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COMMENTARY

SECTION 1: HEADLINE INFLATION

The annual inflation rate in March 2019 was 3.3 percent, the same rate as in February 2019. The inflation rates for regions between February 2019 and March 2019 indicated that Cities & Towns dropped to 3.9 percent from 4.0 percent, Rural Villages went down to 2.2 percent from 2.3 percent while the Urban Villages inflation rate remained unchanged at 3.2 percent.

The national Consumer Price Index (CPI) moved to 100.6 in March 2019, registering an increase of 0.1 percent from 100.5 which was recorded in February 2019. The Urban Villages' index advanced from 100.5 to 100.6 recording a rise of 0.2 percent. The Cities & Towns' Index realised an increase of 0.1 percent during the period under review.

Group indices were generally moving at a stable pace between February and March 2019, recording changes of less than 1.0 percent.

The Restaurants & Hotels index group registered an increase of 0.5 percent in February 2019. This was due to the increase in the constituent section index of Restaurants, Cafes & the Like (0.6 percent).

The Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages index group moved from 100.6 in February 2019 to 101.0 in March, recording a rise of 0.4 percent. The increase was attributed to the general increase in all section indices.

The Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance index group realized a 0.5 percent over the two periods. The rise was due to a general increase in the constituent section indices.

The Transport index group registered a decline of 0.1 percent, from 100.6 in February 2019 to 100.5 in March 2019. This was due to a drop in the constituent section index of Purchase of Vehicles (0.4 percent).

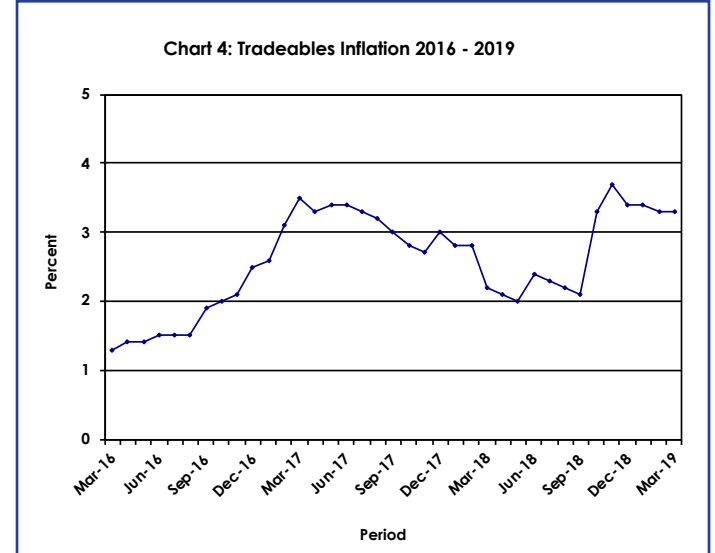
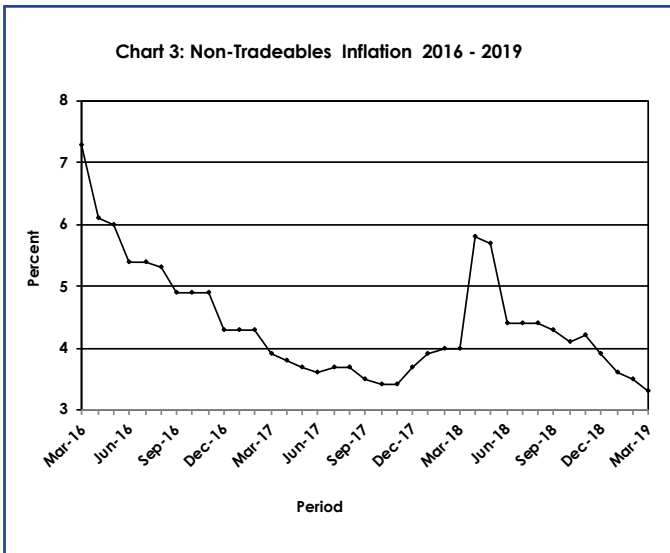
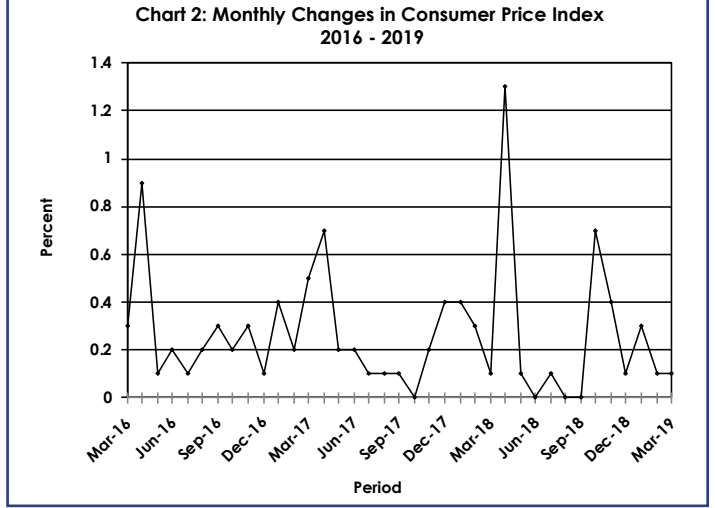
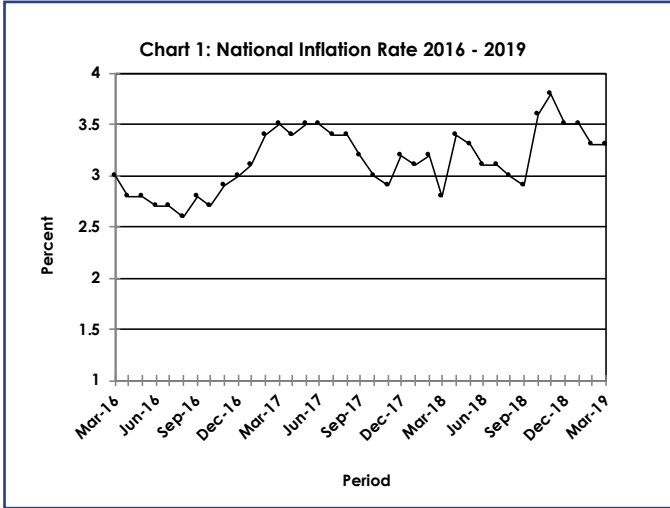
The All-Tradeables index moved from 100.6 in February to 100.7 in March, recording an increase of 0.1 percent. The Domestic Tradeables Index rose by 0.4 percent, advancing from 100.9 in February to 101.3 in March 2019. The Non-Tradeables Index realized a rise of 0.1 percent over the two months.

