

# Namibia Consumer Price Index Bulletin

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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 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 March 2021, the annual inflation rate increased by 3.1 percent compared to 2.4 percent recorded in March 2020. On a monthly basis, the inflation rate increased to 0.5 percent compared to 0.4 percent recorded a month earlier. The growth in the annual inflation rate for March 2021 was mainly as a result of increases recorded in the price levels of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (from 2.9 percent to 6.6 percent); Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (from -0.3 percent to 1.1 percent); Communication (from 1.1 percent to 3.3 percent); Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (from 2.0 percent to 3.8 percent); Health (from 2.3 percent to 3.7 percent) and Miscellaneous goods and services (from 6.1 percent to 6.4 percent).

The Zonal inflation rates for the month of March 2021 revealed that, Zone 1 (Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa, and Zambezi) recorded annual inflation rate of 2.9 percent, Zone 2 (Khomas) obtained 3.0 percent and Zone 3 (//Kharas, Erongo, Hardap and Omaheke) registered 3.7 percent. On a monthly basis, Zone 1 and Zone 2 both recorded 0.5 percent while Zone 3 monthly inflation rate was 0.4 percent.

The analysis of the average retail prices for some of the basic products consumed by the households for the month of March 2021 indicate that Cooking oil (750 ml), in Zone 3 recorded the highest price of N\$22.72 while Zone 1 recorded the lowest price at N\$21.61. For milk (1 liter), consumers in Zone 2 paid the lowest price at N\$19.91 while the highest price was observed in Zone 3 at N\$21.05.

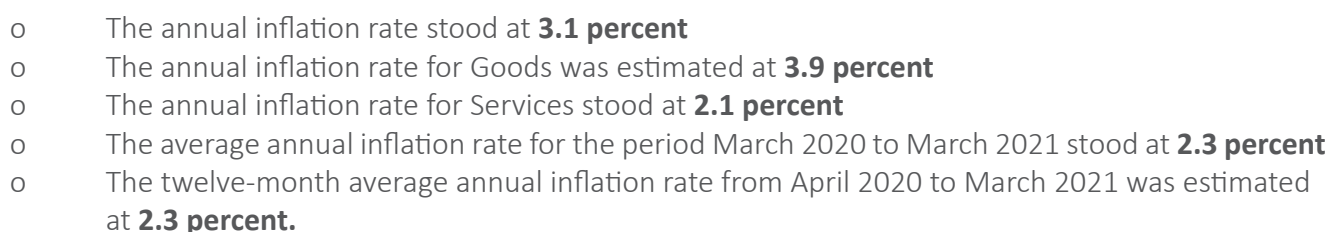
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### Box 1: Key highlights



Groups	Contributions (%)	
	Feb-21	Mar-21
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1.0	1.2
Alcoholic, beverages and tobacco	0.6	0.5
Clothing and footwear	-0.1	-0.1
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.4	0.3
Furnishings, household equipment etc	0.2	0.2
Health	0.1	0.1
Transport	0.0	0.3
Communication	0.1	0.1
Recreation and culture	0.1	0.1
Education	0.0	0.0
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous goods and services	0.4	0.3
<b>All items</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>

