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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) September 2010

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 2010 the All Urban general index is established at 104.8 this stands for an increase of 1.23% over the previous month which was 103.5. In annual change it increased by 1.47% compared to 1.96% in the previous month. This gives a general inflation rate by an annual average of 3.7% during the month of September 2010.

The underlying inflation rate (excluding fresh food and energy) is decreased by (-0.12%) if compared to the previous month and increased 0.88% on annual change. The annual average underlying inflation rate is + 2.2% in September 2010 down from the previous month (+2.5%).

All Rural Index:

In September 2010 the All Rural general index is established at 104.9 this stands for an increase of 3.79% over the previous month which was 101.1. In annual change it increased by (-1.34%) compared to (-3.04%) in the previous month.

All Rwanda Index:

In September 2010 the All Rwanda general index is established at 104.9 this stands for an increase of 2.91% over the previous month which was 101.9. In annual change it increased by (-0.42%) compared to (-1.39%) in the previous month.

Feb 2009=100	Sept. 09	Oct. 09	Nov. 09	Dec. 09	Jan. 10	Feb. 10	Mar. 10	April 10	May 10	June 10	July 10	Aug. 10	Sept. 10
All Urban General Index	103.3	104.1	104.8	103.7	102.9	102.5	102.9	103.4	104.0	104.3	103.5	103.5	104.8
Annual change	6.09	5.70	5.93	5.74	4.54	2.46	2.05	2.74	4.21	5.03	3.01	1.96	1.47
All Rural General Index	106.3	109.3	113.4	112.4	108.3	104.4	105.4	102.7	102.4	101.4	99.5	101.1	104.9
Annual change						4.42	1.86	-0.34	-1.52	0.96	-4.78	-3.04	-1.34
All Rwanda General Index	105.3	107.5	110.5	109.4	106.4	103.7	104.5	102.9	102.9	102.1	100.8	101.9	104.9
Annual change						3.72	1.92	0.64	0.32	1.98	-2.22	-1.39	-0.42

ALL URBAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

February 2009=100

	Divisions ❖ Groups	Weights	Indices for the following months:					Changes in % over		
			Sept. 09	June 10	July 10	Aug. 10	Sept. 10	1 month	3 months	12 months
	GENERAL INDEX	10000	103.3	104.3	103.5	103.5	104.8	1.23	0.46	1.47
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	3538	105.4	104.6	102.5	102.7	106.1	3.27	1.42	0.61
0111	❖ Bread and cereals	733	95.3	94.6	90.8	87.5	87.4	-0.15	-7.62	-8.32
0112	❖ Meat	274	93.6	94.8	95.1	95.5	96.4	0.94	1.69	3.05
0113	❖ Fish	83	102.4	111.8	115.4	111.6	113.5	1.67	1.48	10.81
0117	❖ Vegetables	1200	123.3	115.5	116.7	117.8	127.2	8.00	10.12	3.18
012	❖ Non-alcoholic beverages	160	98.0	98.3	97.7	99.7	97.8	-1.90	-0.53	-0.26
02	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	240	103.8	111.1	110.2	111.8	111.4	-0.37	0.24	7.32
03	Clothing and footwear	377	100.7	100.7	101.3	101.3	101.3	-0.01	0.62	0.58
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2204	100.7	102.9	102.2	102.3	103.1	0.75	0.23	2.39
05	Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance	457	100.1	98.7	97.8	97.4	97.1	-0.34	-1.66	-2.98
06	Health	163	100.6	102.3	101.0	100.5	100.4	-0.15	-1.93	-0.23
07	Transport	1189	109.7	112.7	112.8	112.6	113.0	0.30	0.22	2.96
08	Communication	288	99.7	99.9	100.1	99.9	100.5	0.54	0.53	0.75
09	Recreation and culture	256	98.7	101.1	100.5	100.4	99.9	-0.48	-1.17	1.16
10	Education	331	100.0	106.4	106.4	106.5	106.5	0.00	0.08	6.50
11	Restaurants and hotels	558	100.2	103.5	103.9	103.5	102.1	-1.34	-1.37	1.87
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	400	98.7	96.2	97.4	97.7	97.1	-0.60	1.03	-1.54

In September 2010 the All Urban general index is established at 104.8 this stands for an increase of 1.23% over the previous month which was 103.5. In annual change it increased by 1.47% compared to 1.96% in the previous month. This gives a general inflation rate by an annual average of 3.7% during the month of September 2010.