All-Tradeables inflation rate was 3.3 percent in March 2019, the same rate as in February 2019. The Non-Tradeables inflation rate went down to 3.3 percent in March from 3.5 percent in February, The Domestic Tradeables inflation rate went up to 1.5 percent in March from 1.4 percent realized in February, while the Imported Tradeables inflation rate remained unchanged at 4.2 percent over the two periods.

SECTION 2: CORE INFLATION

The Trimmed Mean Core Inflation rate in March 2019 was 3.5 percent, the same rate as in February. The Core Inflation rate by exclusion also remained the same at 1.6 percent during the period under review.

CHARTS



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TABLES

TABLE 1 : CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (DECEMBER 2018 =100.0)

		Food	Alcohol and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing	Furniture etc	Health	Transport	Communication	Rec. & Culture	Education	Rest. & Hotels	Miscellaneous
Weights		13.55	4.34	5.95	17.45	4.85	3.38	23.43	6.94	2.82	4.60	3.66	9.01
2016	Jan	95.8	93.2	92.4	88.4	93.2	94.5	87.6	108.8	95.1	91.0	90.9	85.0
	Feb	96.3	93.4	93.0	88.3	93.3	94.6	86.4	108.8	95.6	91.0	91.2	84.7
	Mar	96.6	93.4	93.5	89.5	93.5	94.6	86.5	108.8	95.7	91.0	91.4	84.9
	Apr	97.4	93.9	94.0	89.5	93.6	94.9	86.6	108.8	95.8	91.0	91.7	90.4
	May	97.5	94.1	94.4	89.4	93.7	96.7	86.7	108.8	95.8	91.0	91.8	90.4
	Jun	97.2	94.2	94.9	90.2	94.2	96.8	87.0	108.8	95.8	91.0	92.2	90.7
	Jul	97.5	94.5	95.1	90.1	94.3	96.8	87.1	108.8	95.9	91.0	92.2	90.8
	Aug	97.8	94.6	95.3	90.2	94.5	96.8	87.1	108.8	96.0	91.0	92.5	90.8
	Sept	98.1	94.6	95.4	91.1	94.9	96.8	87.1	108.8	96.2	91.0	92.9	90.8
	Oct	98.5	95.2	95.6	91.1	95.0	96.8	87.1	108.8	96.3	91.0	93.1	91.2
	Nov	99.0	95.8	96.0	91.2	95.5	97.0	87.2	108.8	96.4	91.0	93.4	91.3
	Dec	99.1	95.8	96.1	91.3	95.7	97.1	87.3	108.8	96.4	91.0	93.5	91.3
2017	Jan	100.0	96.8	96.5	91.5	96.1	97.6	86.8	108.9	96.8	94.7	94.2	91.5
	Feb	100.4	97.4	96.8	91.6	96.5	97.7	87.0	108.9	97.2	94.7	94.4	91.7
	Mar	100.9	97.9	97.0	92.0	96.9	97.8	87.9	108.9	97.4	94.7	94.8	92.0
	Apr	101.1	98.5	97.2	95.5	97.0	97.9	88.0	108.9	98.1	94.7	95.0	92.2
	May	101.5	99.0	97.4	95.5	97.2	98.0	88.1	109.0	98.1	94.7	95.3	92.3
	Jun	101.4	99.0	97.5	95.7	97.4	98.6	88.3	109.2	98.2	94.8	95.5	93.2
	Jul	101.6	99.1	97.9	95.8	97.6	98.7	88.3	109.2	98.3	94.8	95.9	93.2
	Aug	101.5	99.2	98.1	95.8	97.7	98.8	88.5	109.2	98.4	94.8	96.2	93.2
	Sept	100.9	99.3	98.3	96.4	97.9	98.8	88.6	110.3	98.3	94.8	96.4	93.3
	Oct	100.8	99.1	98.4	96.3	98.0	98.8	88.6	110.3	98.4	94.9	96.6	93.4
	Nov	100.7	99.0	98.4	96.3	98.1	98.9	89.4	110.3	98.3	94.9	96.6	93.4
	Dec	100.2	99.1	98.5	96.7	97.9	98.9	90.9	110.1	98.5	94.9	97.1	93.9
2018	Jan	100.4	99.1	98.6	96.8	98.1	99.0	91.2	110.2	98.7	99.9	97.4	94.2
	Feb	100.8	99.2	98.7	96.9	98.4	99.1	91.5	110.2	99.0	99.9	97.8	94.7
	Mar	100.9	99.3	98.9	97.2	99.0	99.2	91.4	110.3	99.4	100.0	97.9	94.9
	Apr	101.0	99.2	99.3	98.6	99.1	99.2	93.5	110.3	100.0	100.0	98.4	100.0
	May	100.9	99.5	99.5	98.7	99.2	99.4	93.6	110.3	100.1	100.0	98.6	100.1
	Jun	100.7	99.7	99.6	99.2	99.5	99.4	95.0	100.2	100.1	100.0	99.0	100.2
	Jul	100.5	99.9	99.9	99.2	99.6	99.5	95.1	100.2	100.2	100.0	99.4	100.3
	Aug	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.3	99.6	99.5	95.2	100.2	100.2	100.0	99.5	100.3
	Sept	99.9	100.1	99.8	99.7	100.0	99.7	95.0	100.2	100.2	100.0	99.7	100.2
	Oct	99.8	100.2	99.7	99.7	100.0	99.8	98.4	100.2	99.8	100.0	99.7	99.8
	Nov	99.9	100.2	99.8	99.9	100.1	99.9	99.8	100.2	99.9	100.0	99.7	99.8
	Dec	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2019	Jan	100.4	99.8	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.1	100.3	100.0	100.1	103.0	100.0	100.3
	Feb	100.6	99.6	100.2	100.1	100.4	100.2	100.6	100.0	100.1	103.1	100.1	100.6
	Mar	101.0	99.9	100.3	100.3	100.6	100.3	100.5	100.0	100.4	103.1	100.6	100.4
% Change on													
Last month		0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	(0.1)	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.5	(0.2)

Consumer Price Index- March 2019

TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (Cont.)

