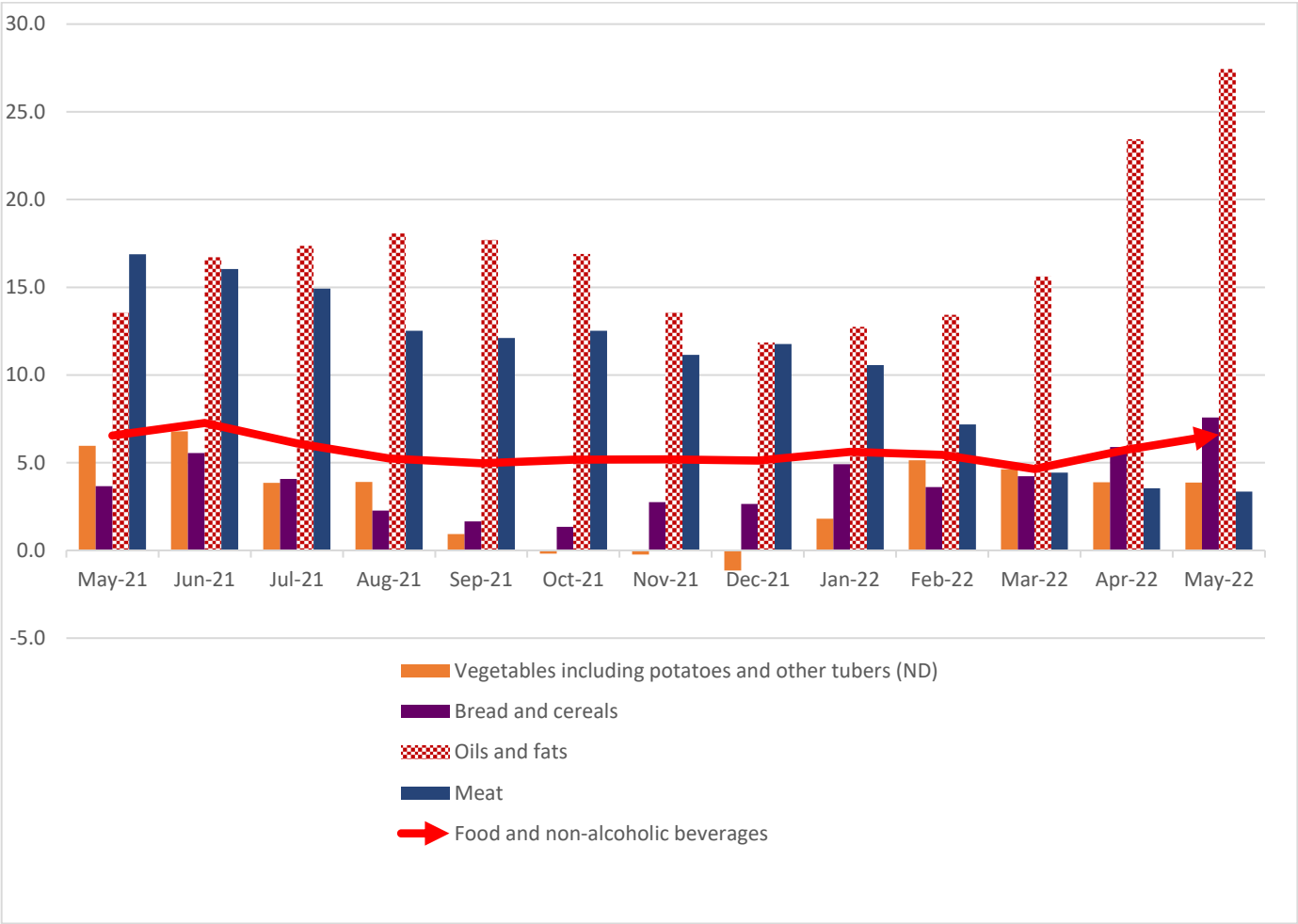


The price levels of **Fish** increased by 4.1 percent in May 2022, compared to 2.2 percent recorded in May 2021. The increase in the annual inflation rate for this category emanated from increases witnessed in the price levels of Fresh, chilled & frozen fish (from 3.9 % to 6.0%) and Tinned fish (from -2.1% to 4.2%).

