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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) September 2011

The National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda is very pleased to deliver to users the Consumer Price Index (February 2009=100). The All Urban CPI is regarded as the headline index, producing the official inflation rate. **The CPI is published every month by the 15th**

All Urban Index:

In September 2011 the All Urban general index is established at 111.8 this stands for an increase of 0.39% over the previous month which was 111.3. In annual change it increased by 6.64% compared to 7.52% in the previous month. This gives a general inflation rate by an annual average of 3.7% during the month of September 2011.

The underlying inflation rate (excluding fresh food and energy) is increased by 0.62% if compared to the previous month and increased by 8.95% on annual change. The annual average underlying inflation rate is + 3.7 % in September 2011 up from the previous month 3.0 %.

All Rural Index:

In September 2011 the All Rural general index is established at 108.0 this stands for an increase of 1.17% over the previous month which was 106.8. In annual change it increased by 2.95% compared to 5.61% in the previous month.

All Rwanda Index:

In September 2011 the All Rwanda general index is established at 109.3 this stands for an increase of 0.90% over the previous month which was 108.3. In annual change it increased by 4.20% compared to 6.27% in the previous month.

Feb 2009=100	Sept. 10	Oct. 10	Nov. 10	Dec. 10	Jan. 11	Feb. 11	Mar. 11	April 11	May 11	June 11	July 11	Aug. 11	Sept. 11
All Urban General Index	104.8	104.3	105.0	103.9	104.0	105.1	107.1	108.6	108.7	110.4	110.8	111.3	111.8
Annual change	1.47	0.17	0.18	0.23	1.09	2.56	4.11	4.98	4.54	5.82	7.14	7.52	6.64
All Rural General Index	104.9	105.5	104.4	101.5	98.8	98.5	100.0	104.7	105.9	106.3	106.5	106.8	108.0
Annual change	-1.34	-3.45	-7.97	-9.73	-6.26	-5.71	-5.11	2.01	3.42	4.80	7.03	5.61	2.95
All Rwanda General Index	104.9	105.1	104.6	102.3	100.5	100.7	102.4	106.0	106.8	107.7	108.0	108.3	109.3
Annual change	-0.42	-2.28	-5.38	-6.52	-3.79	-2.92	-2.03	3.05	3.82	5.49	7.07	6.27	4.20

ALL URBAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

February 2009=100

	Divisions ❖ Groups	Weights	Indices for the following months:					Changes in % over		
			Sept. 10	June 11	July 11	Aug. 11	Sept. 11	1 month	3 months	12 months
	GENERAL INDEX	10000	104.8	110.4	110.8	111.3	111.8	0.39	1.23	6.64
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	3538	106.1	112.1	113.4	113.3	112.8	-0.44	0.60	6.30
0111	❖ Bread and cereals	733	87.4	110.2	108.6	108.2	108.0	-0.17	-2.02	23.62
0112	❖ Meat	274	96.4	101.9	102.3	105.1	106.7	1.57	4.75	10.67
0113	❖ Fish	83	113.5	129.7	126.2	128.6	132.9	3.39	2.5	17.16
0117	❖ Vegetables	1200	127.2	112.3	114.4	113.5	113.2	-0.21	0.86	-10.99
012	❖ Non-alcoholic beverages	160	97.8	101.2	103.7	104.1	104.4	0.25	3.19	6.74
02	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	240	111.3	112.8	113.4	117.1	115.5	-1.31	2.45	3.75
03	Clothing and footwear	377	101.3	107.4	108.2	110.2	110.7	0.38	3.00	9.23
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2204	103.1	105.0	104.4	105.2	108.1	2.70	2.91	4.81
05	Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance	457	97.1	99.2	99.6	101.2	101.6	0.38	2.45	4.65
06	Health	163	100.4	102.1	102.9	103.0	103.1	0.12	1.02	2.77
07	Transport	1189	113.0	125.5	126.2	127.2	127.3	0.04	1.38	12.64
08	Communication	288	100.5	100.8	100.8	99.4	93.7	-5.72	-7.10	-6.77
09	Recreation and culture	256	99.9	105.7	104.4	105.9	106.8	0.86	1.04	6.96
10	Education	331	106.5	128.6	128.6	128.6	128.6	0.00	0.00	20.76
11	Restaurants and hotels	558	102.1	103.3	103.3	103.0	104.6	1.59	1.28	2.46
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	400	97.1	103.3	103.2	103.3	104.1	0.80	0.74	7.16

In September 2011 the All Urban general index is established at 111.8 this stands for an increase of 0.39% over the previous month which was 111.3. In annual change it increased by 6.64% compared to 7.52% in the previous month. This gives a general inflation rate by an annual average of 3.7% during the month of September 2011.