		All Items Index	National Inflation Rate	Monthly Change	Towns & Cities Index	Urban Village Index	Rural Villages Index	Annual Inflation		
								Towns & Cities	Urban Villages	Rural
		100.0	%	%	0.38	0.41	0.21	%	%	%
2016	Jan	91.2	2.7	0.4	90.3	91.8	91.8	2.7	2.6	2.8
	Feb	91.2	3.0	(0.0)	90.1	91.9	92.0	2.9	3.2	3.1
	Mar	91.5	3.0	0.3	90.5	92.2	92.1	3.1	3.2	2.7
	Apr	92.3	2.8	0.9	91.4	93.0	92.7	2.6	3.2	2.7
	May	92.4	2.8	0.1	91.5	93.1	92.9	2.7	3.1	2.5
	Jun	92.6	2.7	0.2	91.7	93.2	93.1	2.5	2.8	2.6
	Jul	92.7	2.7	0.1	91.8	93.3	93.6	2.5	2.7	3.0
	Aug	92.9	2.6	0.2	92.0	93.4	93.7	2.6	2.6	2.9
	Sept	93.1	2.8	0.3	92.3	93.5	93.9	2.8	2.7	2.9
	Oct	93.3	2.7	0.2	92.4	93.7	94.2	2.5	2.7	3.1
	Nov	93.5	2.9	0.3	92.6	93.9	94.6	2.7	2.9	3.5
	Dec	93.6	3.0	0.1	92.7	93.9	94.7	2.8	3.0	3.5
2017	Jan	94.0	3.1	0.4	93.1	94.3	95.1	3.1	2.8	3.6
	Feb	94.2	3.4	0.2	93.3	94.6	95.5	3.5	2.9	3.8
	Mar	94.7	3.5	0.5	93.8	95.0	95.9	3.6	3.0	4.2
	Apr	95.4	3.4	0.7	94.4	95.8	96.5	3.3	3.0	4.2
	May	95.6	3.5	0.2	94.6	96.0	96.8	3.4	3.1	4.1
	Jun	95.8	3.5	0.2	94.8	96.2	96.8	3.4	3.3	3.9
	Jul	95.9	3.4	0.1	95.0	96.3	97.0	3.5	3.2	3.7
	Aug	96.0	3.4	0.1	95.0	96.4	97.1	3.4	3.2	3.6
	Sept	96.1	3.2	0.1	95.2	96.3	97.2	3.2	3.0	3.4
	Oct	96.1	3.0	0.0	95.2	96.2	97.3	3.0	2.7	3.3
	Nov	96.2	2.9	0.2	95.5	96.4	97.4	3.1	2.6	3.0
	Dec	96.6	3.2	0.4	96.0	96.6	97.6	3.6	2.9	3.1
2018	Jan	97.0	3.1	0.4	96.4	97.0	97.8	3.6	2.9	2.8
	Feb	97.2	3.2	0.3	96.7	97.3	98.1	3.6	2.9	2.7
	Mar	97.4	2.8	0.1	96.8	97.5	98.1	3.3	2.6	2.3
	Apr	98.7	3.4	1.3	98.4	98.7	99.1	4.2	3.1	2.7
	May	98.7	3.3	0.1	98.5	98.8	99.1	4.1	3.0	2.5
	Jun	98.8	3.1	0.0	98.6	98.8	99.0	4.0	2.7	2.3
	Jul	98.8	3.1	0.1	98.7	98.9	99.1	3.9	2.7	2.1
	Aug	98.8	3.0	(0.0)	98.6	98.9	99.1	3.8	2.6	2.0
	Sept	98.9	2.9	0.0	98.7	98.9	99.1	3.6	2.7	2.0
	Oct	99.5	3.6	0.7	99.5	99.5	99.7	4.4	3.4	2.5
	Nov	99.9	3.8	0.4	99.9	99.8	100.0	4.7	3.6	2.6
	Dec	100.0	3.5	0.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.2	3.5	2.5
2019	Jan	100.3	3.5	0.3	100.4	100.3	100.2	4.1	3.4	2.4
	Feb	100.5	3.3	0.1	100.6	100.5	100.3	4.0	3.2	2.3
	Mar	100.6	3.3	0.1	100.6	100.6	100.3	3.9	3.2	2.2
% Change on last month		0.1			0.1	0.2	(0.0)			

TABLE 2: NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE GROUP AND SECTION INDICES (DECEMBER 2018=100.0)