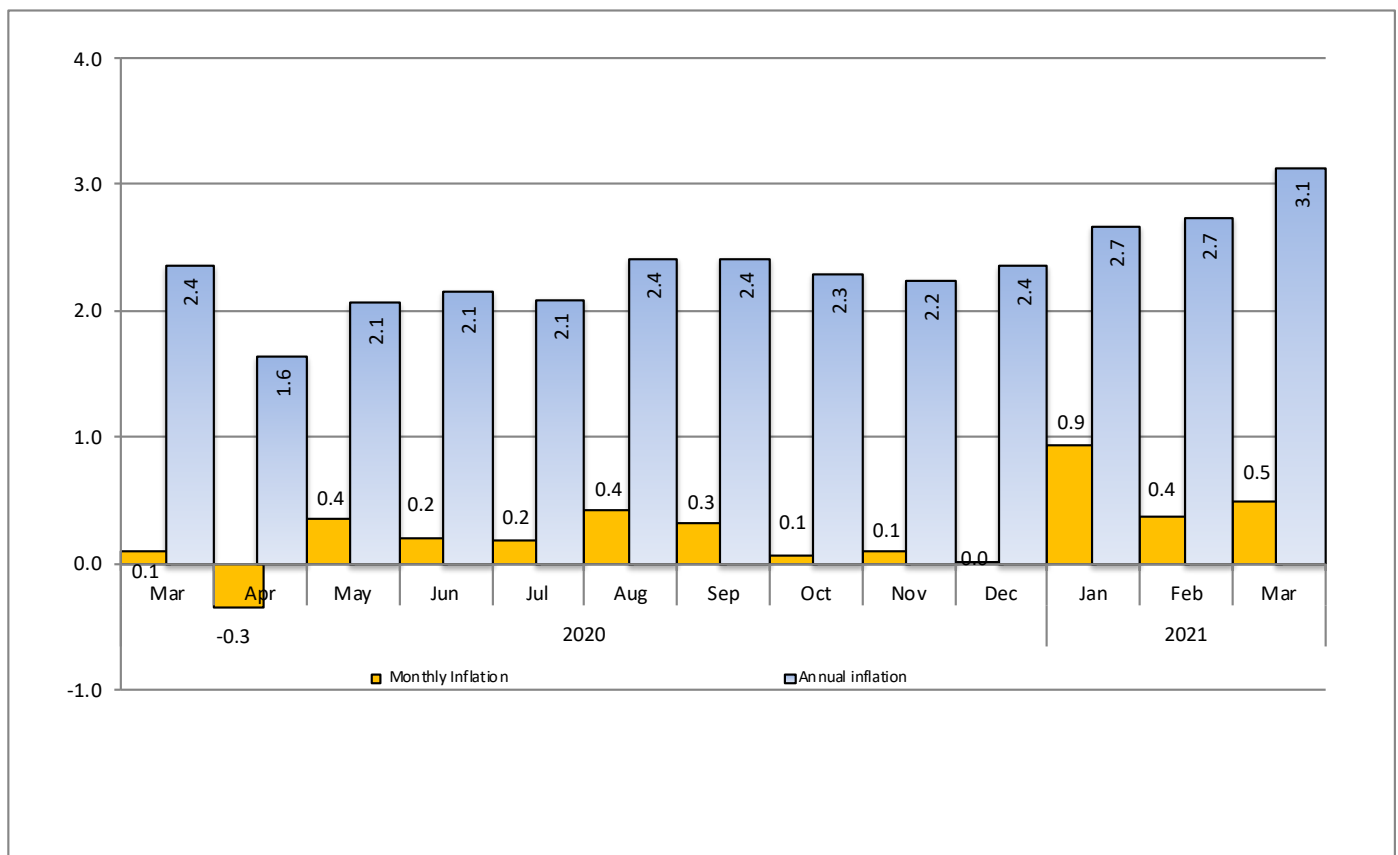


## Overall inflation rate

The annual inflation rate for March 2021 stood at 3.1 percent, up from 2.4 percent recorded in March 2020, an increase of 0.8 percentage points. The increase in the annual inflation rate in March 2021 emanated mainly from increases in the price levels of Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels which accounts for 28.4 percent of the basket to 1.1 percent in March 2021 compared to -0.3 percent registered in March 2020; Food and non-alcoholic beverages which accounts for 16.5 percent of the basket that recorded 6.6 percent in March 2021 compared to 2.9 percent recorded in March 2020; Alcoholic beverages and tobacco which accounts for 12.6 percent of the basket went up to 3.8 percent in March 2021 compared to 2.0 percent recorded in March of the previous year; Miscellaneous goods and services which accounts for 5.4 percent of the basket increased to 6.4 percent in March 2021 compared to 6.1 recorded in March 2020; Communications that account for 3.8 percent of the basket increased to 3.3 percent in March 2021 compared to 1.1 percent recorded in March 2020; and Health that accounts for 2.0 percent of the basket increased to 3.7 percent in March 2021 compared to 2.3 percent recorded in March 2020.

The monthly inflation rate increased to 0.5 percent in March 2021 compared to 0.4 percent obtained during the previous month.

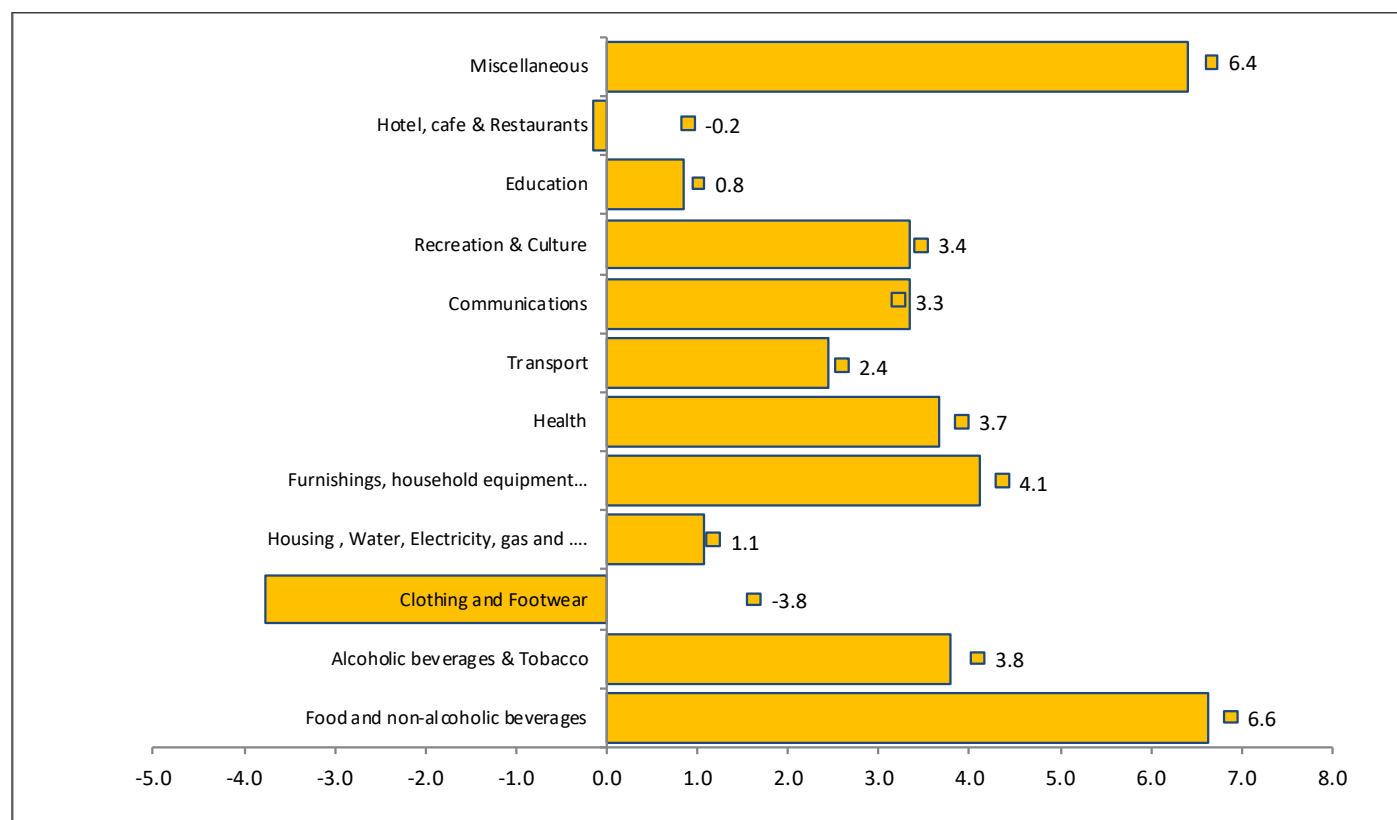
**Chart 1: Monthly and annual percentage changes; March 2021**



## Annual inflation rate by main categories

Food and non-alcoholic beverages recorded the highest annual inflation rate of 6.6 percent, followed by Miscellaneous goods and services at 6.4 percent in March 2021. Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house recorded 4.1 percent; Alcoholic beverages and tobacco at 3.8 percent; Health at 3.7 percent; Recreation and culture at 3.4 percent; Communications at 3.3 percent and Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels at 1.1 percent. Clothing and footwear; and Hotel, café and restaurant recorded declines of 3.8 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively.