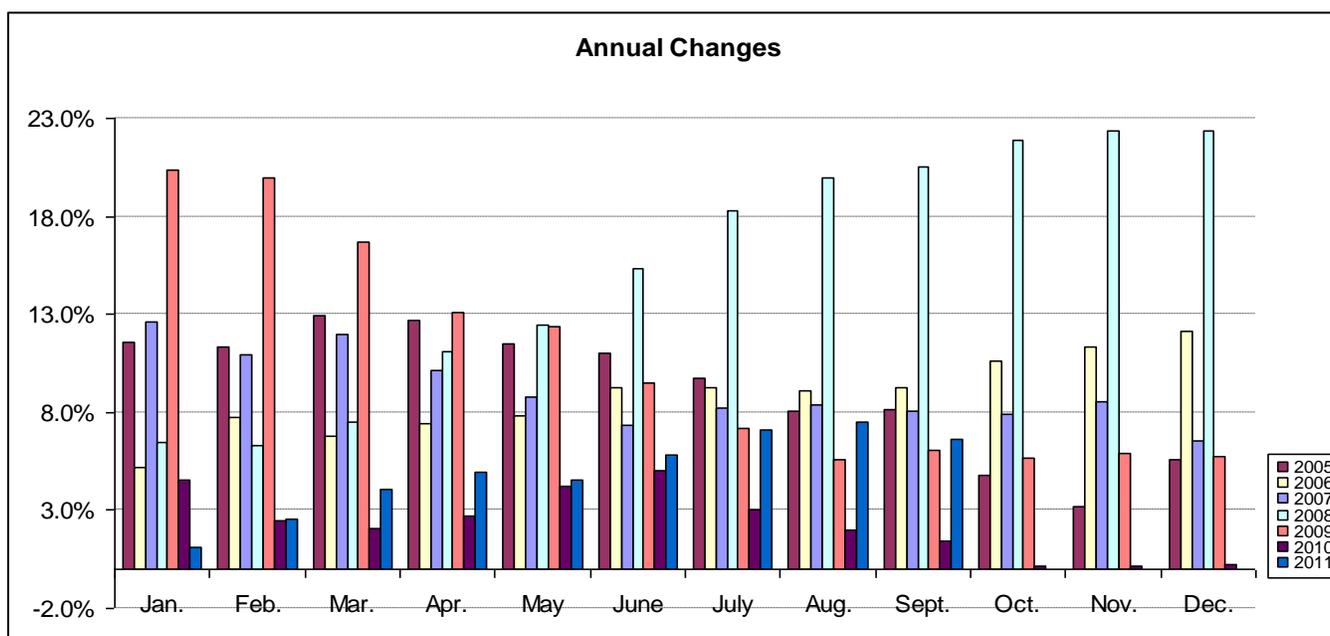
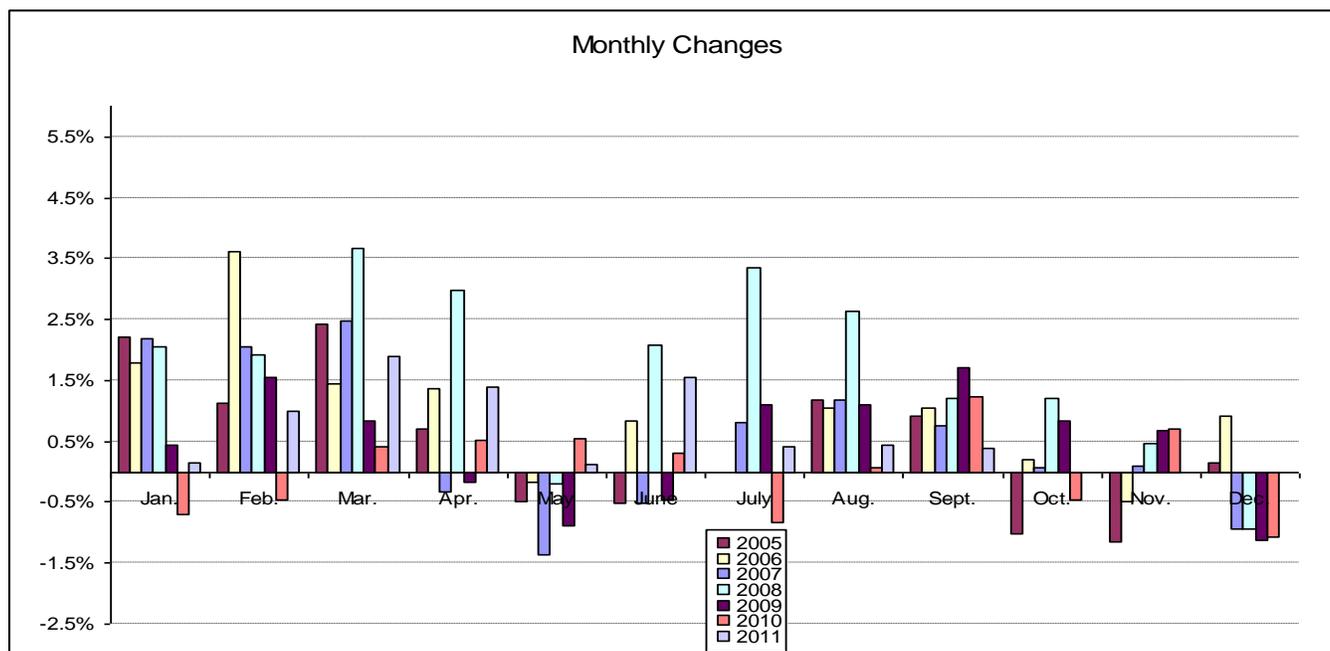
The underlying inflation rate (excluding fresh food and energy) is increased by 0.62% if compared to the previous month and increased by 8.95% on annual change. The annual average underlying inflation rate is + 3.7 % in September 2011 up from the previous month 3.0 %.