	Group Section	Weights	This month Mar 2019	Last month Feb 2019	3 months ago Dec 2018	6 months ago Sep 2018	12 months ago Mar 2018	Percentage Change on:			
								Last month	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.55	101.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.9	0.4	1.0	1.1	0.1
1.1	Bread & Cereals	4.26	100.8	100.6	100.0	100.6	103.3	0.2	0.8	0.2	(2.5)
1.2	Meat (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen)	2.36	101.3	100.9	100.0	100.0	100.5	0.4	1.3	1.2	0.7
1.3	Fish (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen)	0.18	100.4	100.2	100.0	100.3	98.6	0.2	0.4	0.1	1.9
1.4	Milk, Cheese & Milk Products	0.98	100.3	100.2	100.0	99.4	97.6	0.0	0.3	0.8	2.7
1.5	Oils & Fats	0.92	99.9	99.8	100.0	101.4	101.6	0.1	(0.1)	(1.4)	(1.6)
1.6	Fruits	0.78	102.8	101.4	100.0	98.8	99.6	1.4	2.8	4.0	3.2
1.7	Vegetables	1.08	102.2	100.7	100.0	100.8	102.8	1.5	2.2	1.4	(0.6)
1.8	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery	1.11	100.0	99.9	100.0	97.4	98.8	0.1	0.0	2.6	1.2
1.9	Food Not Elsewhere Classified	0.54	101.7	101.3	100.0	99.4	99.7	0.4	1.7	2.3	2.0
1.10	Coffee, Tea & Cocoa	0.73	100.9	100.8	100.0	98.6	97.5	0.1	0.9	2.3	3.4
1.11	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruits & Vegetables Juices	0.62	101.5	101.1	100.0	100.1	98.2	0.4	1.5	1.4	3.3
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	4.34	99.9	99.6	100.0	100.1	99.3	0.2	(0.1)	(0.2)	0.6
2.1	Alcoholic Beverages	3.51	99.5	99.4	100.0	100.1	99.3	0.1	(0.5)	(0.6)	0.2
2.2	Tobacco	0.82	101.3	100.4	100.0	100.1	99.2	0.9	1.3	1.2	2.1
3	Clothing & Footwear	5.95	100.3	100.2	100.0	99.8	98.9	0.1	0.3	0.4	1.3
3.1	Clothing	2.60	100.3	100.2	100.0	99.8	99.4	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.9
3.2	Other Articles of Clothing	0.72	100.4	100.4	100.0	100.0	98.4	0.0	0.4	0.3	2.0
3.3	Cleaning, Repair & Hire	0.61	100.3	100.0	100.0	99.5	96.9	0.2	0.3	0.8	3.4
3.4	Footwear	2.03	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.1	99.8	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5
4	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	17.45	100.3	100.1	100.0	99.7	97.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	3.2
4.1	Rent Paid by Tenants	7.78	100.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	2.3
4.2	Materials for Maintenance & Repair of Dwellings	3.83	100.8	100.6	100.0	99.5	98.3	0.2	0.8	1.3	2.6
4.3	Water Supply & Miscellaneous Services	1.96	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4.4	Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	3.89	99.9	99.9	100.0	99.1	92.3	(0.0)	(0.1)	0.9	8.3
5	Furnishing, H/H Equipment & Routine Maintenance	4.85	100.6	100.4	100.0	100.0	99.0	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.6
5.1	Furniture & Furnishing	1.35	100.4	100.2	100.0	99.7	98.7	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.7
5.2	Carpets & Other Floor Coverings	0.27	100.3	100.2	100.0	99.7	98.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	2.1
5.3	Household Textiles	0.29	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.6	99.2	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.9
5.4	Household Appliances	0.72	100.3	100.2	100.0	100.2	100.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1
5.5	Glassware, Tableware & Household Utensils	0.23	100.3	100.3	100.0	99.8	98.8	(0.1)	0.3	0.5	1.5
5.6	Small Tools, Miscellaneous Accessories	0.04	101.1	100.7	100.0	100.9	99.6	0.4	1.1	0.2	1.5