Prices for meat increased by 3.4 percent during the period under review, a slowdown when compared to an increase of 16.9 percent registered during the same period last year. The slowdown in the annual inflation rate for Meat was mainly observed in the price levels of Chicken (from 26.1% to 5.0%); Liver and kidneys (from 20.3% to 2.1%); Beef (from 16.0% to 2.0%); and Mutton (from 15.7% to 2.8%).

The price levels of **Vegetables** increased by 3.9 percent in May 2022 compared to 6.0 percent recorded in May 2021. The slowdown in the annual inflation rate for this subcategory resulted mainly from decreases observed in the price levels of Cabbage (from 22.9% to -28.6%); Tomatoes (from 24.5% to -5.4%); Spinach (from 4.3% to -23.5%); and sweet potatoes (from 14.6% to -13.1%).

Chart 8: Annual inflation rates for Food and non-alcoholic beverages and selected food sub-categories for May 2022

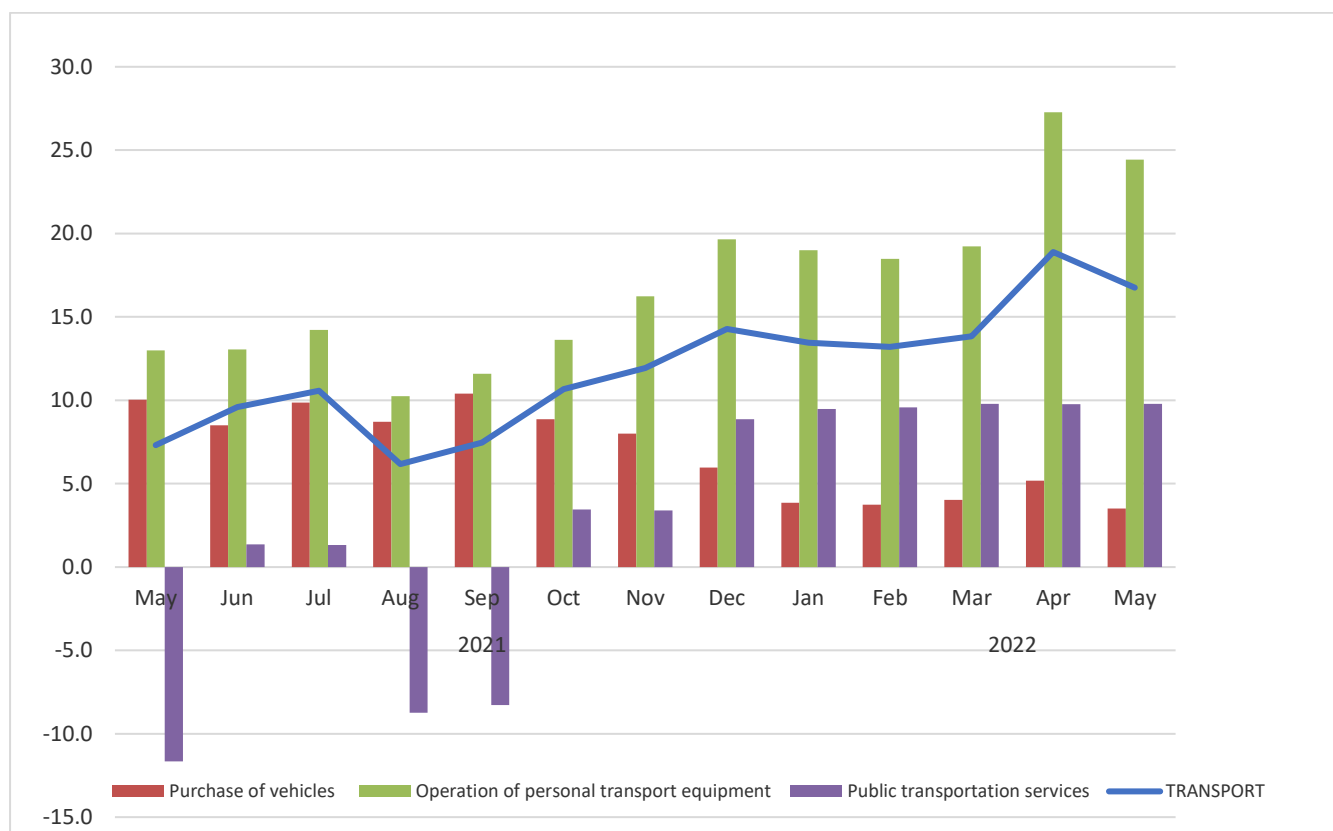


Transport

The annual inflation rate for the Transport category which accounts for 14.3 percent of the consumer basket continues to be the main driver of the overall inflation, increasing by 16.7 percent in May 2022 compared to 7.3 percent registered in May 2021. The increases in the Transport component were reflected in the price levels of Operation of personal transport equipment which increased by 24.4 percent and public transport that increased by 9.8 percent.