**Chart 2: Annual percentage changes by all groups; March 2021**

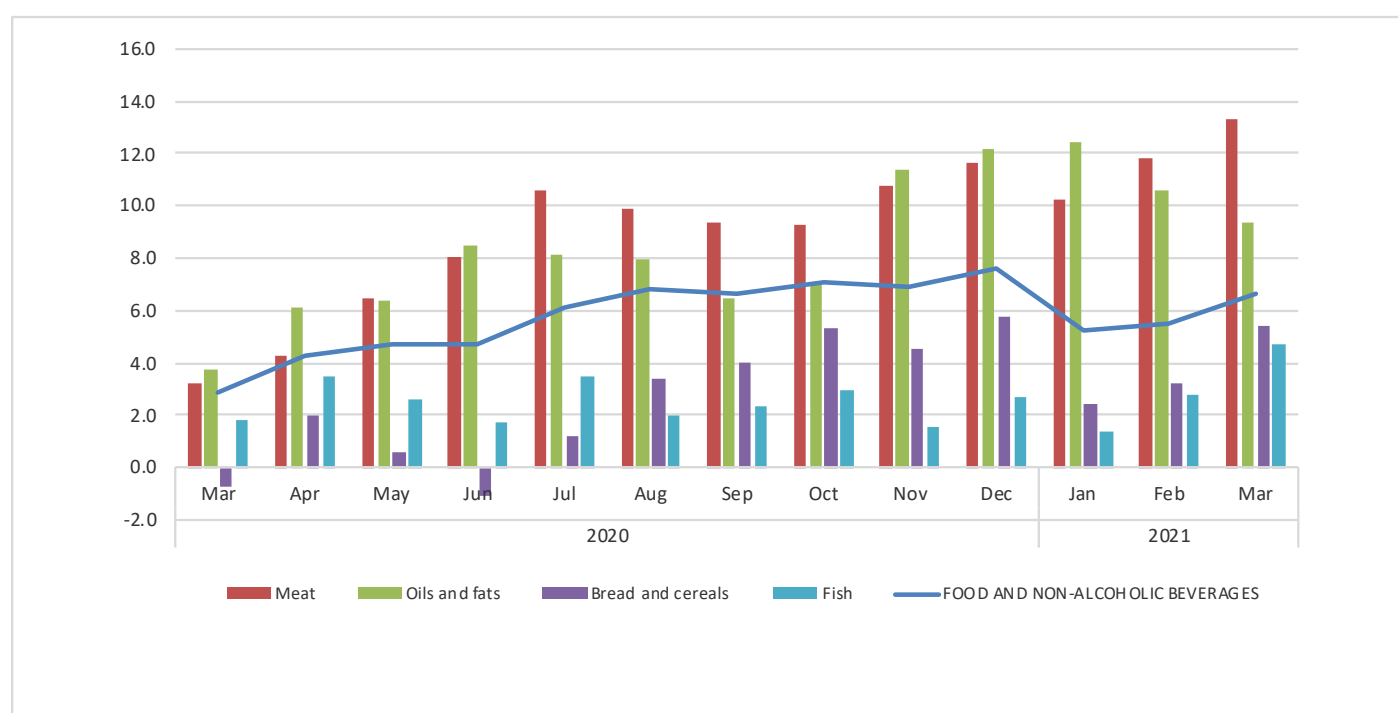


## Selected main categories' annual inflation rates

### Food and non-alcoholic beverages

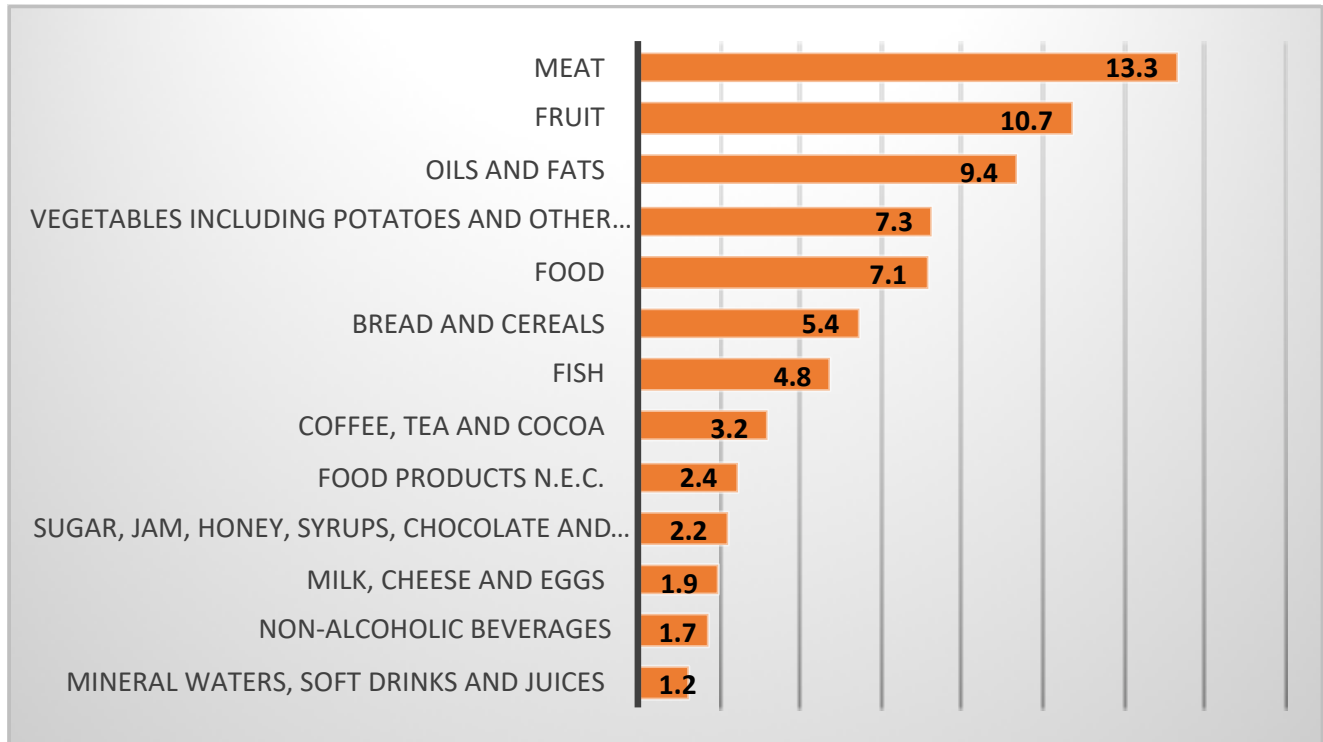
During the month of March 2021, the annual inflation rate for this category stood at 6.6 percent compared to 2.9 percent registered during the same period last year (Chart 3).

**Chart 3: Annual inflation rates for selected food and non – alcoholic sub-categories; March 2021**



The increase in this group emanated mainly from price increases in Meat (from 3.3 percent to 13.3 percent); Bread and cereals (from -0.7 percent to 5.4 percent); Oils and fats (from 3.8 percent to 9.4 percent) and Fish (from 2.5 percent to 4.8 percent) (see Chart 4).