5.7	Goods & Services for Household Maintenance	1.95	101.1	100.6	100.0	100.2	99.0	0.4	1.1	0.9	2.1
6	Health	3.38	100.3	100.2	100.0	99.7	99.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	1.1
6.1	Medical Products, Applications & Equipments	0.98	100.8	100.5	100.0	99.1	96.9	0.3	0.8	1.8	4.1
6.2	Out-Patient Services	0.93	100.1	100.0	100.0	99.8	99.7	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4
6.3	Hospital Services	1.47	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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	Group Section	Weights	This month Mar 2019	Last month Feb 2019	3 months ago Dec 2018	6 months ago Sep 2018	12 months ago Mar 2018	Percentage Change on:			
								Last month	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
7	Transport	23.43	100.5	100.6	100.0	95.0	91.4	(0.1)	0.5	5.7	9.9
7.1	Purchase of Vehicles	5.74	101.8	102.2	100.0	97.3	96.6	(0.4)	1.8	4.6	5.4
7.2	Operation of Personal Transport	12.56	100.1	100.1	100.0	92.3	89.7	0.0	0.1	8.4	11.5
7.3	Transport Services	5.13	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	89.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.3
8	Communication	6.94	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	110.3	0.0	0.0	(0.2)	(9.3)
8.1	Postal Services	0.21	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
8.2	Telephone & Telefax Equipment	1.13	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.0	100.7	0.0	0.0	(1.0)	(0.7)
8.3	Telephone & Telefax Services	5.60	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	113.2	0.0	0.0	(0.0)	(11.7)
9	Recreation & Culture	2.82	100.4	100.1	100.0	100.2	99.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	1.0
9.1	Audio Visual, Photographic & Information Processing Equipment	2.10	100.4	100.2	100.0	100.3	99.9	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.5
9.2	Other Recreational Items & Equipments	0.30	100.6	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	1.1
9.3	Recreational & Cultural Services	0.31	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6
9.4	Newspapers, Books & Stationary	0.11	100.2	100.0	100.0	99.3	97.8	0.1	0.2	0.9	2.4
10	Education	4.60	103.1	103.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	3.1	3.1	3.2
10.1	Pre-Primary & Primary Education	1.89	103.3	103.3	100.0	100.0	99.9	0.0	3.3	3.4	3.4
10.2	Secondary & Tertiary Education	2.70	102.9	102.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	2.9	3.0	3.0
11	Restaurants & Hotels	3.66	100.6	100.1	100.0	99.7	97.9	0.5	0.6	1.0	2.8
11.1	Restaurants, Cafes & the Like	3.02	100.7	100.1	100.0	99.6	98.2	0.6	0.7	1.0	2.5
11.2	Accommodation Services	0.64	100.4	100.2	100.0	99.9	96.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	4.3
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	9.01	100.4	100.6	100.0	100.2	94.9	(0.2)	0.4	0.1	5.7
12.1	Personal Care	2.33	100.6	100.6	100.0	100.4	99.0	0.0	0.6	0.2	1.6
12.2	Personal Effects Not Elsewhere Classified	0.22	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.5	0.2	0.1	(0.1)	(0.3)
12.3	Social Protection	0.13	101.6	101.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	1.6	1.6	1.6
12.4	Insurance	3.62	100.4	100.9	100.0	100.3	89.9	(0.6)	0.4	0.0	11.7
12.5	Financial Services	1.09	100.3	100.2	100.0	99.0	97.5	0.1	0.3	1.3	2.9
12.6	Taxes, Licences & Fees	1.61	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	0.0	0.0	(0.2)	0.0
	All-Items Index	100.0	100.6	100.5	100.0	98.9	97.4	0.1	0.6	1.7	3.3