The increase in the consumer price index of 0.39% is attributable primarily to the increase in Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (2.70%).

In annual change, the increase in the general index of 6.64% is mainly due to the rising prices of Food and non alcoholic beverages(6.30%), Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (4.81%),Transport (12.64%) and Education (20.76%) which contributed +2.25%, +1.04%, +1.62% and +0.70%. respectively.

The 'local goods' increased by 5.65% on annual change with a monthly change of 0.40%, while prices of the imported products increased by 10.66% on annual change with a monthly change of 0.39%.

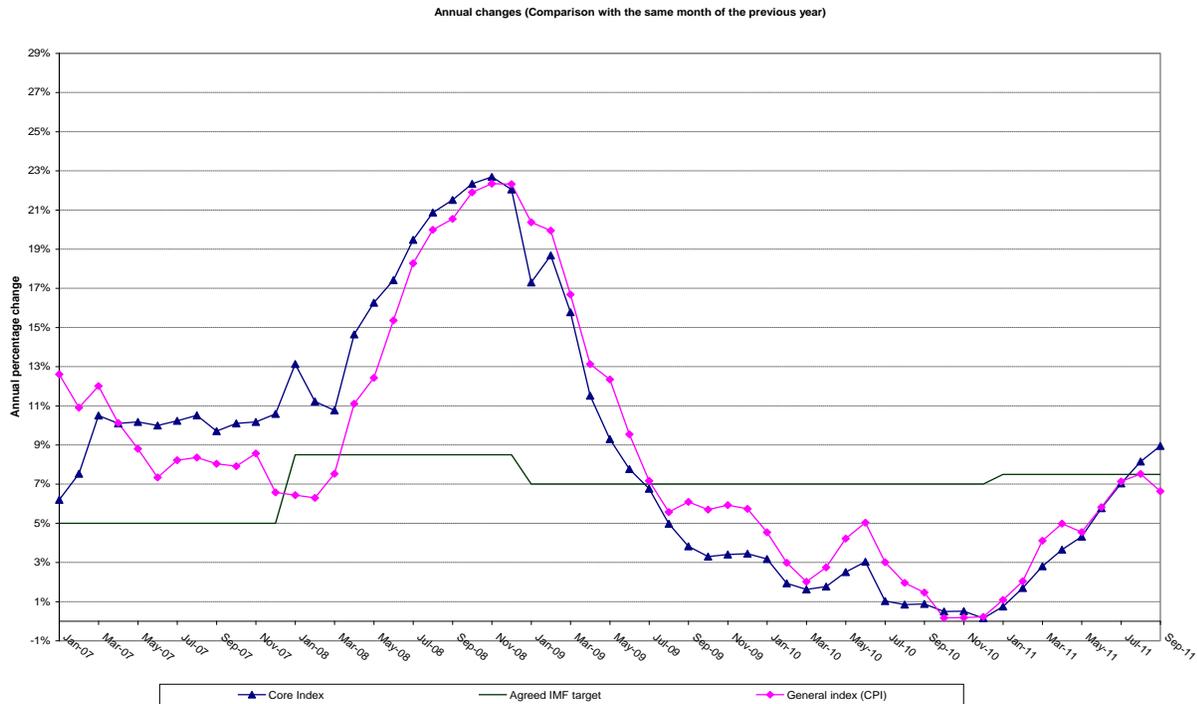
The prices of the fresh products had a negative annual change of 4.26% between September 2011 and September 2010.



