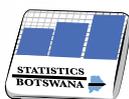




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## COMMENTARY

### SECTION 1: HEADLINE INFLATION

The annual inflation rate in August 2019 was 2.9 percent, the same rate as in July 2019. The inflation rates for regions between July 2019 and August 2019 showed that Cities & Towns increased to 3.2 percent from 3.1 percent, Urban Villages went up to 3.1 percent from 3.0 percent, whereas the Rural Villages' inflation moved from 2.1 percent in July to 2.2 percent in August.

The national Consumer Price Index was 101.7 in August 2019, registering an increase of 0.1 percent from the July 2019 Index. The Urban Villages advanced to 101.9 in August from 101.8 in July recording a rise of 0.1 percent. The Rural Villages' Index realised an increase of 0.1 percent, during the period under review. The Cities & Towns index remained constant at 101.8 over the two months.

Group indices were mostly moving at a steady pace between July 2019 and August 2019, recording changes of less than 1.0 percent.

The Clothing & Footwear group Index moved from 100.8 in July 2019 to 101.0 in August, recording an increase of 0.2 percent. This was attributed to the general increase in the constituent section indices.

The Transport group index registered an increase of 0.2 percent, from 100.9 in July 2019 to 101.0 in August 2019. This was due to the rise in the constituent section index of Purchase of Vehicles by 0.6 percent.