On monthly basis, Transport recorded a deflation of 1.2 percent in May 2022 mainly on account of declines in fuel prices during the period of review compared to 5.7 percent increase recorded in April 2022, registering a decrease of 6.9 percentage points.

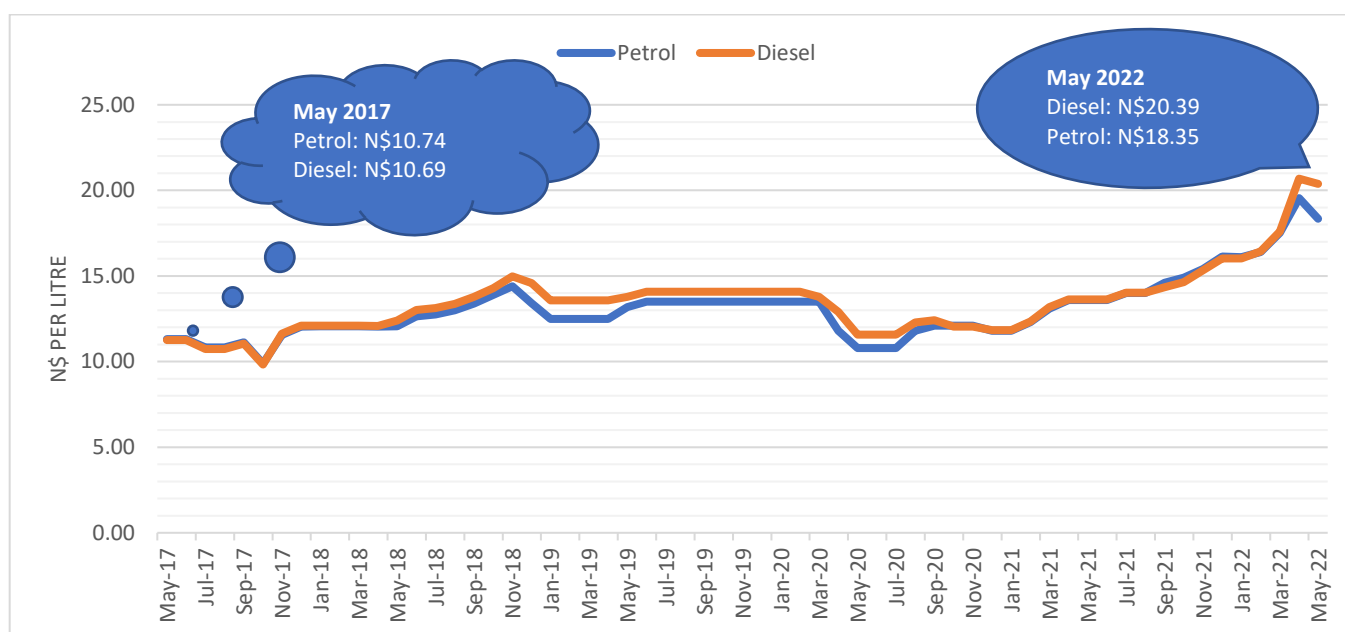
Chart 9: Annual inflation rate for Transport (May 2021 - May 2022)



Operation of personal transport equipment increased by 24.4 percent in May 2022, compared to 13.0 percent recorded in May 2021. The increase resulted mainly from price increases witnessed in Petrol/Diesel which recorded a remarkable increase of 42.0 percent in May 2022 compared to 21.7 percent registered during the same period last year.

Five years back in May of 2017, consumers in Namibia paid on average N\$10.74 per litre for petrol, while consumers paid slightly lower for diesel at N\$10.69 per litre. Fast forward to May 2022, consumers in Namibia are almost paying double the price with the average price of petrol being recorded at N\$18.35 per litre while the average price of diesel stood at N\$20.39 per litre (Chart 10).