Evolution (over 12 months) of the rate of inflation (%) ⁽¹⁾

MONTH	Sept. 10	Oct. 10	Nov. 10	Dec. 10	Jan. 11	Feb. 11	Mar. 11	April 11	May 11	June 11	July 11	Aug. 11	Sept. 11
General index	3.7	3.3	2.8	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.8	3.3	3.7
Core / Underlying	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.9	2.4	3.0	3.7

(1) In September 2011, the average index of the last twelve months October 2010 to September 2011 increased by 3.7% (general index) And 3.7 % (Core index) compared to the average index of the previous twelve months (October 2009 to September 2010).



Other All Urban Indices

February 2009=100	Weights	Indices for the following months:					Changes in % over:		
		Sept. 10	June 11	July 11	Aug. 11	Sept. 11	1 month	3 months	12 months
GENERAL INDEX	10,000	104.8	110.4	110.8	111.3	111.8	0.39	1.23	6.64
Local Goods Index	7,947	106.0	110.6	111.1	111.5	112.0	0.40	1.22	5.65
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	2,982	108.6	113.1	114.4	114.1	113.5	-0.49	0.41	4.52
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2,134	103.1	105.0	104.5	105.2	108.0	2.69	2.88	4.71
Transport	759	112.5	124.3	125.9	127.6	127.4	-0.17	2.47	13.20
Imported Goods Index	2,053	100.3	109.6	109.7	110.5	111.0	0.39	1.28	10.66
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	555	92.5	106.8	108.0	108.8	108.6	-0.11	1.72	17.50
Furnishing, household equipment	196	93.4	94.6	95.4	97.0	97.8	0.92	3.44	4.80
Transport	430	113.8	127.7	126.6	126.6	127.1	0.40	-0.49	11.66
Fresh Products index⁽¹⁾	1,403	123.2	120.5	121.8	120.0	118.0	-1.69	-2.07	-4.26
Energy index	767	109.0	114.6	113.0	114.4	116.9	2.20	1.98	7.27
General Index excluding fresh Products and energy⁽²⁾	7,829	101.1	108.2	108.7	109.5	110.1	0.62	1.81	8.95