TABLE 3: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY TRADABILITY (DECEMBER 2018 = 100.0)

	All Items		Non-Tradable		Domestic Tradable		Imported Tradable		All Tradable		
	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	
Weights	100.00		42.29		15.46		42.26		57.71		
2016	Jan	91.2	2.7	89.3	7.3	94.7	2.6	91.0	-0.3	92.0	0.8
	Feb	91.2	3.0	89.3	7.0	95.1	2.5	90.7	0.7	92.0	1.4
	Mar	91.5	3.0	89.8	7.3	95.3	2.1	91.0	0.8	92.2	1.3
	Apr	92.3	2.8	91.5	6.1	95.9	2.3	91.3	0.9	92.6	1.4
	May	92.4	2.8	91.7	6.0	96.1	2.5	91.4	0.8	92.7	1.4
	Jun	92.6	2.7	92.1	5.4	96.0	2.5	91.5	0.9	92.8	1.5
	Jul	92.7	2.7	92.2	5.4	96.2	2.8	91.6	0.7	93.0	1.5
	Aug	92.9	2.6	92.2	5.3	96.6	3.0	91.7	0.6	93.2	1.5
	Sept	93.1	2.8	92.7	4.9	96.7	3.5	91.9	0.9	93.3	1.9
	Oct	93.3	2.7	92.8	4.9	97.0	3.1	92.1	0.9	93.5	1.9
	Nov	93.5	2.9	92.8	4.9	97.4	3.4	92.4	1.2	93.9	2.1
	Dec	93.6	3.0	92.8	4.3	97.6	3.6	92.4	1.8	94.0	2.5
2017	Jan	94.0	3.1	93.1	4.3	98.8	4.3	92.6	1.7	94.5	2.6
	Feb	94.2	3.4	93.2	4.3	99.3	4.3	92.9	2.4	94.8	3.1
	Mar	94.7	3.5	93.4	3.9	99.7	4.6	93.6	2.9	95.4	3.5
	Apr	95.4	3.4	94.9	3.8	100.0	4.3	93.8	2.7	95.7	3.3
	May	95.6	3.5	95.0	3.7	100.2	4.3	94.0	2.9	95.9	3.4
	Jun	95.8	3.5	95.4	3.6	100.1	4.2	94.2	2.9	96.0	3.4
	Jul	95.9	3.4	95.6	3.7	99.9	3.8	94.4	3.0	96.1	3.3
	Aug	96.0	3.4	95.6	3.7	99.8	3.4	94.6	3.1	96.2	3.2
	Sept	96.1	3.2	95.9	3.5	99.2	2.6	94.7	3.1	96.1	3.0
	Oct	96.1	3.0	96.0	3.4	99.1	2.2	94.8	3.0	96.1	2.8
	Nov	96.2	2.9	95.9	3.4	98.9	1.6	95.2	3.1	96.4	2.7
	Dec	96.6	3.2	96.3	3.7	98.9	1.3	95.8	3.7	96.8	3.0
2018	Jan	97.0	3.1	96.7	3.9	99.3	0.5	96.1	3.8	97.1	2.8
	Feb	97.2	3.2	96.9	4.0	99.6	0.3	96.4	3.8	97.4	2.8
	Mar	97.4	2.8	97.1	4.0	99.8	0.1	96.5	3.1	97.5	2.2
	Apr	98.7	3.4	100.4	5.8	99.9	-0.1	96.7	3.1	97.7	2.1
	May	98.7	3.3	100.5	5.7	100.0	-0.2	96.8	3.0	97.7	2.0
	Jun	98.8	3.1	99.7	4.4	99.9	-0.2	97.5	3.6	98.2	2.4
	Jul	98.8	3.1	99.8	4.4	99.9	-0.1	97.6	3.4	98.3	2.3
	Aug	98.8	3.0	99.8	4.4	99.8	0.0	97.6	3.2	98.3	2.2
	Sept	98.9	2.9	100.0	4.3	99.8	0.6	97.5	2.9	98.2	2.1
	Oct	99.5	3.6	99.9	4.1	99.7	0.7	99.1	4.5	99.3	3.3
	Nov	99.9	3.8	99.9	4.2	99.9	1.0	99.9	4.9	99.9	3.7
	Dec	100.0	3.5	100.0	3.9	100.0	1.1	100.0	4.4	100.0	3.4
2019	Jan	100.3	3.5	100.2	3.6	100.8	1.5	100.3	4.4	100.4	3.4
	Feb	100.5	3.3	100.2	3.5	100.9	1.4	100.5	4.2	100.6	3.3
	Mar	100.6	3.3	100.3	3.3	101.3	1.5	100.6	4.2	100.7	3.3
% Change on last month		0.1		0.1		0.4		0.0		0.1	

