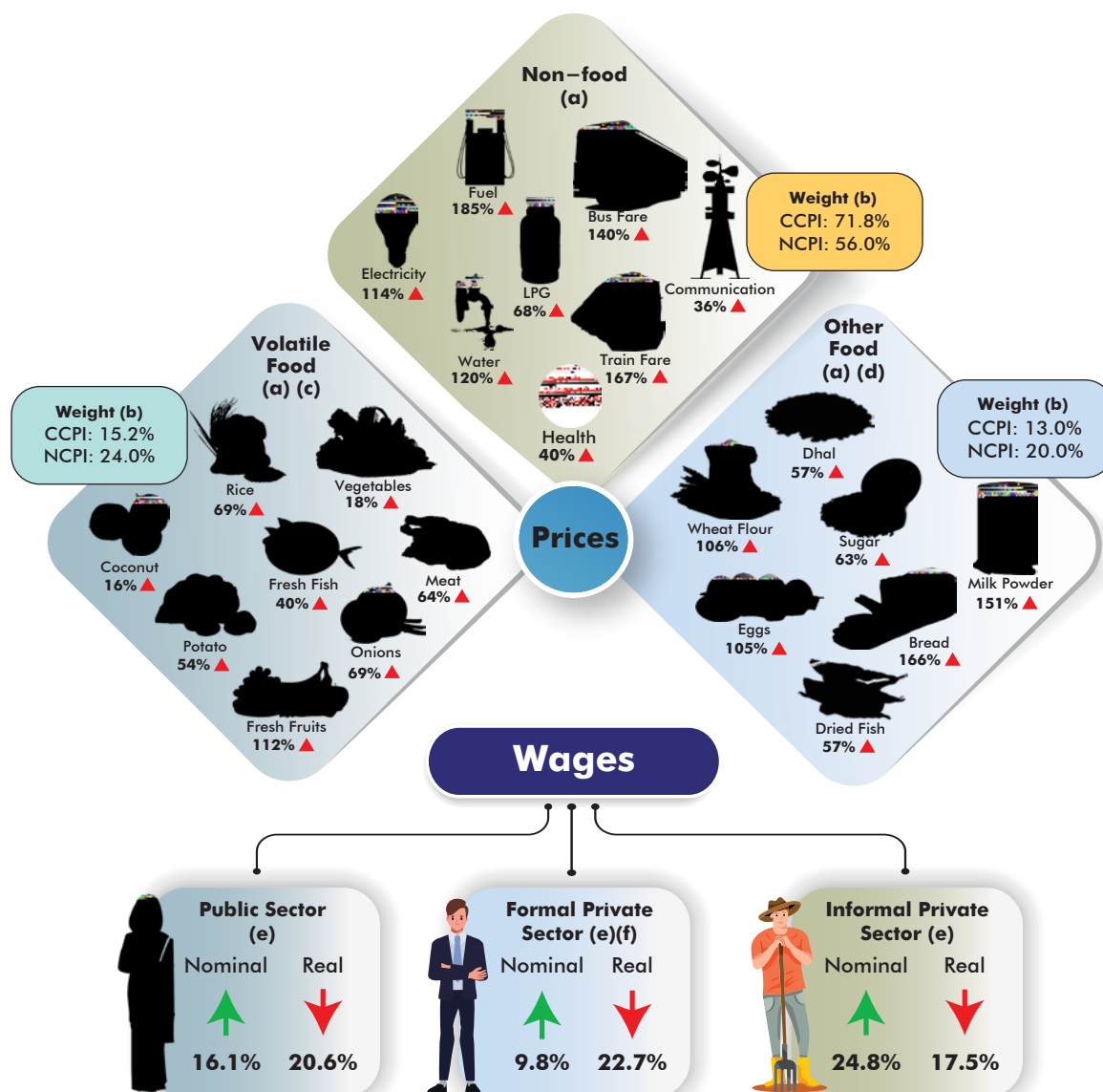


Figure 4.1
Movements of Prices and Wages - 2022

Prices recorded unprecedented increases and real wages eroded sharply in 2022...



(a) Percentage price changes of items in CCPI (2013=100) in December 2022 compared to December 2021

(b) Weights are based on CCPI (2013=100) series and NCPI (2013=100) series

(c) Volatile Food includes rice, meat, fresh fish and seafood, coconut, fresh fruits, vegetables, potatoes, onions and selected condiments

(d) Other food includes food items excluding Volatile Food items

(e) Change of nominal and real wages refers to the percentage change of the averages of 2022 and 2021

(f) Wages of the formal private sector employees, whose wages are governed by the wage boards

02 May 2022, and on local Red Raw and White Raw, at Rs. 210 per kg w.e.f. 10 June 2022. Afterwards, a declining trend was observed in the prices of local rice varieties, while the prices of imported rice varieties also followed a similar trend during the same period owing to low demand,

partly due to the free distribution of rice stocks received by the Government as foreign donations to low income families. Vegetable prices, which exhibited a declining pattern in the early months of 2022, accelerated between April and June owing to supply disruptions caused by fuel shortages,