Chart 10: Average Price per Litre of Petrol and Diesel (May 2017 -May 2022)



Prices for Public transportation services recorded an increase of 9.8 percent compared to a deflation of 11.6 percent registered same period of 2021. The increase was mainly because of price increases registered in Taxi transportation that increased by 10.4 percent in May 2022 compared to a deflation of 12.2 percent registered in May 2021; Bus transportation increased by 10.0 percent compared to a deflation of 13.8 percent in May 2021; while Air transportation inflation increased by 7.5 percent compared to a deflation of 9.7 percent registered in May 2021.

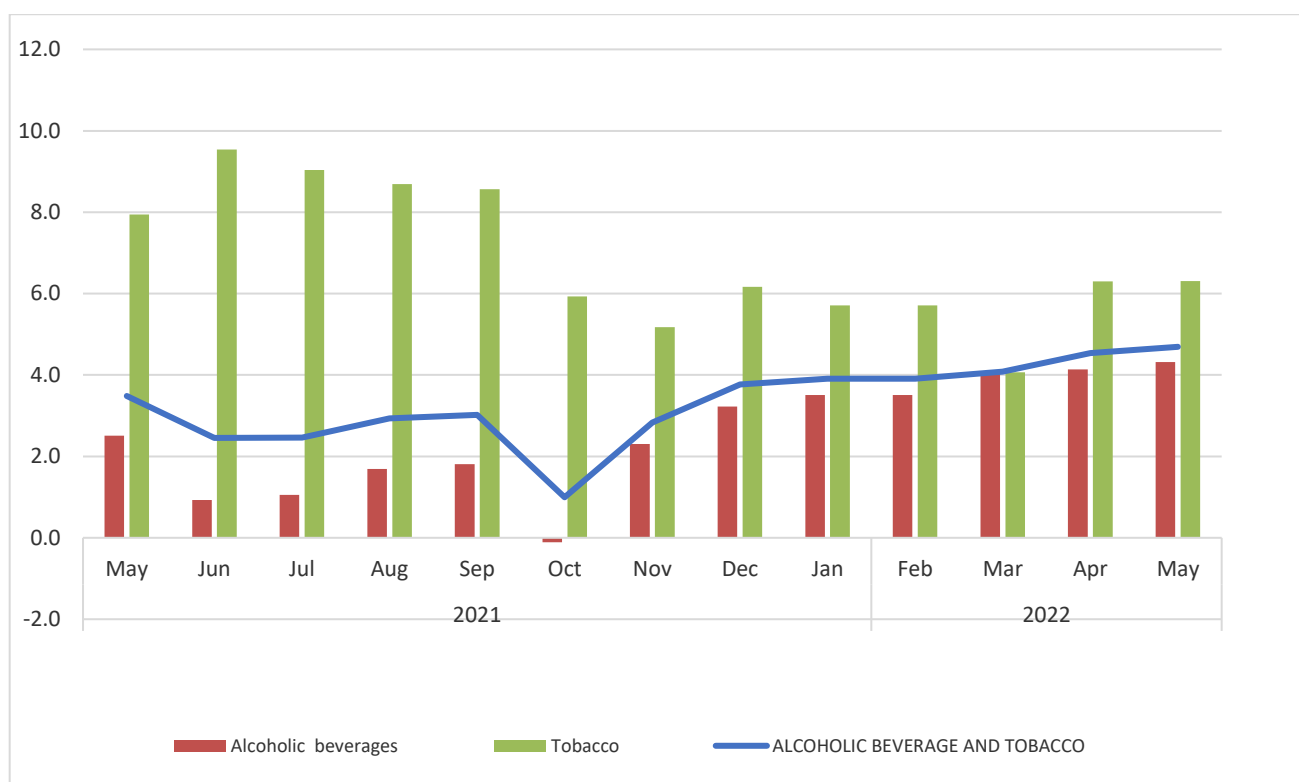
Purchase of vehicles, prices in this subcategory increased by 3.5 percent in May 2022 compared 10.0 percent recorded in May 2021. The slow increase emanated from all subcategories, Motor cars (from 10.0% to 3.3%); Bicycles (from 9.6% to 3.2%) and Motorcycles (from 10.5% to 7.7%).

Alcoholic beverages and tobacco

During the month of May 2022, the annual inflation rate for the Alcoholic beverages and tobacco category which accounts for 12.6 percent of the consumer basket rose by 4.7 percent compared to 3.5 percent registered in May of the preceding year. The increase in the movement of the inflation rate of this group was registered in the price levels of Alcoholic beverages which increased by 4.3 percent and Tobacco which increased by 6.3 percent.