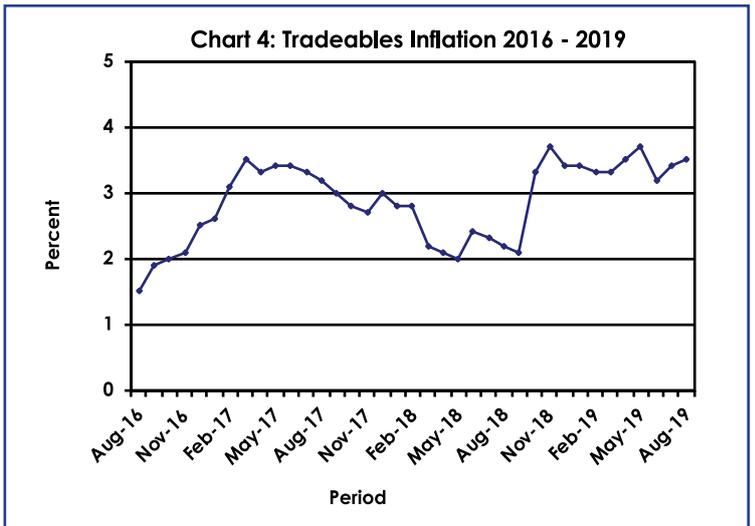
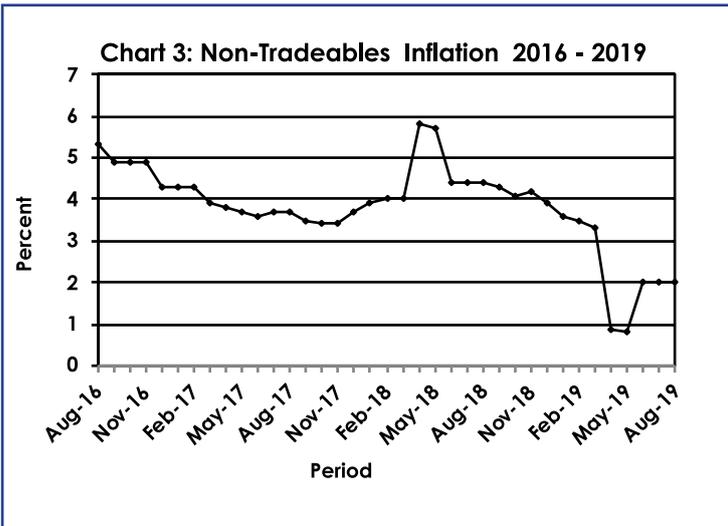
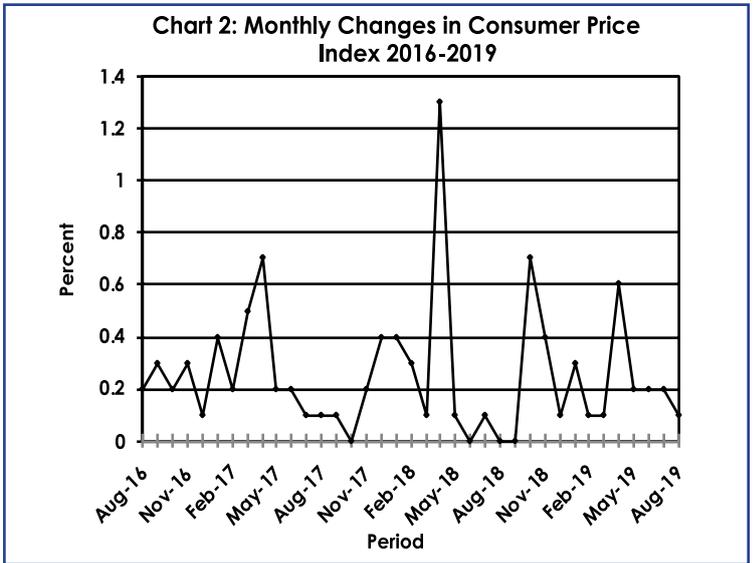
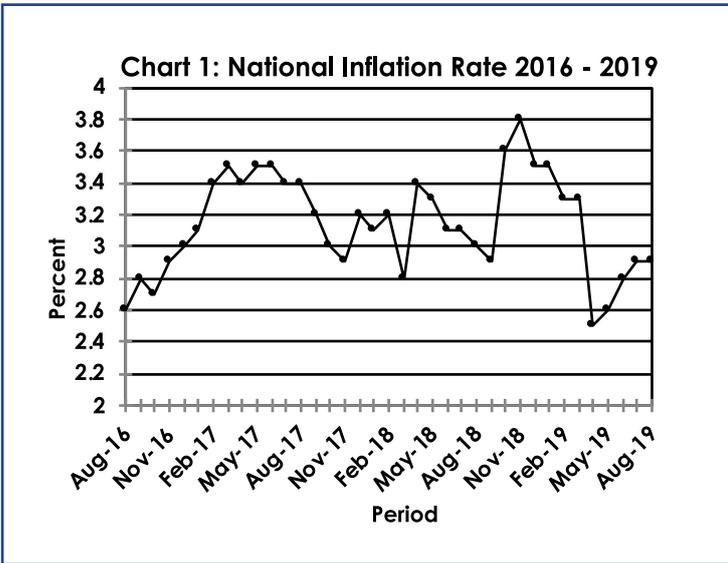
The All-Tradeables index was 101.7 in August, registering an increase of 0.1 percent from 101.6 which was recorded in July 2019. The Domestic Tradeables Index realized a rise of 0.2 percent, advancing from 102.7 in July to 103.0 in August 2019. The Imported Tradeables Index recorded an increase of 0.1 percent, moving from 101.2 in July to 101.3 in August 2019. The Non-Tradeables Index remained unchanged at 101.8 in August 2019.

All-Tradeables inflation rate was 3.5 percent in August 2019, recording a rise of 0.1 of a percentage point on the July 2019 rate of 3.4 percent. The Domestic Tradeables inflation rate rose to 3.2 percent in August from 2.9 percent in July, The Imported Tradeables inflation stood at 3.7 percent in August, the same rate as in July, while the Non-Tradeables inflation rate also remained constant at 2.0 percent, during the period under review.

### SECTION 2: CORE INFLATION

The Trimmed Mean Core Inflation rate in August 2019 was 2.7 percent, an increase of 0.1 of a percentage point on the July 2019 rate of 2.6 percent. The Core Inflation rate by exclusion registered a rise of 0.1 of a percentage point moving from 2.1 percent in July to 2.2 percent in August.