(1) Fresh products are food products which have seasonal fluctuations

(2) Proxy for underlying inflation

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			Sept. 10	June 11	July 11	Aug. 11	Sept. 11	1 month	3 months	12 months
	GENERAL INDEX	10000	104.9	106.3	106.5	106.8	108.0	1.17	1.65	2.95
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	6387	106.8	106.7	107.1	107.0	109.1	2.01	2.31	2.15
0111	❖ Bread and cereals	1203	80.6	102.6	99.2	99.2	96.5	-2.71	-5.91	19.82
0112	❖ Meat	169	96.4	102.7	101.8	102.8	105.2	2.37	2.43	9.13
0113	❖ Fish	72	126.3	120.7	117.4	120.9	123.7	2.32	2.49	-1.99
0117	❖ Vegetables	3213	129.5	116.7	118.3	117.8	122.4	3.88	4.92	-5.52
012	❖ Non-alcoholic beverages	196	91.2	93.6	95.5	97.1	97.1	-0.02	3.80	6.47
02	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	424	97.8	97.5	100.8	102.3	100.2	-2.06	2.77	2.47
03	Clothing and footwear	348	105.7	112.7	114.5	114.3	113.0	-1.14	0.29	6.96
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	1274	100.5	105.4	103.8	103.9	104.0	0.17	-1.26	3.49
05	Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance	277	105.7	105.9	106.5	110.3	109.2	-1.06	3.10	3.25
06	Health	112	100.2	102.2	101.9	101.9	101.9	-0.01	-0.22	1.75
07	Transport	426	100.9	107.9	107.3	108.4	107.8	-0.51	-0.09	6.86
08	Communication	51	94.8	98.6	99.0	98.9	98.9	-0.04	0.29	4.28
09	Recreation and culture	112	100.9	104.9	105.6	105.7	108.1	2.28	3.06	7.17
10	Education	137	108.6	113.6	113.6	113.6	113.6	0.00	0.00	4.59
11	Restaurants and hotels	222	105.9	107.1	108.7	110.9	112.0	0.95	4.59	5.69
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	230	97.5	105.8	104.5	105.6	105.4	-0.17	-0.42	8.10

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	GENERAL INDEX	10000	104.9	107.7	108.0	108.3	109.3	0.90	1.47	4.20
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	5422	106.7	108.0	108.5	108.4	109.9	1.45	1.83	3.06
0111	❖ Bread and cereals	1044	82.2	103.2	101.5	101.3	99.2	-2.07	-3.87	20.78
0112	❖ Meat	205	96.4	102.3	102.0	103.8	105.9	2.00	3.48	9.83
0113	❖ Fish	76	121.5	125.7	120.7	123.8	127.1	2.73	1.14	4.65
0117	❖ Vegetables	2531	129.2	116.4	117.7	117.1	120.9	3.24	3.85	-6.39
012	❖ Non-alcoholic beverages	184	93.2	95.8	97.9	99.2	99.3	0.06	3.61	6.55
02	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	362	100.8	100.9	103.6	105.6	103.7	-1.87	2.77	2.79
03	Clothing and footwear	358	104.1	110.9	112.2	112.9	112.2	-0.61	1.19	7.74
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	1589	101.7	105.0	104.1	104.5	105.9	1.37	0.83	4.12
05	Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance	338	101.1	102.1	102.7	105.6	105.1	-0.46	2.92	3.93
06	Health	130	100.3	102.1	102.3	102.4	102.4	0.05	0.37	2.19
07	Transport	685	108.0	118.3	118.4	119.5	119.3	-0.17	0.83	10.42
08	Communication	131	99.0	100.4	100.3	99.2	95.0	-4.27	-5.40	-4.06
09	Recreation and culture	161	100.4	105.9	104.9	105.8	107.2	1.30	1.19	6.75
10	Education	203	107.4	118.9	118.9	118.9	118.9	0.00	0.00	10.69
11	Restaurants and hotels	336	103.8	104.9	105.7	106.5	107.8	1.30	2.76	3.90
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	288	97.3	104.6	103.9	104.5	104.8	0.28	0.19	7.66

METHODOLOGICAL NOTICE

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time of goods and services purchased by households. The CPI uses a Modified Laspeyres formula to calculate the index. The reference population for the CPI consists of all households, urban and rural, living in Rwanda.

The household basket includes 1,136 products observed in many places spread all over the administrative centers of all provinces in Rwanda. All kinds of places of observation are selected: shops, markets, services etc. More than 29,200 prices are collected every month by enumerators of the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda and of the National Bank of Rwanda.

The index reference, or base, for the CPI is February 2009.

The weights used for the index are the result of the Household Living Conditions Survey (EICV II) conducted in 2005-2006 with a sample of 6,900 households.

How to Interpret the CPI

Movements of the indexes from one month to another usually are expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points. The level of the index (relative to its base period) affects index point changes, but it does not affect percent changes. The following example illustrates how to calculate percent changes:

Index point change

CPI	178
Less CPI for previous period	<u>176</u>
Equals index point change	2

Percent change

Index point difference	2
Divided by the previous index	176
Equals	0.011
Results multiplied by 100	0.011 x 100
Equals percent change	1.1

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