**Chart 4: Annual inflation rates for all Food and Non-alcoholic beverages sub-categories; March 2021**



On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for this component remained unchanged at 1.2 percent in March 2021 compared to last month.

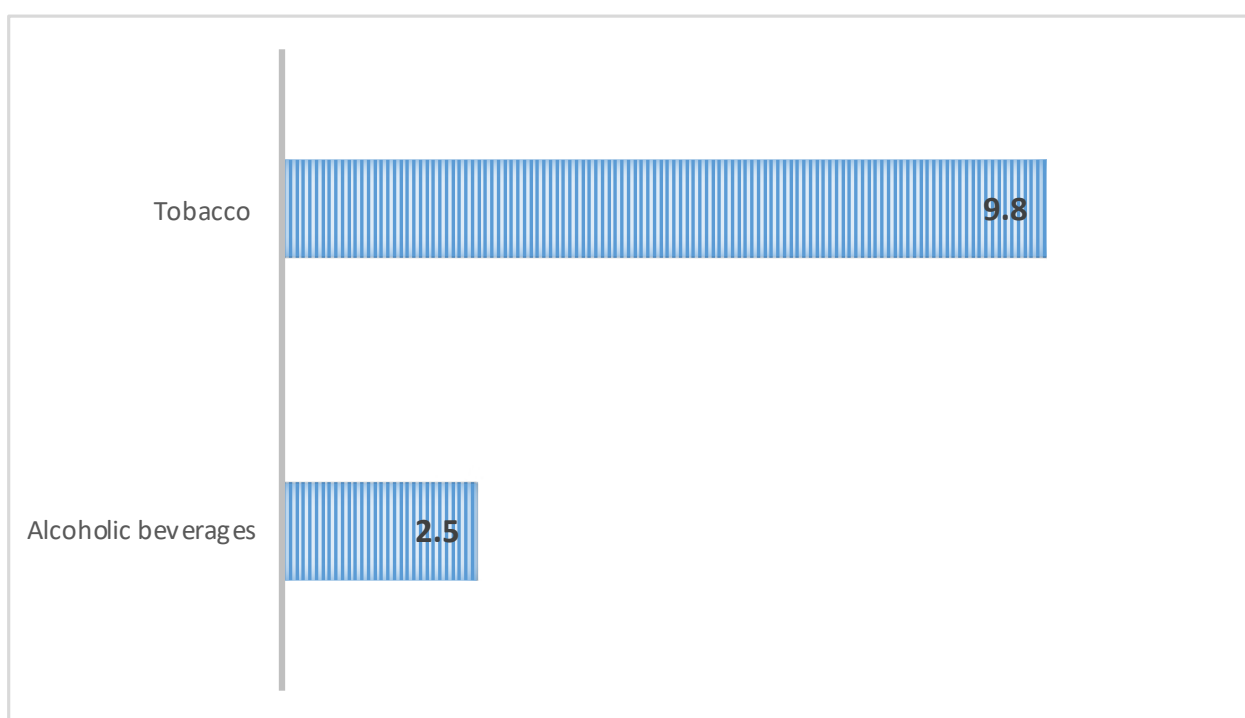


## Alcoholic beverages and tobacco

In March 2021, the annual inflation rate for the Alcoholic beverages and tobacco category stood at 3.8 percent compared to 2.0 percent registered in March 2020, resulting in a 1.8 percentage point increase. The upward movement in the inflation rate in this category was as a result of price increases in the Tobacco sub component which increased from -5.2 percent to 9.8 percent in March 2021.

On a monthly basis, this category registered -0.2 percent compared to - 0.4 percent recorded in the previous month.

**Chart 5: Annual inflation rate for Alcoholic beverages and tobacco; March 2021**

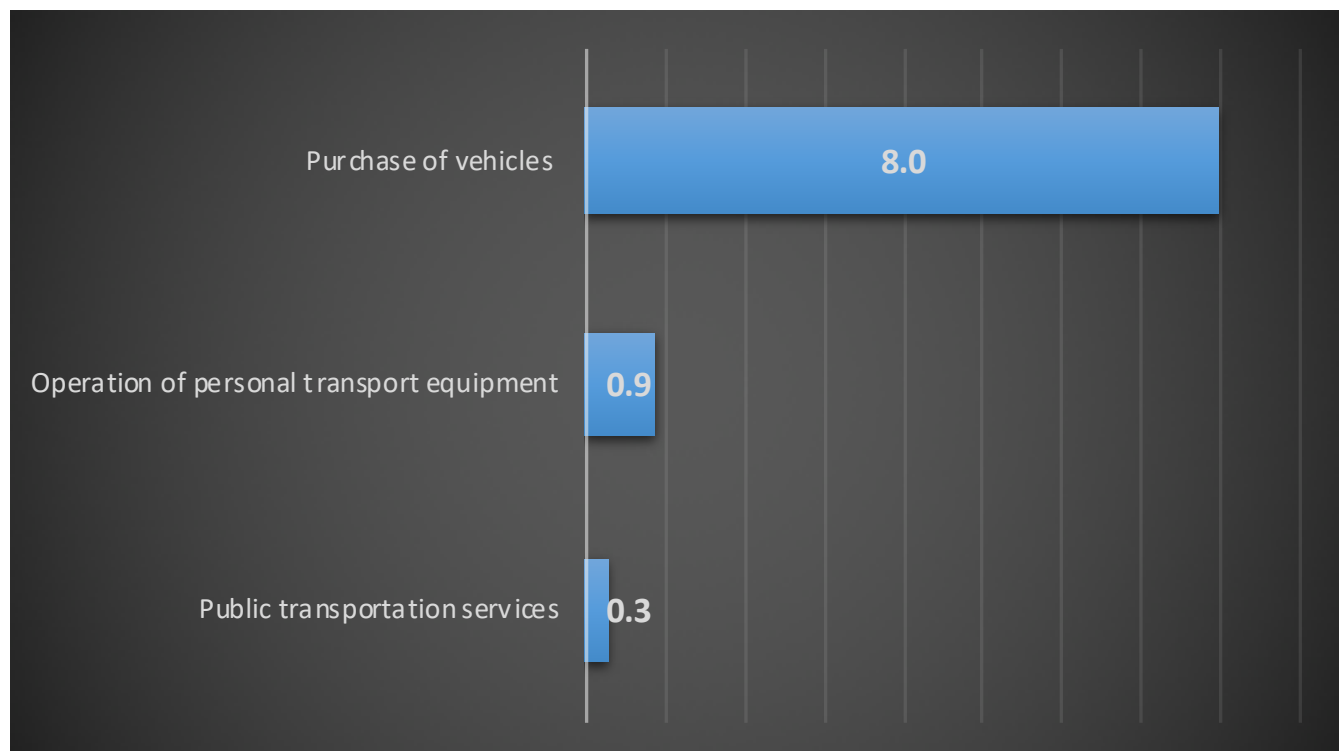


## Transport

The annual inflation rate for the Transport category increased by 2.4 percent in March 2021 as compared to 4.4 percent recorded in March 2020. The slow increase in prices for the Transport category was mainly caused by slow increase in the price levels reflected in Operation of personal transport equipment (from 5.5 percent to 0.9 percent).