Consumer Price Index- March 2019

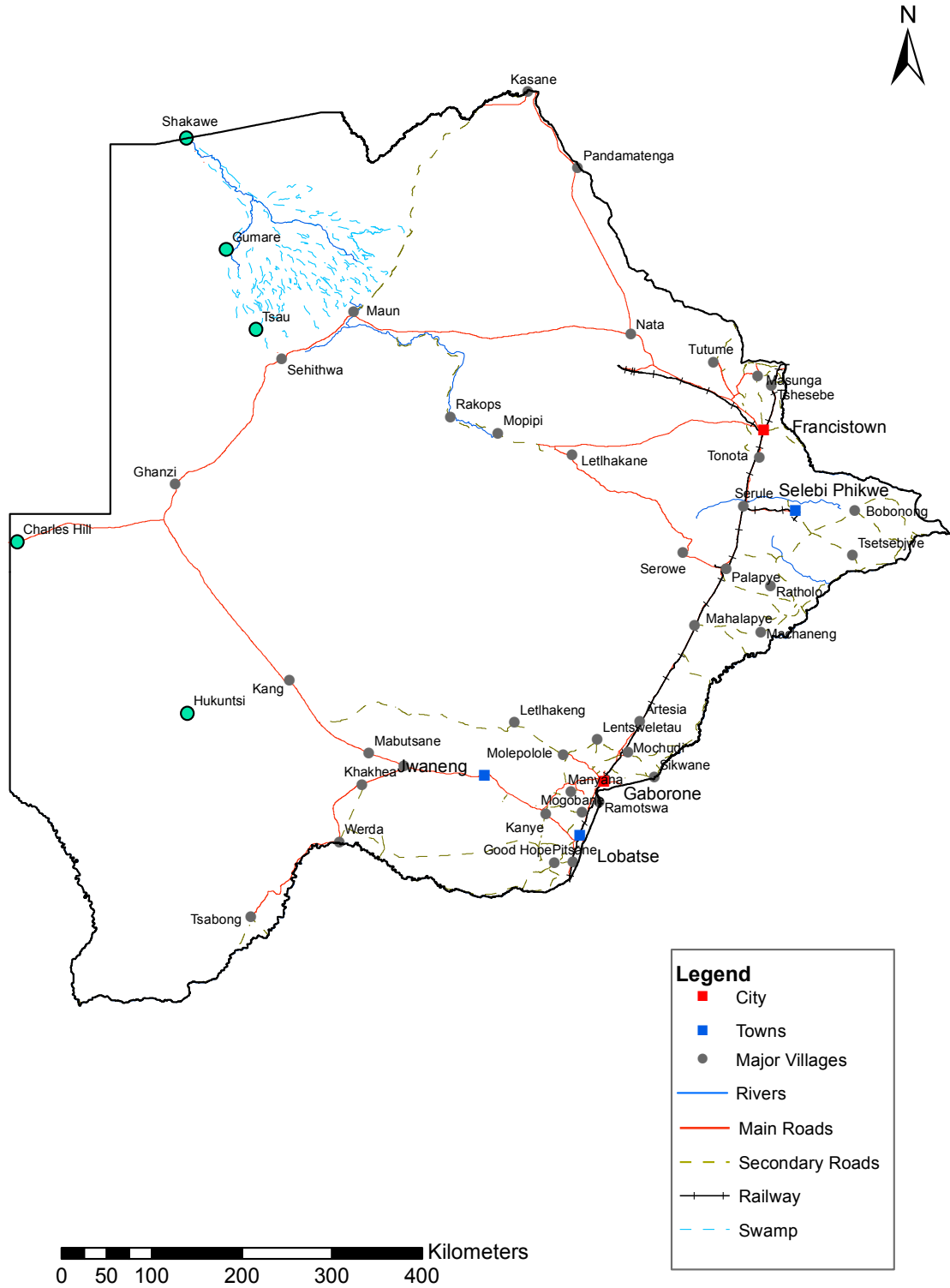
TABLE 4: CORE INFLATION RATES BY EXCLUSION AND TRIMMED MEAN