The underlying inflation rate (excluding fresh food and energy) is decreased by (-0.12%) if compared to the previous month and increased 0.88% on annual change. The annual average underlying inflation rate is + 2.2% in September 2010 down from the previous month (+2.5%).

The increase in the consumer prices index of 1.23% is attributable primarily to the increase in Food and non-alcoholic beverages (3.27%) and Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (0.75%).

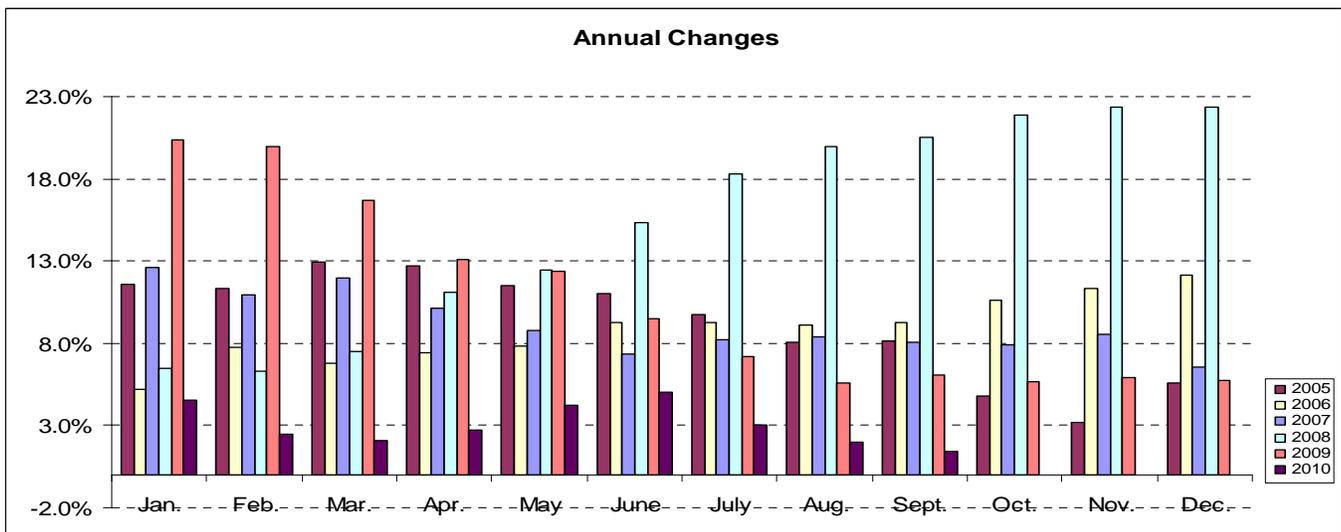
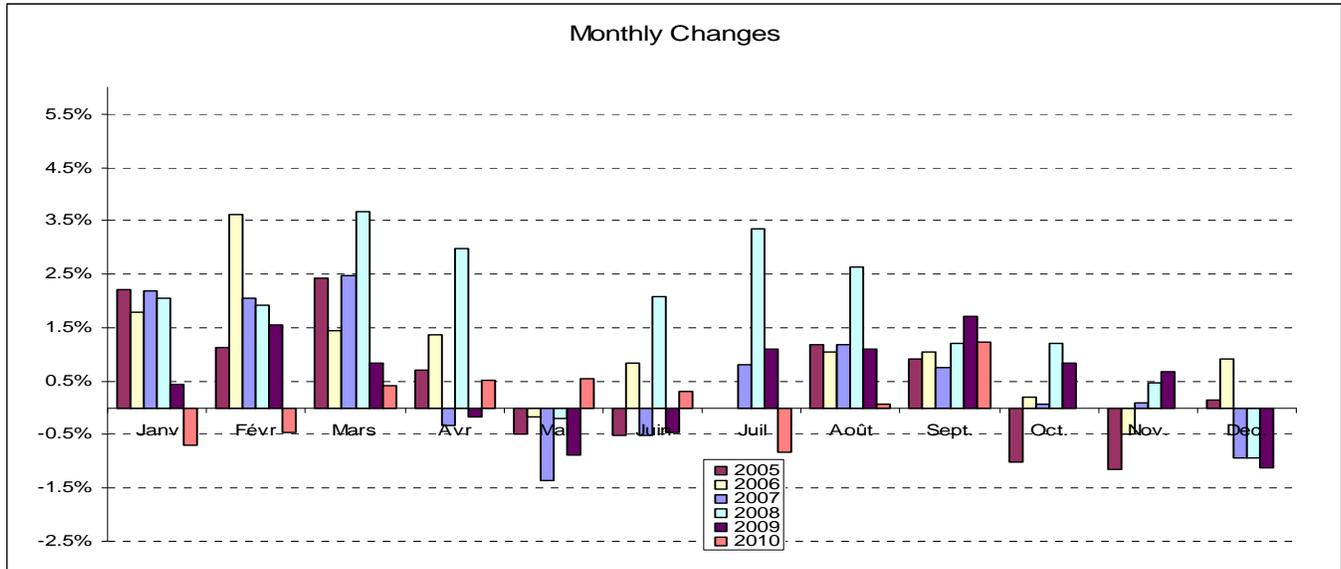
It is noted that the increase of 3.27% in prices of Food and non-alcoholic beverages is primary attributable to the increase of 8.00% of Vegetables.