Transport monthly inflation rate increased to 2.0 percent in March 2021 compared to 1.3 recorded in March 2021.

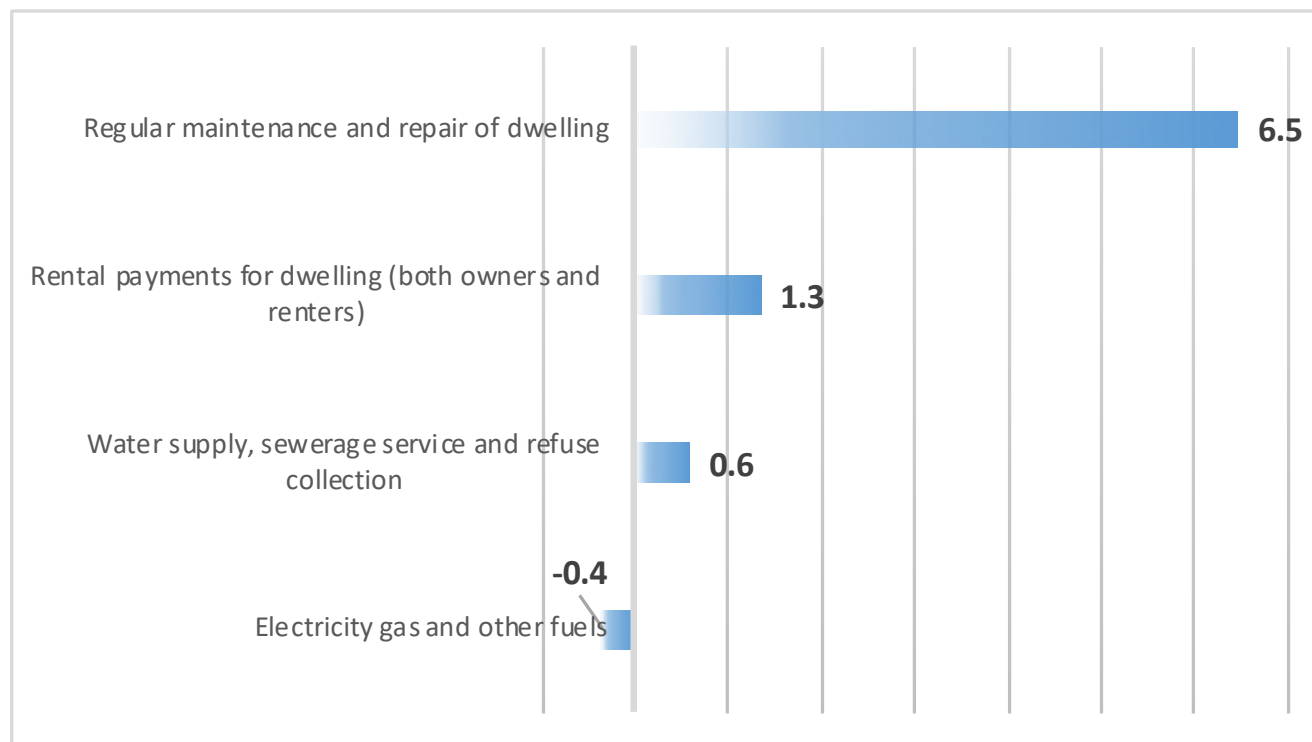
**Chart 6: Annual inflation rate for Transport; March 2021**



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

The annual inflation rate for Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels component increased to 1.1 percent during March 2021 from -0.3 percent registered in March of the previous year.

**Chart 7: Annual inflation rate for Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels; March 2021**



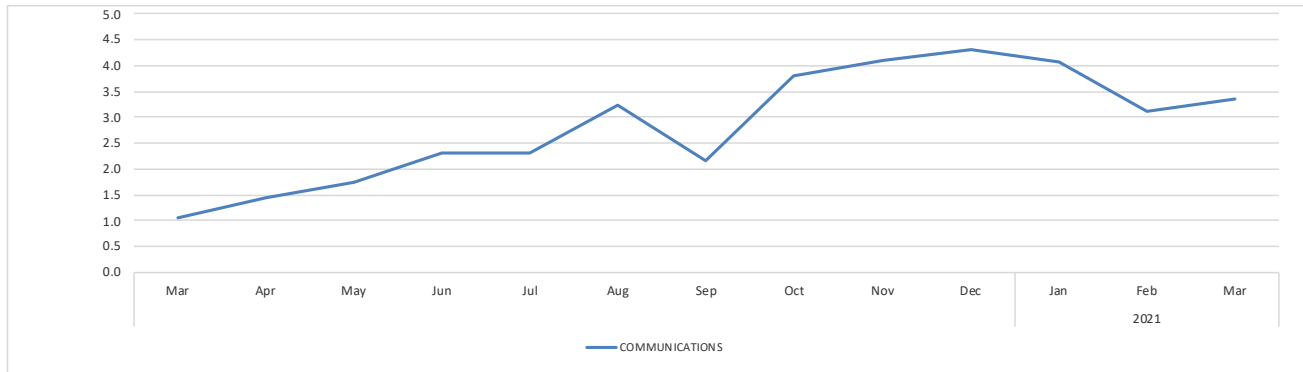
The increase was as a result of increases witnessed in the subgroups of Regular maintenance and repair of dwelling from 1.2 percent to 6.5 percent and Rental payment for dwelling (both owners and renters) from -2.3 percent to 1.3 percent.

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for this category remained stagnant in March 2021.

## Communications

In March 2021, the annual inflation rate for this category increased to 3.3 percent from 1.1 percent recorded in March 2020 while on a monthly basis prices remained unchanged at -0.2 percent.