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	Communi-cation	Rec. & Culture	Education	Rest. & Hotels	Miscella-neous
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
<b>2017</b>	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
<b>2018</b>	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
<b>2019</b>	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
	Apr	101.4	101.2	100.4	100.3	100.7	100.3	100.7	100.0	100.2	103.1	100.8	104.9
	May	102.0	102.4	100.5	100.4	100.8	100.4	100.8	100.0	100.2	103.1	101.1	104.9
	Jun	102.0	103.2	100.7	100.9	101.6	100.5	100.6	100.1	100.2	103.1	101.3	105.0
	Jul	102.1	103.5	100.8	101.0	101.8	100.6	100.9	100.1	100.3	103.1	101.6	105.4
	Aug	102.1	103.6	101.0	101.1	101.8	100.7	101.0	100.2	100.3	103.1	101.8	105.3
<b>% Change on</b>													
<b>Last month</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>

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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	%	%	%
<b>2017</b>	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
<b>2018</b>	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
<b>2019</b>	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
	Apr	101.2	2.5	0.6	101.2	101.3	100.8	2.9	2.6	1.7
	May	101.3	2.6	0.2	101.4	101.5	100.9	2.9	2.7	1.8
	Jun	101.5	2.8	0.2	101.6	101.6	101.1	3.0	2.9	2.1
	Jul	101.7	2.9	0.2	101.8	101.8	101.2	3.1	3.0	2.1
	Aug	101.7	2.9	0.1	101.8	101.9	101.3	3.2	3.1	2.2
<b>% Change on last month</b>		0.1			0.0	0.1	0.1			

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

	Group Section	Weights	This month Aug 2019	Last month Jul 2019	3 months ago May 2019	6 months ago Feb 2019	12 months ago Aug 2018	Percentage Change on:			
								Last month	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
<b>1</b>	<b>Food &amp; Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>13.55</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>
1.1	Bread & Cereals	4.26	102.9	102.5	101.8	100.6	101.3	0.4	1.1	2.3	1.6
1.2	Meat (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen)	2.36	102.0	102.0	101.9	100.9	100.0	0.1	0.1	1.1	2.0
1.3	Fish (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen)	0.18	103.3	102.9	102.3	100.2	100.2	0.4	1.1	3.1	3.1
1.4	Milk, Cheese & Milk Products	0.98	102.3	101.8	101.2	100.2	99.1	0.5	1.1	2.1	3.3
1.5	Oils & Fats	0.92	100.5	100.4	100.3	99.8	101.4	0.2	0.2	0.7	(0.8)
1.6	Fruits	0.78	101.7	102.6	104.1	101.4	99.2	(0.9)	(2.2)	0.4	2.5
1.7	Vegetables	1.08	103.4	104.0	105.4	100.7	101.6	(0.6)	(1.9)	2.7	1.8
1.8	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery	1.11	99.1	99.4	99.5	99.9	97.6	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.8)	1.5
1.9	Food Not Elsewhere Classified	0.54	103.6	103.5	102.9	101.3	99.3	0.1	0.8	2.3	4.4
1.10	Coffee, Tea & Cocoa	0.73	101.4	101.8	101.7	100.8	98.5	(0.4)	(0.3)	0.6	2.9
1.11	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruits & Vegetables Juices	0.62	102.5	102.4	102.3	101.1	99.8	0.1	0.2	1.4	2.7
<b>2</b>	<b>Alcoholic Beverages &amp; Tobacco</b>	<b>4.34</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>
2.1	Alcoholic Beverages	3.51	103.7	103.5	102.3	99.4	100.1	0.1	1.3	4.2	3.6
2.2	Tobacco	0.82	103.3	103.2	102.7	100.4	100.0	0.1	0.6	2.8	3.3
<b>3</b>	<b>Clothing &amp; Footwear</b>	<b>5.95</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>
3.1	Clothing	2.60	101.4	101.0	100.7	100.2	99.9	0.3	0.7	1.2	1.5
3.2	Other Articles of Clothing	0.72	100.6	100.4	100.3	100.4	100.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.6
3.3	Cleaning, Repair & Hire	0.61	101.1	101.0	100.3	100.0	99.1	0.2	0.8	1.1	2.1
3.4	Footwear	2.03	100.6	100.5	100.4	100.1	100.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5
<b>4</b>	<b>Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas &amp; Other Fuels</b>	<b>17.45</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>
4.1	Rent Paid by Tenants	7.78	101.5	101.5	100.4	100.0	99.0	0.0	1.2	1.5	2.6
4.2	Materials for Maintenance & Repair of Dwellings	3.83	101.6	101.3	101.0	100.6	99.5	0.4	0.6	1.0	2.1
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	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.0
<b>5</b>	<b>Furnishing, H/H Equipment &amp; Routine Maintenance</b>	<b>4.85</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>
5.1	Furniture & Furnishing	1.35	101.5	101.2	100.4	100.2	99.7	0.3	1.0	1.3	1.8
5.2	Carpets & Other Floor Coverings	0.27	100.7	100.8	100.3	100.2	99.5	(0.1)	0.3	0.5	1.2
5.3	Household Textiles	0.29	101.0	100.8	100.2	100.1	99.8	0.2	0.8	0.9	1.2
5.4	Household Appliances	0.72	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.2	100.2	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.4)
5.5	Glassware, Tableware & Household Utensils	0.23	101.8	101.5	100.7	100.3	99.7	0.3	1.1	1.5	2.1
5.6	Small Tools, Miscellaneous Accessories	0.04	102.3	101.9	101.7	100.7	100.7	0.4	0.6	1.5	1.6
5.7	Goods & Services for Household Maintenance	1.95	102.9	103.2	101.4	100.6	99.3	(0.3)	1.5	2.3	3.7
<b>6</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>3.38</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>
6.1	Medical Products, Applications & Equipments	0.98	101.5	101.7	101.2	100.5	98.2	(0.2)	0.3	1.0	3.3
6.2	Out-Patient Services	0.93	100.8	100.4	100.1	100.0	99.8	0.4	0.7	0.8	1.0
6.3	Hospital Services	1.47	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