On a monthly basis, inflation rate stood at 0.0 percent compared to 0.9 percent recorded in April 2022.

Chart 11: Annual inflation rate for Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (May 2021 - May 2022)



Prices for Tobacco increased by 6.3 percent in May 2022 compared to 7.9 percent recorded in May 2021. The slowdown registered in the inflation rate was due to a slow increase in the price level of Pipe tobacco that increased by 1.7 percent compared to 15.3 percent registered in May 2021.

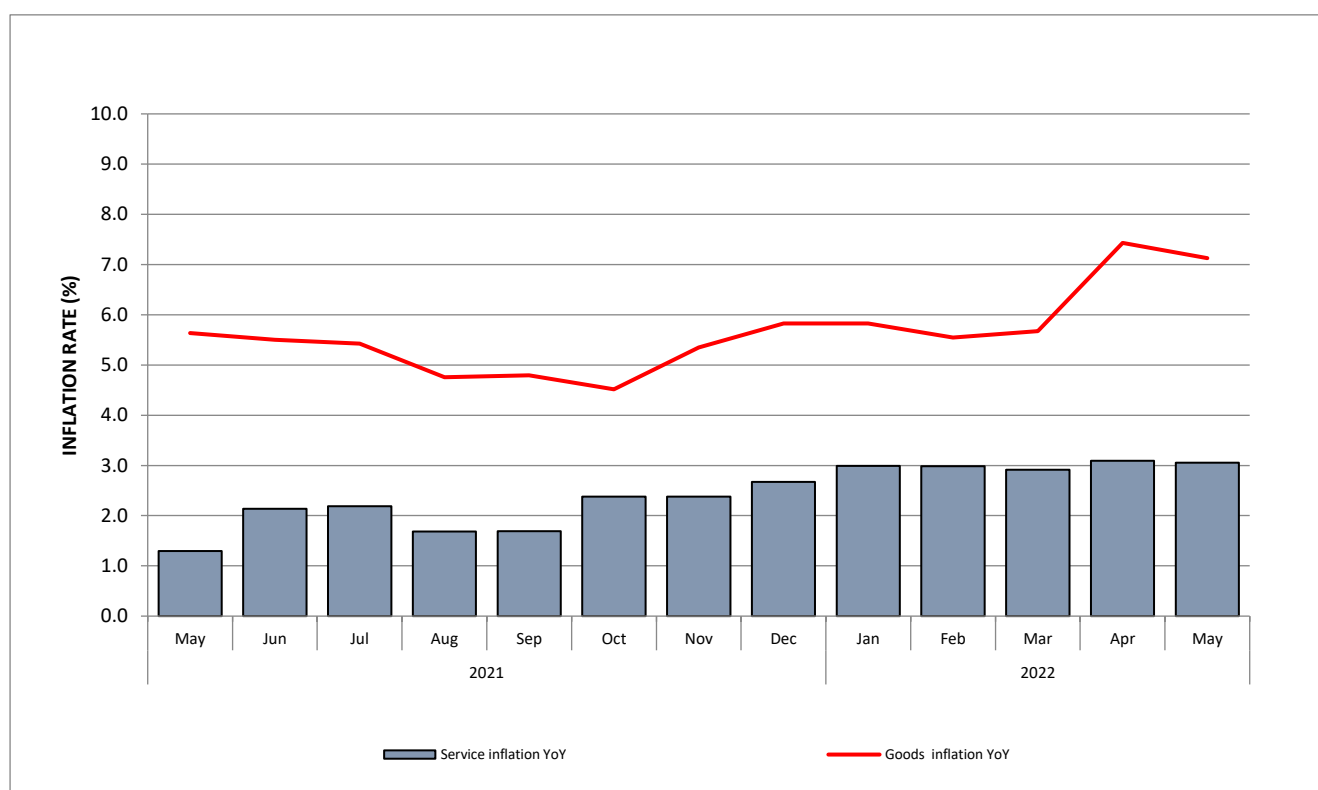
Prices for Alcoholic beverages rose by 4.3 percent in May 2022, compared to 2.5 percent recorded in May 2021. The increase in the price levels of this subcomponent emanated mainly from subcategories: White spirits that increased by 16.5 percent compared to 9.4 percent in May 2021 and Beers/Ales/Ciders which increased by 4.6 percent compared to 1.6 percent in May 2021.