In annual change, the increase in the general index of 1.47% is mainly due to the rising prices of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (0.61%), Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (2.39%) and Transport (2.96%) which contributed +0.22%, +0.51% and +0.37%. respectively.

The 'local goods' increased by 1.75% on annual change with a monthly variation of 1.50%, while prices

of the imported products increased by 0.34% on annual change with a monthly change of 0.12%.

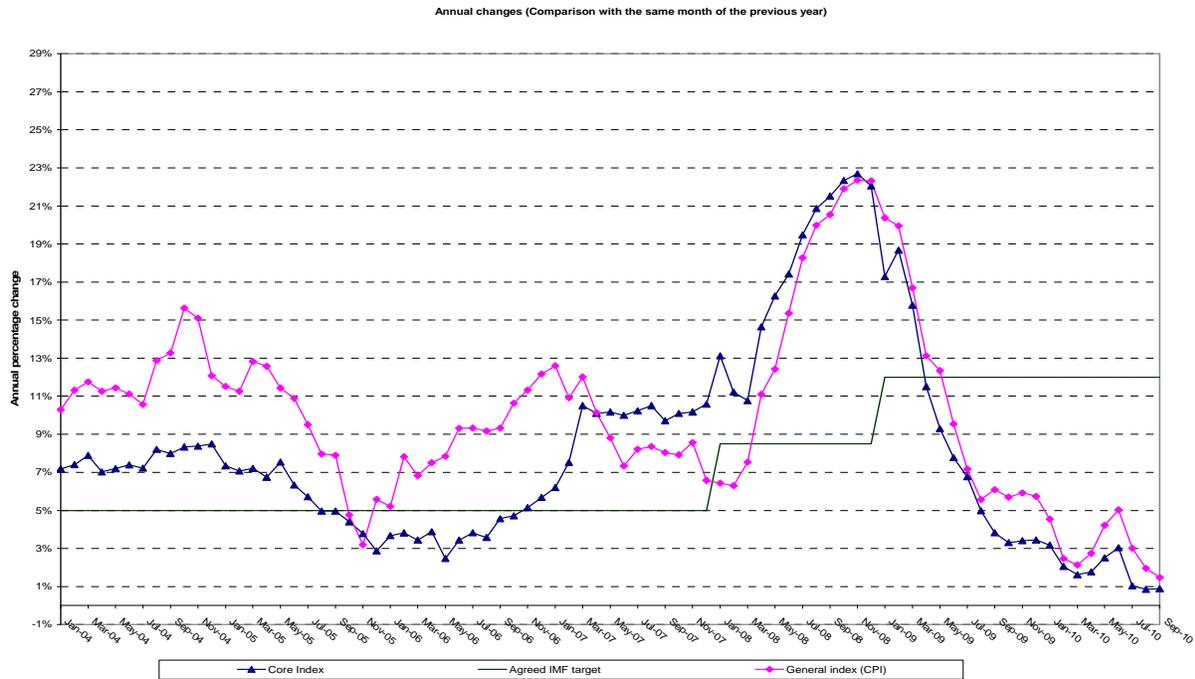
The prices of the fresh products had a positive annual change of 2.78% between September 2010 and September 2009.