	Group Section	Weights	This month Aug 2019	Last month Jul 2019	3 months ago May 2019	6 months ago Feb 2019	12 months ago Aug 2018	Percentage Change on:			
								Last month	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
<b>7</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>23.43</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>6.2</b>
7.1	Purchase of Vehicles	5.74	103.3	102.7	102.5	102.2	97.8	0.6	0.8	1.1	5.6
7.2	Operation of Personal Transport	12.56	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.1	92.3	0.0	0.1	0.3	8.7
7.3	Transport Services	5.13	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
<b>8</b>	<b>Communication</b>	<b>6.94</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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	101.4	100.9	100.1	100.0	100.9	0.4	1.2	1.4	0.5
8.3	Telephone & Telefax Services	5.60	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.0)
<b>9</b>	<b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b>	<b>2.82</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
9.1	Audio Visual, Photographic & Information Processing Equipment	2.10	100.0	100.2	100.1	100.2	100.4	(0.2)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.4)
9.2	Other Recreational Items & Equipments	0.30	101.0	100.9	101.0	100.1	99.9	0.0	(0.0)	0.8	1.1
9.3	Recreational & Cultural Services	0.31	99.8	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
9.4	Newspapers, Books & Stationary	0.11	104.7	102.0	100.4	100.0	99.2	2.6	4.3	4.7	5.5
<b>10</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>4.60</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>
10.1	Pre-Primary & Primary Education	1.89	103.4	103.4	103.4	103.3	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4
10.2	Secondary & Tertiary Education	2.70	103.0	103.0	103.0	102.9	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
<b>11</b>	<b>Restaurants &amp; Hotels</b>	<b>3.66</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>
11.1	Restaurants, Cafes & the Like	3.02	101.7	101.6	101.0	100.1	99.5	0.1	0.7	1.6	2.2
11.2	Accommodation Services	0.64	102.2	102.0	101.3	100.2	99.5	0.2	0.9	2.0	2.7
<b>12</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Goods &amp; Services</b>	<b>9.01</b>	<b>105.3</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>
12.1	Personal Care	2.33	101.1	101.7	101.1	100.6	100.4	(0.6)	(0.1)	0.5	0.7
12.2	Personal Effects Not Elsewhere Classified	0.22	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.0	100.3	0.1	(0.1)	0.2	(0.2)
12.3	Social Protection	0.13	101.6	101.6	101.6	101.6	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
12.4	Insurance	3.62	111.9	111.9	111.1	100.9	100.6	0.0	0.7	10.9	11.3
12.5	Financial Services	1.09	100.9	100.8	100.6	100.2	99.0	0.1	0.3	0.7	1.9
12.6	Taxes, Licences & Fees	1.61	100.4	100.4	100.1	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.4
	<b>All-Items Index</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>