**Chart 8: Annual inflation rate for Communications; March 2021**

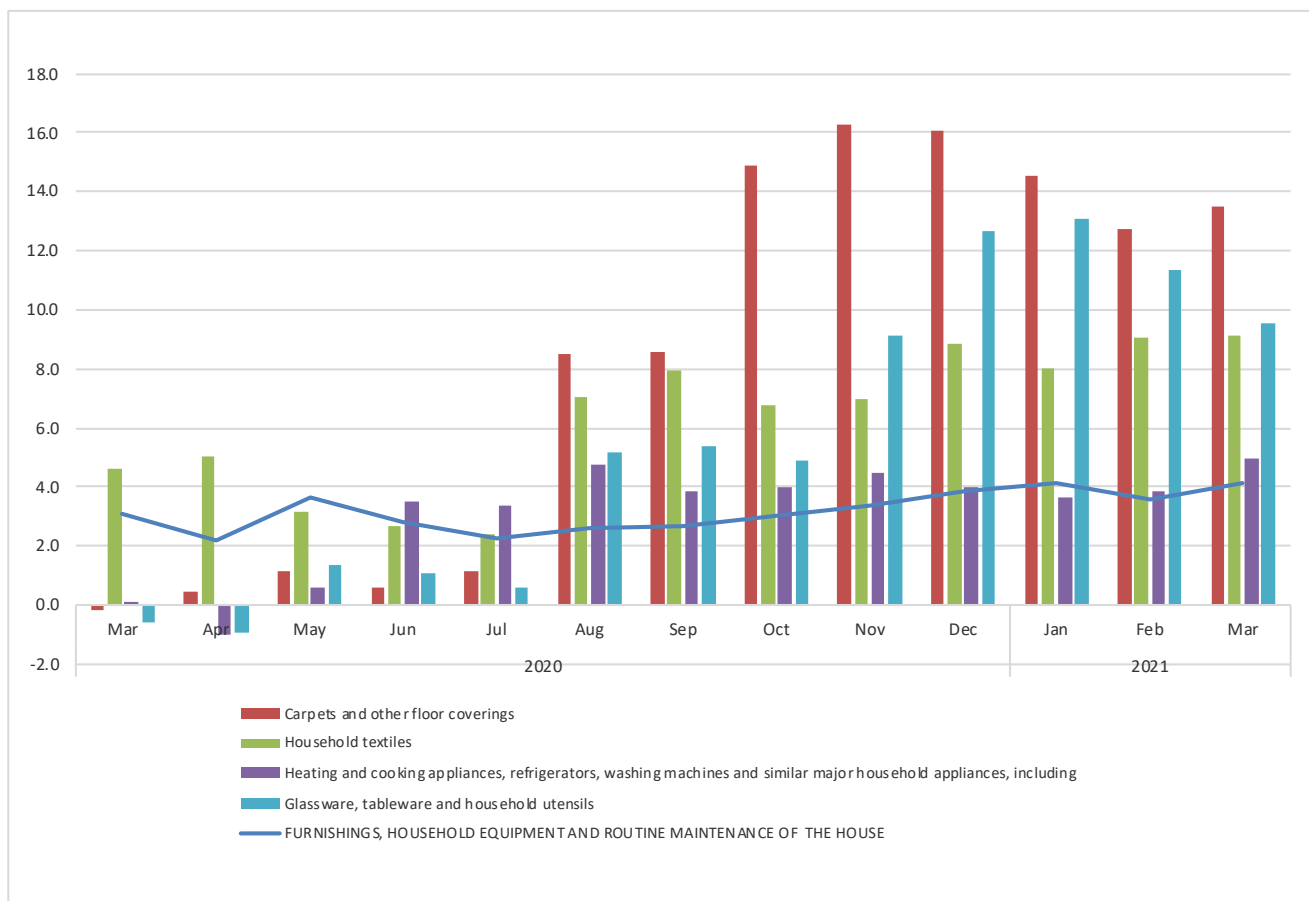


## Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house

The annual inflation rate for the Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house category stood at 4.1 percent in March 2021, an increase of 1.0 percentage points when compared to 3.1 percent recorded in March 2020. The increase in this component resulted in price increases observed mainly in Carpets and other floor coverings (from -0.1 percent to 13.5 percent); Glassware, tableware and household utensils (from -0.6 percent to 9.6 percent); Heating and cooking appliances, refrigerators, washing machines and similar major household appliances (from -0.6 percent to 9.6 percent); Heating and cooking appliances, refrigerators, washing machines and similar major household appliances (from 0.1 percent to 5.0 percent) and Household textiles (from 4.6 percent to 9.1 percent).

On a monthly basis, this category inflation rate declined to -0.2 compared to 0.3 percent registered in the preceding month.

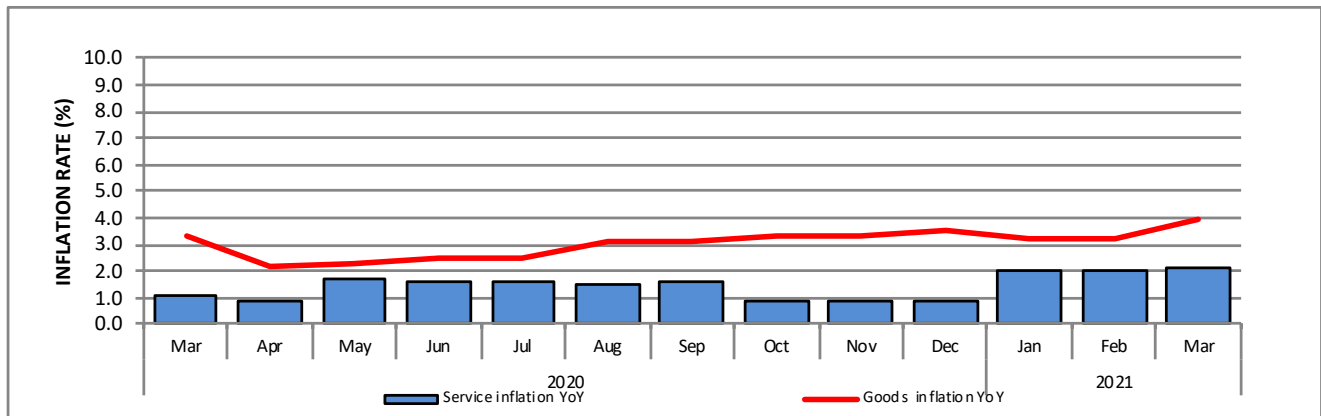
**Chart 9: Annual inflation rate for Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house; March 2021**



## Goods and Services inflation rates

During the month of March 2021, the Index for Goods and Services stood at 147.4 basis points and 140.4 basis points compared to the corresponding indices of 141.9 basis points and 137.5 basis points recorded during the same period last year. The annual inflation rates for Good and Services were 3.9 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively.