Goods and Services inflation rates

In May 2022, the annual inflation rates for Goods increased by 7.1 percent compared to 5.6 percent registered during the same period last year. The annual inflation rate for Services rose by 3.1 percent in May 2022 compared to 1.3 percent recorded in May 2021.

The monthly inflation rate for Goods rose by 0.1 percent in May 2022 compared to 2.3 percent in the previous month. While monthly inflation for Services rose by 0.0 percent in May 2022 compared to 0.2 percent, registered during the previous month.

Chart 12: Goods and Services annual inflation rates (May 2021 - May 2022)



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 - May 2022

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
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
Nov - 21	4.0	3.7	4.9
Dec-21	4.2	4.2	5.5
Jan-22	4.1	5.3	4.4
Feb - 22	3.9	5.3	4.1
Mar - 22	3.8	5.3	4.4
Apr-22	5.1	6.3	5.3
May-22	4.8	6.3	5.1

Zone 1 - The annual inflation rate increased by 4.8 percent in May 2022 compared to 3.7 percent registered in May 2021. The increase in the annual inflation rate resulted mainly from increases observed in the price levels of Transport (from 9.4% to 14.9%); Hotels, cafés and restaurants (from 4.8 % to 6.2 %); Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (from 1.3% to 2.4%); Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (from 0.9% to 1.1%) and Food and non-alcoholic beverages (from 6.5% to 7.3%).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for May 2022 stood at 0.0 percent compared to 1.6 percent recorded during the previous month.

Zone 2 - The annual inflation rate for May 2022 increased by 6.3 percent compared to 3.4 percent recorded during the same period of 2021. The increase was mainly because of increases recorded in the price levels of Transport (from 5.6% to 18.3%); Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (from 4.8% to 14.4%); Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (from 0.5% to 2.6%) and Hotels, cafés, and restaurants (from -0.6% to 10.8%).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate slowed to 0.1 percent compared 1.3 percent registered last month.

Zone 3 - The annual inflation rate increased by 5.1 percent in May 2022 from 4.4 percent recorded during the same period of the preceding year. The increase in the annual inflation rate emanated mainly from increases witnessed in the price levels of Transport (from 6.2% to 17.7%); Furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (from 0.7% to 5.7%); Hotels, cafes, and restaurants (from -1.0% to 3.7%) and Clothing and footwear (from -3.7% to 0.5%).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for May 2022 stood at 0.1 percent compared to 1.3 percent recorded during the previous month.

Zonal average prices on selected products

More than 9000 prices of goods and services are collected monthly from more than 900 retail outlets in 8 localities. Analysis of the average retail prices of selected products for the month of May 2022 presented in Table 2 shows that consumers in Zone 2 paid the highest price for Eggs (pack of 6) at N\$20.05 followed by Zone 3 at N\$19.94, while consumers in Zone 1 paid the lowest price of N\$17.90. For brown bread, consumers in Zone 2 paid the highest price at N\$11.69, while the lowest price was paid by consumers residing in Zone 1 at N\$11.39.

Table 2: Average prices on selected products - May 2022

Item	Unit of Measurement	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
White bread	Each	11.12	11.98	11.65
Brown bread	each	11.39	11.69	11.41
Chicken, frozen assorted pieces	1.5kg	70.99	73.40	73.65
Eggs	Pack of 6	17.90	20.05	19.94
Citrus Fruits	Per kg			
Oranges, loose	Per kg	29.16	37.14	29.74
Grapefruit: loose	Per kg	43.74	35.16	40.32
Lemons: loose	Per kg	26.53	33.58	30.83
Pure Sunflower oil	750ml	37.56	39.44	40.53
Brown sugar	1kg	17.47	18.93	16.33
Honey	500g	85.11	77.49	79.13
Beef	Per kg			
Stewing Beef	Per kg	89.24	84.51	92.38
Rump steak	Per kg	133.88	172.49	169.00
Fillet steak	Per kg	188.97	237.58	189.36
Beef brisket	Per kg	85.75	117.75	108.26
Beer (local)	330ml	11.13	12.43	11.50

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 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 monthly 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 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 May 2022

		Index	m-o-m	y-o-y
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
	Nov	147.6	0.6	4.1
	Dec	148.2	0.4	4.5
	An. Av	145.7	0.4	3.6
2022	Jan	149.7	1.1	4.6
	Feb	150.1	0.2	4.5
	Mar	150.9	0.5	4.5
	Apr	153.0	1.4	5.6
	May	153.1	0.1	5.4