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

		All Items		Non-Tradable		Domestic Tradable		Imported Tradable		All Tradable	
		Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation
<b>Weights</b>		<b>100.00</b>		<b>42.29</b>		<b>15.46</b>		<b>42.26</b>		<b>57.71</b>	
<b>2017</b>	Jan	94.0	<b>3.1</b>	93.1	<b>4.3</b>	98.8	<b>4.3</b>	92.6	<b>1.7</b>	94.5	<b>2.6</b>
	Feb	94.2	<b>3.4</b>	93.2	<b>4.3</b>	99.3	<b>4.3</b>	92.9	<b>2.4</b>	94.8	<b>3.1</b>
	Mar	94.7	<b>3.5</b>	93.4	<b>3.9</b>	99.7	<b>4.6</b>	93.6	<b>2.9</b>	95.4	<b>3.5</b>
	Apr	95.4	<b>3.4</b>	94.9	<b>3.8</b>	100.0	<b>4.3</b>	93.8	<b>2.7</b>	95.7	<b>3.3</b>
	May	95.6	<b>3.5</b>	95.0	<b>3.7</b>	100.2	<b>4.3</b>	94.0	<b>2.9</b>	95.9	<b>3.4</b>
	Jun	95.8	<b>3.5</b>	95.4	<b>3.6</b>	100.1	<b>4.2</b>	94.2	<b>2.9</b>	96.0	<b>3.4</b>
	Jul	95.9	<b>3.4</b>	95.6	<b>3.7</b>	99.9	<b>3.8</b>	94.4	<b>3.0</b>	96.1	<b>3.3</b>
	Aug	96.0	<b>3.4</b>	95.6	<b>3.7</b>	99.8	<b>3.4</b>	94.6	<b>3.1</b>	96.2	<b>3.2</b>
	Sept	96.1	<b>3.2</b>	95.9	<b>3.5</b>	99.2	<b>2.6</b>	94.7	<b>3.1</b>	96.1	<b>3.0</b>
	Oct	96.1	<b>3.0</b>	96.0	<b>3.4</b>	99.1	<b>2.2</b>	94.8	<b>3.0</b>	96.1	<b>2.8</b>
	Nov	96.2	<b>2.9</b>	95.9	<b>3.4</b>	98.9	<b>1.6</b>	95.2	<b>3.1</b>	96.4	<b>2.7</b>
	Dec	96.6	<b>3.2</b>	96.3	<b>3.7</b>	98.9	<b>1.3</b>	95.8	<b>3.7</b>	96.8	<b>3.0</b>
<b>2018</b>	Jan	97.0	<b>3.1</b>	96.7	<b>3.9</b>	99.3	<b>0.5</b>	96.1	<b>3.8</b>	97.1	<b>2.8</b>
	Feb	97.2	<b>3.2</b>	96.9	<b>4.0</b>	99.6	<b>0.3</b>	96.4	<b>3.8</b>	97.4	<b>2.8</b>
	Mar	97.4	<b>2.8</b>	97.1	<b>4.0</b>	99.8	<b>0.1</b>	96.5	<b>3.1</b>	97.5	<b>2.2</b>
	Apr	98.7	<b>3.4</b>	100.4	<b>5.8</b>	99.9	<b>-0.1</b>	96.7	<b>3.1</b>	97.7	<b>2.1</b>
	May	98.7	<b>3.3</b>	100.5	<b>5.7</b>	100.0	<b>-0.2</b>	96.8	<b>3.0</b>	97.7	<b>2.0</b>
	Jun	98.8	<b>3.1</b>	99.7	<b>4.4</b>	99.9	<b>-0.2</b>	97.5	<b>3.6</b>	98.2	<b>2.4</b>
	Jul	98.8	<b>3.1</b>	99.8	<b>4.4</b>	99.9	<b>-0.1</b>	97.6	<b>3.4</b>	98.3	<b>2.3</b>
	Aug	98.8	<b>3.0</b>	99.8	<b>4.4</b>	99.8	<b>0.0</b>	97.6	<b>3.2</b>	98.3	<b>2.2</b>
	Sept	98.9	<b>2.9</b>	100.0	<b>4.3</b>	99.8	<b>0.6</b>	97.5	<b>2.9</b>	98.2	<b>2.1</b>
	Oct	99.5	<b>3.6</b>	99.9	<b>4.1</b>	99.7	<b>0.7</b>	99.1	<b>4.5</b>	99.3	<b>3.3</b>
	Nov	99.9	<b>3.8</b>	99.9	<b>4.2</b>	99.9	<b>1.0</b>	99.9	<b>4.9</b>	99.9	<b>3.7</b>
	Dec	100.0	<b>3.5</b>	100.0	<b>3.9</b>	100.0	<b>1.1</b>	100.0	<b>4.4</b>	100.0	<b>3.4</b>
<b>2019</b>	Jan	100.3	<b>3.5</b>	100.2	<b>3.6</b>	100.8	<b>1.5</b>	100.3	<b>4.4</b>	100.4	<b>3.4</b>
	Feb	100.5	<b>3.3</b>	100.2	<b>3.5</b>	100.9	<b>1.4</b>	100.5	<b>4.2</b>	100.6	<b>3.3</b>
	Mar	100.6	<b>3.3</b>	100.3	<b>3.3</b>	101.3	<b>1.5</b>	100.6	<b>4.2</b>	100.7	<b>3.3</b>
	Apr	101.2	<b>2.5</b>	101.3	<b>0.9</b>	101.8	<b>1.9</b>	100.8	<b>4.3</b>	101.1	<b>3.5</b>
	May	101.3	<b>2.6</b>	101.3	<b>0.8</b>	102.3	<b>2.4</b>	101.0	<b>4.4</b>	101.4	<b>3.7</b>
	Jun	101.5	<b>2.8</b>	101.6	<b>2.0</b>	102.5	<b>2.6</b>	101.0	<b>3.6</b>	101.4	<b>3.2</b>
	Jul	101.7	<b>2.9</b>	101.8	<b>2.0</b>	102.7	<b>2.9</b>	101.2	<b>3.7</b>	101.6	<b>3.4</b>
	Aug	101.7	<b>2.9</b>	101.8	<b>2.0</b>	103.0	<b>3.2</b>	101.3	<b>3.7</b>	101.7	<b>3.5</b>
<b>% Change on last month</b>		<b>0.1</b>		<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.2</b>		<b>0.1</b>		<b>0.1</b>	