Year	Month	Consumer Price Index (Trimmed Mean) (September 2016 = 100)	Core Monthly Inflation Rate (Trimmed Mean) (percentage)	Consumer Price Index (Excluding Administered Prices) (September 2016 = 100)	Core Monthly Inflation (Excluding Administered Prices) (percentage)
2016	Jan	90.3	2.8	93.0	4.0
	Feb	90.5	2.6	93.2	3.7
	Mar	90.7	2.5	93.6	3.7
	Apr	91.2	2.4	94.4	3.9
	May	91.4	2.3	94.5	3.8
	Jun	91.4	2.4	94.7	3.6
	Jul	92.1	2.5	94.9	3.6
	Aug	92.3	2.4	95.1	3.6
	Sept	92.6	2.6	95.4	3.6
	Oct	92.8	2.2	95.6	3.4
	Nov	93.0	2.5	95.9	3.7
	Dec	93.1	2.5	96.0	3.7
2017	Jan	93.5	2.7	96.6	3.9
	Feb	93.7	2.9	96.9	3.9
	Mar	94.2	3.1	97.2	3.9
	Apr	94.4	3.1	97.5	3.3
	May	94.5	3.1	97.7	3.4
	Jun	94.8	2.9	97.9	3.3
	Jul	94.9	2.9	98.1	3.3
	Aug	95.0	2.9	98.2	3.3
	Sept	95.1	2.7	98.2	3.0
	Oct	95.2	2.6	98.2	2.8
	Nov	95.4	2.5	98.2	2.4
	Dec	95.8	2.9	98.2	2.3
2018	Jan	96.1	2.8	98.7	2.2
	Feb	96.4	2.9	99.0	2.2
	Mar	96.6	2.6	99.2	2.0
	Apr	97.6	3.1	99.4	1.9
	May	97.7	3.0	99.5	1.8
	Jun	98.6	3.2	99.6	1.8
	Jul	98.7	3.1	99.7	1.7
	Aug	98.7	3.0	99.7	1.6
	Sept	98.8	2.9	99.8	1.6
	Oct	99.5	3.7	99.8	1.6
	Nov	99.6	3.8	99.9	1.7
	Dec	100.0	3.6	100.0	1.8
2019	Jan	100.4	3.6	100.4	1.8
	Feb	100.5	3.5	100.6	1.6
	Mar	100.6	3.5	100.8	1.6

TABLE 5: AVERAGE ANNUAL INFLATION 2008 - 2018 (DECEMBER 2018=100)

	Group	Weights	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.55	20.2	14.7	3.6	6.9	8.0	5.4	3.0	1.3	2.7	3.4	(0.5)
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	4.34	13.2	35.2	7.1	8.4	7.6	10.3	9.0	6.1	2.5	4.5	1.1
3	Clothing & Footwear	5.95	2.0	8.4	8.0	8.9	7.5	6.3	6.0	7.6	6.5	3.2	1.8
4	Housing, Water, Electr. Gas & Other Fuels	17.45	8.1	4.8	6.4	8.4	7.7	4.3	3.9	7.1	6.3	5.4	4.1
5	Furnishing, H/H Equipment & Routine Maintenance	4.85	6.0	11.9	9.4	9.0	7.3	4.9	5.0	6.1	3.0	3.3	2.1
6	Health	3.38	11.3	5.5	2.7	4.5	5.9	5.5	8.3	6.3	3.0	2.4	1.1
7	Transport	23.43	21.2	(8.4)	12.1	13.2	10.8	7.3	1.2	(5.1)	(2.7)	1.6	7.5
8	Communication	6.94	(0.3)	(0.3)	1.2	(3.0)	(1.4)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	(4.6)
9	Recreation & Culture	2.82	2.3	5.0	6.0	8.3	5.8	4.5	4.2	5.7	3.0	2.2	1.8
10	Education	4.60	3.9	3.9	5.8	10.6	6.4	4.7	7.4	6.4	3.7	4.1	5.5
11	Restaurants & Hotels	3.66	12.7	18.8	9.0	9.3	8.4	7.9	7.6	5.5	4.0	3.7	3.4
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	9.01	4.9	3.8	7.0	5.3	2.0	1.2	5.2	7.2	7.5	3.9	6.4
	All-Items Index	100.0	12.6	8.2	6.9	8.5	7.5	5.9	4.4	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.2

CPI AREA COVERAGE



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GLOSSARY

Consumer Price Index (CPI) is an index which measures price changes in goods and services with reference to a base period.

Inflation is a measurement of prices movement of goods and services in a particular country.

Domestic Tradeables refers to the goods and services which a country (Botswana) can export to other countries.

Imported Tradeables represents the goods and services which a country (Botswana) imports from other countries (trading partners).

Non-Tradeables refers to the goods and services which a country cannot either export or import to other countries.

All –Tradeables refers to the total of **Domestic** and **Imported Tradeables**.

Trimmed Mean Core Inflation- attempts to remove 8 percent (by weight) of the commodity sub-groups with the largest price changes at each of the ends of an ordered series of price changes in any given month.

Core inflation by Exclusion is a measure used to remove the volatility inherent in prices that are only adjusted periodically and not always in response to currently prevailing market forces.