Annex B: NCPI for May 2022 by main groups (Dec 2012 = 100)

		Weights		CPI		Inflation Rate	
			May-21	Apr-22	May-22	m-o-m	y-o-y
ALL ITEMS		100.00	145.3	153.0	153.1	0.1	5.4
GOODS		57.7	148.9	159.3	159.5	0.1	7.1
SERVICES		42.3	140.5	144.7	144.8	0.0	3.1
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		16.45	165.0	173.2	175.9	1.5	6.6
Food		14.78	167.3	175.9	178.6	1.5	6.8
Bread and cereals		4.84	146.3	154.5	157.4	1.9	7.6
Meat		3.53	185.6	189.8	191.9	1.1	3.4
Fish		0.81	166.2	172.4	173.0	0.3	4.1
Milk, cheese and eggs		1.17	159.5	165.7	167.9	1.4	5.3
Oils and fats		0.78	160.3	188.4	204.3	8.5	27.4
Fruit		0.33	229.2	258.1	267.1	3.5	16.5
Vegetables including potatoes and other tubers		1.23	201.1	210.8	208.9	-0.9	3.9
Sugar, jam, honey, syrups, chocolate and confectionery		1.44	167.9	177.2	178.2	0.6	6.1
Food products n.e.c.		0.65	151.4	157.8	159.2	0.9	5.2
Non-alcoholic beverages		1.66	143.9	148.8	151.2	1.6	5.0
Coffee, tea and cocoa		0.31	181.3	191.7	191.4	-0.2	5.6
Mineral waters, soft drinks and juices		1.35	135.3	138.8	141.9	2.2	4.9
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO		12.59	157.8	165.3	165.2	0.0	4.7
Alcoholic beverages		9.99	161.7	168.8	168.7	-0.1	4.3
Tobacco		2.61	142.8	151.6	151.8	0.1	6.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR		3.05	96.8	95.4	95.5	0.1	-1.3
Clothing		2.04	102.9	101.2	101.2	0.0	-1.6
Clothing materials		0.07	153.2	156.6	156.6	0.0	2.2
Ready-made clothing		1.93	100.6	98.6	98.6	0.0	-2.0
Men's clothing		0.58	102.7	99.5	99.6	0.0	-3.1
Women's clothing		0.70	88.1	85.0	84.9	-0.1	-3.7
Children's clothing		0.66	109.9	110.5	110.7	0.1	0.7
Boys' clothing		0.24	106.4	106.3	106.2	-0.2	-0.2
Girls' clothing		0.33	110.9	112.9	113.3	0.3	2.2
Infants' clothing		0.09	117.1	115.0	115.0	0.0	-1.8
Other articles of clothing and clothing accessories		0.05	126.2	130.1	130.4	0.2	3.3
Dry cleaning, repair and hire of clothing		0.00	134.5	148.6	148.6	0.0	10.5

Footwer	1.01	84.4	83.6	83.9	0.4	-0.5
Adult footwear	0.80	75.1	73.5	73.6	0.2	-2.1
Children's footwear	0.20	118.7	121.0	122.2	1.1	2.9
Repair of footwear	0.01	134.7	141.8	141.8	0.0	5.3
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	28.36	134.9	137.1	136.8	-0.3	1.3
Rental payments for dwelling (both owners and renters)	23.3	128.5	130.3	130.3	0.0	1.4
Regular maintenance and repair of dwelling	0.2	152.4	158.3	158.7	0.2	4.1
Water supply, sewerage service and refuse collection	1.0	186.7	192.2	192.2	0.0	2.9
Electricity gas and other fuels	3.9	159.4	162.7	159.9	-1.7	0.3
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	5.5	136.4	145.9	146.7	0.6	7.5
Furniture, furnishings, decorations, carpets, floor coverings, incl. repairs	1.8	104.7	103.2	103.5	0.3	-1.2
Furniture and furnishings	1.7	102.8	101.1	101.4	0.3	-1.3
Carpets and other floor coverings	0.1	125.6	128.4	127.9	-0.4	1.8
Repair of furnishings and floor coverings	0.0	206.8	200.8	200.8	0.0	-2.9
Household textiles	0.7	153.5	158.9	159.3	0.2	3.8
Heating and cooking appliances, refrigerators, washing machines and similar major household appliances, etc	0.9	134.2	139.4	141.6	1.6	5.5
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	0.2	170.0	176.9	176.9	0.0	4.1
Tools and equipment for house and garden	0.4	139.4	142.8	144.6	1.3	3.8
Goods and services for routine household maintenance	1.4	164.0	195.0	195.7	0.4	19.4
HEALTH	2.0	144.3	146.4	146.8	0.3	1.7
Medical products, appliances and equipment	0.8	141.1	145.3	146.2	0.6	3.6
Outpatient Services, medical, dental and paramedical	1.0	155.6	156.2	156.2	0.0	0.4
Hospital services	0.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0