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

MONTH	Sep. 09	Oct. 09	Nov. 09	Dec. 09	Jan. 10	Feb. 10	March 10	April 10	May 10	June 10	July 10	Aug. 10	Sept. 10
General index	14.4	13.0	11.6	10.3	9.1	7.7	6.5	5.7	5.1	4.8	4.4	4.1	3.7
Core / Underlying	13.1	11.5	10.0	8.5	7.4	6.1	5.0	4.2	3.7	3.3	2.8	2.5	2.2

(1) In September 2010 the average index of the last twelve months October 2009 to September 2010 increased by 3.7% (general index) And 2.2 % (Core index) compared to the average index of the previous twelve months (October 2008 to September 2009).



Other All Urban Indices

February 2009=100	Weights	Indices for the following months:				Changes in % over:			
		Sept. 09	June 10	July 10	Aug. 10	Sept. 10	1 month	3 months	12 months
GENERAL INDEX	10,000	103.3	104.3	103.5	103.5	104.8	1.23	0.46	1.47
Local Goods Index	7,947	104.1	105.2	104.2	104.4	106.0	1.50	0.71	1.75
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	2,982	107.6	106.5	104.3	104.7	108.6	3.78	1.97	0.97
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	2,134	100.6	102.9	102.3	102.4	103.1	0.70	0.20	2.48
Transport	759	111.1	112.5	112.6	112.5	112.5	0.02	0.04	1.23
Imported Goods Index	2,053	99.9	100.8	100.5	100.2	100.3	0.12	-0.57	0.34
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	555	94.0	94.3	92.9	92.3	92.5	0.20	-1.94	-1.64
Furnishing, household equipment	196	98.6	94.8	94.4	94.2	93.4	-0.86	-1.52	-5.29
Transport	430	107.3	113.2	113.2	112.9	113.8	0.79	0.55	6.12
Fresh Products index⁽¹⁾	1,403	119.9	113.1	112.5	114.8	123.2	7.37	8.95	2.78
Energy index	767	104.3	109.2	106.6	106.6	109.0	2.19	-0.18	4.48
General Index excluding fresh Products and energy⁽²⁾	7,829	100.2	102.3	101.5	101.2	101.1	-0.12	-1.16	0.88