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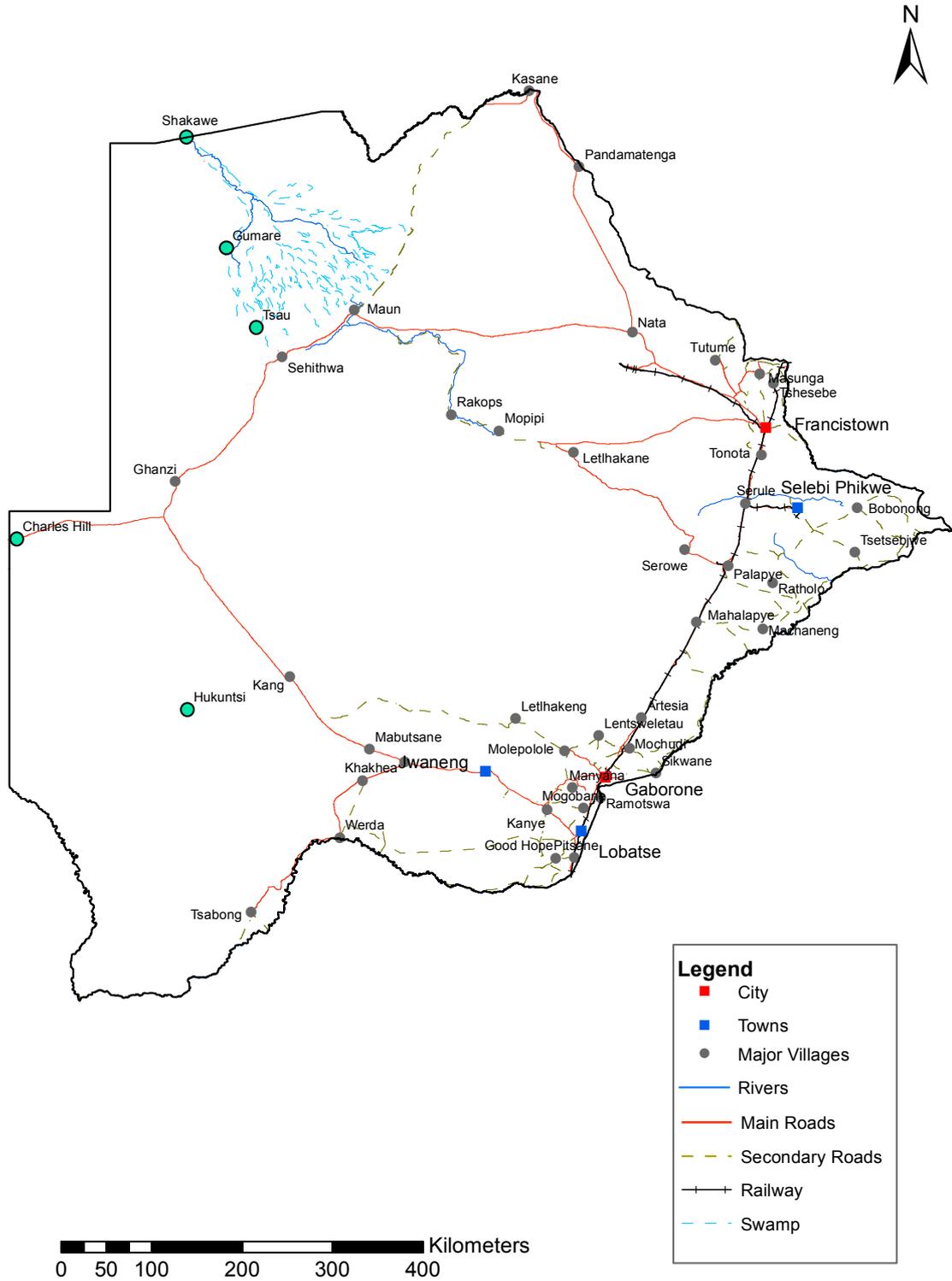
TABLE 4: CORE INFLATION RATES BY EXCLUSION AND TRIMMED MEAN

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)
<b>2017</b>	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
<b>2018</b>	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
<b>2019</b>	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
	Apr	101.3	2.6	101.0	1.7
	May	101.5	2.7	101.4	1.9
	Jun	101.2	2.5	101.6	2.0
	Jul	101.5	2.6	101.8	2.1
	Aug	101.5	2.7	101.9	2.2

**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
	<b>All-Items Index</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>

### 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.