TRANSPORT	14.3	143.7	169.9	167.8	-1.2	16.7
Purchase of vehicles	2.9	179.1	184.6	185.4	0.5	3.5
Operation of personal transport equipment	9.0	133.5	169.8	166.1	-2.1	24.4
Public transportation services	2.4	139.4	153.0	153.0	0.0	9.8
COMMUNICATIONS	3.8	112.6	111.9	112.0	0.1	-0.6
RECREATION AND CULTURE	3.6	145.3	150.3	151.5	0.8	4.3
Audio-visual, photographic and data processing equip. incl. repairs	1.2	128.7	130.8	130.7	0.0	1.6
Other major durables for recreation and culture	0.1	155.1	161.1	164.7	2.2	6.2
Other recreational items and equipment; flowers, gardens and pets	0.5	140.8	150.4	151.7	0.9	7.8
Recreation and cultural services	0.8	147.2	151.7	152.4	0.5	3.5
Newspapers, books and stationery	0.9	160.5	165.4	166.1	0.4	3.4
Package holidays	0.1	191.9	213.3	233.5	9.5	21.7
EDUCATION	3.6	180.5	186.1	186.1	0.0	3.1
Pre-primary education (ages 2 to 6 years)	0.2	207.6	210.9	210.9	0.0	1.6
Primary (private) and Secondary education (ages 7 to 17 years)	1.4	197.1	204.8	204.8	0.0	3.9
Tertiary education	2.0	165.2	169.6	169.6	0.0	2.6
HOTELS, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS	1.4	150.0	163.7	162.8	-0.6	8.5
Catering	0.7	155.6	162.9	161.2	-1.1	3.6
Accommodation services	0.6	143.6	164.6	164.6	0.0	14.6
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	5.4	149.1	149.6	149.9	0.2	0.5
Personal care	1.4	143.9	147.1	149.0	1.3	3.6
Personal effects n.e.c.	1.0	124.0	121.7	120.4	-1.1	-2.9
Insurance	0.7	106.9	108.4	108.4	0.0	1.3
Financial services n.e.c.	0.9	236.7	236.7	236.7	0.0	0.0
Other services n.e.c.	1.3	135.4	134.9	134.9	0.0	-0.4

Annex C: Zone 1 CPI (Northern Part) All Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes May 2022

Period		Index	m-o-m	y-o-y
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	145.2	0.4	3.9
	July	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
	Nov	147.0	0.7	4.0
	Dec	147.2	0.1	4.2
	An. Av	144.9	0.3	3.3
2022	Jan	147.9	0.5	4.1
	Feb	148.4	0.3	3.9
	Mar	149.1	0.5	3.8
	Apr	151.5	1.6	5.1
	May	151.6	0.0	4.8

Annex D: Zone 2 CPI (Windhoek Area) All Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes May 2022

Period		Index	m-o-m	y-o-y
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
	Nov	143.2	0.5	3.7
	Dec	143.9	0.5	4.2
	An. Av	141.4	0.3	3.4
2022	Jan	146.8	2.0	5.3
	Feb	147.2	0.2	5.3
	Mar	147.8	0.5	5.3
	Apr	149.7	1.3	6.3
	May	149.9	0.1	6.3

Annex E: Zone 3 CPI (Eastern, Southern & Western Parts of Namibia) All Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes May 2022

Period		Index	m-o-m	y-o-y
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
	Nov	155.8	0.5	4.9
	Dec	156.9	0.7	5.5
	An. Av	153.8	0.4	4.4
2022	Jan	157.4	0.4	4.4
	Feb	157.7	0.1	4.1
	Mar	158.8	0.7	4.4
	Apr	160.9	1.3	5.3
	May	161.1	0.1	5.1

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, Westdene 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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