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

(2) Proxy for underlying inflation

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			Sept. 09	June 10	July 10	Aug. 10	Sept. 10	1 month	3 months	12 months
	GENERAL INDEX	10000	106.3	101.4	99.5	101.1	104.9	3.79	3.43	-1.34
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	6387	109.2	101.5	98.5	100.6	106.8	6.23	5.23	-2.19
0111	❖ Bread and cereals	1203	90.3	87.3	79.2	77.5	80.6	3.97	-7.74	-10.76
0112	❖ Meat	169	97.8	95.4	98.5	97.5	96.4	-1.15	1.07	-1.43
0113	❖ Fish	72	116.6	109.5	114.3	123.3	126.3	2.42	15.34	8.28
0117	❖ Vegetables	3213	124.5	114.1	114.2	118.7	129.5	9.18	13.53	4.07
012	❖ Non-alcoholic beverages	196	94.1	88.4	88.6	91.9	91.2	-0.70	3.14	-3.06
02	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	424	94.0	100.0	99.1	101.1	97.8	-3.29	-2.19	4.02
03	Clothing and footwear	348	99.9	104.4	104.6	105.4	105.7	0.24	1.17	5.80
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	1274	103.7	99.9	100.5	100.9	100.5	-0.39	0.60	-3.07
05	Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance	277	102.3	105.5	105.2	105.8	105.7	-0.10	0.25	3.31
06	Health	112	102.7	101.3	101.1	101.4	100.2	-1.17	-1.14	-2.51
07	Transport	426	102.1	100.2	100.1	101.0	100.9	-0.11	0.69	-1.13
08	Communication	51	96.1	94.6	94.4	94.8	94.8	-0.02	0.16	-1.37
09	Recreation and culture	112	104.9	99.5	99.4	102.0	100.9	-1.10	1.39	-3.84
10	Education	137	100.1	108.5	108.5	108.6	108.6	0.01	0.04	8.51
11	Restaurants and hotels	222	101.6	105.5	105.6	106.0	105.9	-0.10	0.37	4.32
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	230	98.9	97.1	97.1	95.5	97.5	2.10	0.45	-1.39

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			Sept. 09	June 10	July 10	Aug. 10	Sept. 10	1 month	3 months	12 months
	GENERAL INDEX	10000	105.3	102.1	100.8	101.9	104.9	2.91	2.73	-0.42
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	5422	108.4	102.2	99.4	101.0	106.7	5.57	4.37	-1.63
0111	❖ Bread and cereals	1044	91.8	89.0	81.9	79.9	82.2	2.90	-7.71	-10.50
0112	❖ Meat	205	95.9	95.1	97.0	96.6	96.4	-0.21	1.35	0.54
0113	❖ Fish	76	111.3	110.3	114.7	118.9	121.5	2.16	10.12	9.11
0117	❖ Vegetables	2531	124.3	114.3	114.6	118.5	129.2	8.99	12.98	3.96
012	❖ Non-alcoholic beverages	184	95.3	91.3	91.3	94.2	93.2	-1.07	1.98	-2.23
02	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	362	96.2	102.5	101.6	103.5	100.8	-2.59	-1.61	4.79
03	Clothing and footwear	358	100.2	103.1	103.4	103.9	104.1	0.15	0.98	3.92
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	1589	102.3	99.3	101.3	101.6	101.7	0.15	2.49	-0.57
05	Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance	338	100.7	101.6	101.1	101.3	101.1	-0.20	-0.54	0.42
06	Health	130	101.8	101.8	101.1	101.0	100.3	-0.74	-1.48	-1.55
07	Transport	685	106.6	107.6	107.6	107.9	108.0	0.14	0.40	1.35
08	Communication	131	98.8	98.6	98.6	98.6	99.0	0.40	0.44	0.22
09	Recreation and culture	161	101.6	100.4	100.1	101.1	100.4	-0.75	-0.06	-1.16
10	Education	203	100.0	107.4	107.4	107.4	107.4	0.01	0.06	7.40
11	Restaurants and hotels	336	100.8	104.4	104.6	104.6	103.8	-0.79	-0.60	2.95
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	288	98.2	96.6	97.2	96.5	97.3	0.82	0.72	-0.86

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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