**Chart 10: Goods and Services annual inflation rates; March 2021**





## 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 (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 - March 2021; (Dec 2012=100)**

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Mar-20	2.6	2.0	2.5
Apr-20	2.1	0.8	2.2
May-20	2.3	1.9	1.9
Jun-20	2.4	2.1	1.8
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

The Zonal inflation rates for the month of March 2021 revealed that, Zone 3 recorded the highest annual inflation of 3.7 percent, Zone 2 recorded 3.0 percent, while Zone 1 recorded 2.9 percent. On a monthly basis, Zone 1 and Zone 2 each recorded inflation rates of 0.5 percent, while the monthly inflation rate for Zone 3 stood at 0.4 percent.

**Zone 1 (Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa, and Zambezi)** - The annual inflation rate increased to 2.9 percent in March 2021 from 2.6 percent registered in March 2020, a decrease of 0.3 percentage points. The increase in the annual inflation rate resulted mainly from increases in the price levels of Communications (from -1.5 percent to 7.3 percent); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (from 3.5 percent to 6.9 percent); Furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (from 2.8 percent to 6.1 percent) and Hotels cafes and restaurants (from 0.6 percent to 3.0 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for March 2021 remained unchanged at 0.5 percent.

**Zone 2 (Khomas)** - The annual inflation rate was estimated at 3.0 percent in March 2021 compared to 2.0 percent recorded in March 2020. The increase was mainly due to increases in the price levels of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (from 1.5 percent to 7.4 percent); Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (-1.5 percent

to 5.1 percent); Health (from 3.2 percent to 4.9 percent) and Miscellaneous goods and services (from 6.4 percent to 7.1 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate stood at 0.5 percent compared to 0.2 percent recorded during the previous month.

**Zone 3 (//Kharas, Erongo, Hardap and Omaheke)** - The annual inflation rate in March 2021 increased to 3.7 percent from 2.5 percent recorded in March 2020. The increase resulted mainly from increases in price levels recorded in Miscellaneous goods and services (from 4.8 percent to 9.9 percent); Housing water, electricity, gas and other fuels (from -0.2 percent to 3.7 percent); Recreation and culture (from -0.1 percent to 3.2 percent); Food and non-alcoholic beverages (from 3.3 percent to 5.2 percent) and Alcoholic, beverages and tobacco (from 5.2 percent to 6.0 percent).

On a monthly basis, the inflation rate for March 2021 stood at 0.4 percent compared to 0.5 percent recorded last month

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## 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 March 2021 presented in Table 2 shows that for maize meal packaged for 2.5 kg, Zone 2 recorded the lowest price of N\$34.32 followed by Zone 1 at N\$36.59. For cooking oil of 750 ml, consumers in Zone 1 paid the lowest at N\$21.61 while the highest price was observed in Zone 3 at N\$22.72. Further it was observed that the average price of 1 liter of milk between the Zones varies slightly, with Zone 3 recording the highest at N\$21.05 while the lowest was observed in Zone 2 at N\$19.91.

**Table 2: Average prices on selected products; March 2021**

Product	Unit of Measurement	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Bread flour	2.5kg	40.66	41.27	41.31
Cake flour	2.5kg	45.64	42.04	42.78
Maize meal	2.5kg	36.59	34.32	37.71
Milk	1 liter	20.79	19.91	21.05
Sugar	2.5kg	41.06	45.44	41.67
Icing/castor sugar	750g	43.03	41.61	42.30
Cooking oil	750ml	21.61	21.82	22.72
Petrol	1 liter	13.15	13.07	13.08
Diesel	1 liter	13.19	13.11	13.11

## 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 (Dec 2012 =100)

Period		Monthly Index	Monthly inflation rate	Annual inflation rate
2019	Jan	136.6	1.2	4.7
	Feb	136.5	-0.1	4.4
	Mar	136.8	0.2	4.5
	Apr	137.2	0.4	4.5
	May	137.2	-0.1	4.1
	Jun	137.3	0.1	3.9
	Jul	137.7	0.2	3.6
	Aug	137.8	0.1	3.7
	Sep	138.2	0.3	3.3
	Oct	138.5	0.2	3.0
	Nov	138.7	0.2	2.5
	Dec	138.5	-0.1	2.6
<b>An. Av</b>		<b>137.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>
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
<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



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

	Weights	CPI			Inflation Rate	
		Mar-20	Feb-21	Mar-21	m-o-m	y-o-y
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>140.0</b>	<b>143.7</b>	<b>144.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>GOODS</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>141.9</b>	<b>146.3</b>	<b>147.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>140.3</b>	<b>140.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>16.45</b>	<b>153.0</b>	<b>161.2</b>	<b>163.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>
Food	14.78	154.6	163.4	165.6	1.4	7.1
Bread and cereals	4.84	139.5	145.3	147.1	1.3	5.4
Meat	3.53	158.6	176.5	179.7	1.8	13.3
Fish	0.81	161.9	164.0	169.5	3.4	4.8
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.17	154.6	154.9	157.6	1.7	1.9
Oils and fats	0.78	139.0	153.3	152.1	-0.8	9.4
Fruit	0.33	208.6	226.3	230.9	2.0	10.7
Vegetables including potatoes and other tubers	1.23	184.4	195.5	197.8	1.2	7.3
Sugar, jam, honey, syrups, chocolate and confectionery	1.44	165.1	167.6	168.7	0.6	2.2
Food products n.e.c.	0.65	148.0	151.3	151.6	0.2	2.4
Non-alcoholic beverages	1.66	138.7	141.4	141.0	-0.3	1.7
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.31	175.8	180.1	181.4	0.7	3.2
Mineral waters, soft drinks and juices	1.35	130.1	132.5	131.7	-0.6	1.2
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO</b>	<b>12.59</b>	<b>151.7</b>	<b>157.8</b>	<b>157.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Alcoholic beverages	9.99	157.7	162.3	161.7	-0.4	2.5
Tobacco	2.61	128.5	140.4	141.0	0.5	9.8
<b>CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>3.05</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-3.8</b>
Clothing	2.04	104.2	101.8	103.3	1.4	-0.9
Clothing materials	0.07	145.3	149.8	149.1	-0.5	2.6
Ready-made clothing	1.93	102.5	99.6	101.2	1.6	-1.3
Men's clothing	0.58	107.4	103.0	102.5	-0.5	-4.5
Women's clothing	0.70	90.7	87.5	90.0	2.9	-0.8
Children's clothing	0.66	109.3	107.8	110.1	2.1	0.7
Boys' clothing	0.24	108.3	104.4	106.1	1.6	-2.0
Girls' clothing	0.33	110.0	109.2	111.6	2.2	1.4
Infants' clothing	0.09	112.0	113.5	116.7	2.8	4.2
Other articles of clothing and clothing accessories	0.05	115.8	124.8	124.2	-0.5	7.2
Dry cleaning, repair and hire of clothing	0.00	129.9	133.5	133.5	0.0	2.7
Footwear	1.01	96.0	86.8	86.3	-0.5	-10.1
Adult footwear	0.80	88.5	76.5	76.2	-0.4	-13.9
Children's footwear	0.20	123.0	125.6	124.4	-0.9	1.2
Repair of footwear	0.01	148.5	132.9	132.9	0.0	-10.5
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>	<b>28.36</b>	<b>133.5</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.1</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	141.0	148.5	150.1	1.1	6.5
Water supply, sewerage service and refuse collection	1.0	185.7	186.7	186.7	0.0	0.6
Electricity gas and other fuels	3.9	159.8	159.2	159.2	0.0	-0.4

