

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 2010 = 100

SEPTEMBER 2015

Code	Description	WEIGHTS					%CHANGE		
			SEP 2015	SEP 2014	SEP 2013	AUG 2015	SEP 15/ SEP 14	SEP 14/ SEP 13	SEP 15/ AUG 15
0	ALL PRODUCTS	100.00	106.35	108.17	108.03	106.76	-1.68	0.13	-0.39
11.01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	20.35	116.56	116.12	114.69	116.86	0.38	1.25	-0.26
11.02	ALCOHOL BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	1.83	123.76	124.14	119.93	123.99	-0.31	3.51	-0.19
11.03	CLOTHING AND FOOTWARE	3.66	99.43	101.21	100.99	99.58	-1.75	0.22	-0.15
11.04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS, & OTHER FUELS	29.05	102.71	106.01	105.98	103.03	-3.11	0.03	-0.31
11.05	FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	4.5	110.37	110.55	111.2	108.44	-0.16	-0.58	1.78
11.06	HEALTH	1.94	131.98	127.79	125.85	131.62	3.27	1.55	0.27
11.07	TRANSPORT	18.72	105.75	111.43	112.09	108.18	-5.09	-0.59	-2.24
11.08	COMMUNICATION	10.03	90.96	90.96	92.72	90.96	0.00	-1.90	0.00
11.09	RECREATION AND CULTURE	2.71	110.34	107.39	104.14	106.65	2.75	3.12	3.46
11.10	EDUCATION	0.83	124.34	120.96	117.81	122.33	2.79	2.67	1.64
11.11	RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	1.81	107.25	107.25	107.24	107.25	0.00	0.01	0.00
11.12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	4.59	105.64	104.42	104.54	105.81	1.17	-0.11	-0.17

The above table shows the computation of the Consumer Price Index for the month of September 2015, with changes for the previous month August 2015 and the corresponding month of last year September 2014. The overall index moved from 106.76 index points in August 2015 to 106.35 index points in September 2015 representing a decrease of 0.39%. An examination of the various groups revealed the following:

The major grouping **“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels”** which has the highest weight share of 29.05%, and **“Transport”** with a weight share of 18.72%, decreased by 0.31% and 2.24% respectively. These two major groups decline resulted from a decrease in the price of Oil on the international market. This gave rise to a reduction in the price of Electricity 1.34%, Cooking Gas 1.09%, Motor Vehicles 4.40%, Spare Parts and Accessories 5.36% and Transport Services by Air 5.86%. **“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages”**, **“Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco”**, **“Clothing and Footwear”** and **“Miscellaneous Goods and Services”** all recorded price decreases of 0.26%, 0.19%, 0.15% and 0.17% respectively. The following price decreases was observed within these major groups, Pasta Products 0.36%, Poultry 1.97%, Fish 1.45%, Preserved milk 0.56%, Cheese 1.18%, Jams, Marmalades and Honey 0.36%, Coffee, Tea and Cocoa 0.38%, Fruit Juices 0.42%, Spirits 0.45%, Beer 0.34%, Women’s clothing 0.95%, Clothing Accessories 3.81% and Insurance of dwellings 2.99%.

“Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance”, **“Health”**, **“Recreation and Culture”** and **“Education”** all recorded increases of 1.78%, 0.27%, 3.46% and 1.64% respectively, due to the following price increase: Furniture and Furnishing 15.13%, Glassware and Utensils by 0.56%, Non-durable Household goods by 0.49%, Pharmaceutical Products 0.76%, Audio Visual Equipments 13.99%, Personal Computers 7.09%, and Tertiary Education 2.40%. **Communication** and **Restaurant and Hotel** remained relatively constant.

Relative to the corresponding month of last year, the Consumer Price Index moved from 108.17 index points in September 2014 to 106.35 index points in September 2015 representing a decline of 1.68%. These major groupings recorded the following decreases; **“Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco”** 0.31%, **“Clothing and Footwear”** 1.75%, **“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels** 3.11%, **“Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance”** 0.16%, and **“Transport”** 5.09%. The following items contributed to the decreases, Beer 1.12%, Tobacco 1.62%, Men, Women and Children’s clothing 3.89%, 3.87% and 3.72% respectively, Footware 1.37%, Electricity 9.86%, Cooking Gas 18.37%, Kitchen Furniture 26.14%, Household textiles 2.84%, Glassware and Household Utensils 8.87%, Motor Vehicle Fuel 13.80% and Passenger Transport by Air 8.26%.

The other groups recorded the following price increase **“Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages** 0.38%”, **“Health”** 3.27%, **“Recreation and Culture”** 2.75%, **“Education”** 2.79%, **“Miscellaneous Goods”** 1.17%, due to price increase of Rice 1.39%, beef and Veal 9.79%, Pork 8.55%, Mutton 2.47%, Poultry 0.73%, Butter 1.88%, Jams and Honey 14.33%, Pharmaceutical Products 4.14%, Medical Services 4.20%, Tertiary Education 4.11% and Personal Care Products 3.24%. **“Communications”** and **“Restaurant and Hotels”** remained constant.

Accordingly, the inflation rate for the period September 2015 is negative 1.68%. This can be compared to an increase of 0.13% for the same period 2014.

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