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

	Weights	CPI			Inflation Rate	
		Feb-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	m-o-m	y-o-y
<b>FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>129.1</b>	<b>134.6</b>	<b>134.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Furniture, furnishings, decorations, carpets, floor coverings, incl. repairs	1.8	100.7	103.0	103.0	0.0	2.3
Furniture and furnishings	1.7	99.3	101.0	101.0	0.0	1.8
Carpets and other floor coverings	0.1	109.3	124.1	124.1	0.0	13.5
Repair of furnishings and floor coverings	0.0	200.2	210.4	206.8	-1.7	3.3
Household textiles	0.7	138.5	150.3	151.1	0.6	9.1
Heating and cooking appliances, refrigerators, washing machines and similar major household appliances, etc	0.9	126.3	132.6	132.5	-0.1	5.0
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	0.2	151.3	168.1	165.7	-1.4	9.6
Tools and equipment for house and garden	0.4	133.4	139.1	138.8	-0.2	4.1
Goods and services for routine household maintenance	1.4	158.2	162.0	161.3	-0.5	1.9
<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>138.6</b>	<b>143.7</b>	<b>143.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Medical products, appliances and equipment	0.8	134.7	139.5	139.4	0.0	3.5
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>137.8</b>	<b>138.4</b>	<b>141.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Purchase of vehicles	2.9	162.1	174.7	175.0	0.1	8.0
Operation of personal transport equipment	9.0	129.7	126.5	130.8	3.4	0.9
Public transportation services	2.4	138.8	139.4	139.2	-0.2	0.3
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>109.3</b>	<b>113.2</b>	<b>112.9</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>143.4</b>	<b>144.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Audio-visual, photographic and data processing equip. incl. repairs	1.2	124.9	128.9	129.2	0.3	3.5
Other major durables for recreation and culture	0.1	133.1	149.9	147.3	-1.7	10.6
Other recreational items and equipment; flowers, gardens and pets	0.5	135.0	139.1	139.9	0.6	3.6
Recreation and cultural services	0.8	142.0	143.2	143.3	0.1	1.0
Newspapers, books and stationery	0.9	150.0	158.1	158.4	0.2	5.6
Package holidays	0.1	209.8	192.1	206.0	7.2	-1.8
<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>149.8</b>	<b>149.1</b>	<b>149.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Catering	0.7	147.5	154.3	155.1	0.5	5.1
Accommodation services	0.6	152.4	143.2	143.2	0.0	-6.1
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>139.3</b>	<b>148.4</b>	<b>148.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Personal care	1.4	139.1	141.7	141.8	0.0	1.9
Personal effects n.e.c.	1.0	127.4	123.6	123.0	-0.5	-3.5
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	134.8	134.8	0.0	0.8

## Annex C: Zone 1 CPI (Northern Part of Namibia)

Zone 1 CPI: All-Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes (Dec 2012 =100)

Period		Monthly Index	Monthly inflation rate	Annual inflation rate
2019	Jan	136.1	1.0	4.2
	Feb	135.8	-0.2	4.1
	Mar	136.0	0.2	4.1
	Apr	136.1	0.1	3.8
	May	136.3	0.1	3.3
	Jun	136.5	0.2	3.5
	Jul	137.1	0.5	3.3
	Aug	137.3	0.1	3.5
	Sep	137.7	0.3	3.0
	Oct	137.8	0.1	2.8
	Nov	138.5	0.5	2.2
	Dec	138.1	-0.3	2.5
	<b>An. Av</b>	<b>136.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3.4</b>
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

## Annex D: Zone 2 CPI (Windhoek Area); March 2021

Zone 2 CPI: All-Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes (Dec 2012 =100)

Period		Monthly Index	Monthly inflation rate	Annual inflation rate
2019	Jan	133.7	1.4	4.9
	Feb	133.3	0.0	4.4
	Mar	133.7	0.3	4.6
	Apr	134.7	0.8	5.0
	May	133.9	-0.6	4.1
	June	133.9	0.0	3.7
	July	133.8	-0.1	3.0
	Aug	133.8	0.0	3.1
	Sep	134.5	0.5	2.7
	Oct	134.7	0.2	2.5
	Nov	134.7	-0.1	1.9
	Dec	134.8	0.1	2.2
	<b>Av</b>	<b>134.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>
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>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

## Annex E: Zone 3 CPI (Eastern, Southern & Western Parts of Namibia); March 2021

Zone 3 CPI: All-Items Index, monthly and annual percentage changes (Dec 2012 =100)

Period		Monthly Index	Monthly inflation rate	Annual inflation rate
2019	Jan	142.3	1.0	4.9
	Feb	142.9	0.4	4.9
	Mar	143.1	0.1	4.9
	Apr	143.3	0.1	4.8
	May	144.0	0.5	5.1
	June	144.4	0.2	4.9
	July	144.9	0.3	5.1
	Aug	145.2	0.2	4.9
	Sep	145.2	0.03	4.4
	Oct	145.5	0.20	4.1
	Nov	145.5	-0.01	3.6
	Dec	145.4	-0.1	3.2
	<b>Av</b>	<b>144.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>
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>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

## Annex F: Background of the Zonal Consumer Price Index: March 2021

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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