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COMMENTARY

SECTION 1: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC AND CPI COMPILATION

Due to the Botswana Government's COVID-19 counter measures, the sale of alcoholic beverages was suspended since 30th June 2021. Consequently, there were no transactions for the alcoholic beverages in August 2021 that allowed for price measurements. In accordance with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) guidelines, the missing prices for Alcoholic beverages were imputed using the observed prices of other sections within the group of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco.

SECTION 2: HEADLINE INFLATION

The annual inflation rate was 8.8 percent in August 2021 after registering 8.9 percent in July 2021, a drop of 0.1 of a percentage point. In August 2021, the largest upward impact on the annual inflation came from the Transport (4.6 percent), Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (1.4 percent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (0.9 percent) and Miscellaneous Goods & Services (0.6 percent). Refer to Table 1 and Chart 5.

The inflation rates for regions between July 2021 and August 2021 revealed that the Cities & Towns inflation rate dropped by 0.1 of a percentage point, from 8.8 percent in July to 8.7 percent In August. The Urban Villages' inflation rate stood at 8.9 percent in August, showing a decrease of 0.1 of a percentage point on the July rate of 9.0 percent while the Rural Villages' rate remained unchanged at 8.8 percent in August. **Refer to Table 2**

The national Consumer Price Index went up by 0.1 percent in August 2021, from 111.7 registered in July 2021 to 111.8. The Urban Villages index advanced from 112.1 in July to 112.3 in August 2021, a rise of 0.1 percent. The Rural Villages index recorded a growth of 0.1 percent, from 110.8 in July to 110.9 in August, whereas the Cities & Towns Index moved from 111.7 to 111.8. **Refer to Table 2**.

The group indices were generally moving at a stable pace between July and August 2021, recording changes of less than 1.0 percent. **Refer to Table 2**.

The Restaurants & Hotels group index recorded a rise of 0.4 percent, from 108.2 in July to 108.7 in August. This was owed to an increase in the constituent section index of Restaurants, Cafes & the like by 0.5 percent. **Refer to Table 3**.

The Miscellaneous Goods & Services index group registered a growth of 0.3 percent, from 112.9 in July to 113.2 in August 2021. This was attributed to the general increase in the constituent section indices, notably; Personal Care (0.5 percent), Financial Services (0.4 percent) and Tax, Licenses & Fees (0.4 percent). **Refer to Table 3.**

The Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance group index moved from 108.2 to 108.4 recording a rise of 0.3 percent. This was due to the general increase in the constituent section indices except for the Goods and Services for Household Maintenance section index which did not record any change. **Refer to Table 3**.

The Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages index group registered a growth of 0.2 percent, from 113.0 in July to 113.2 in August 2021. This was owed to the general increase in most of the constituent section indices, specifically; Oils & Fats (1.0 percent), Food Not Elsewhere Classified (0.7 percent) and Fish (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen) (0.6 percent). **Refer to Table 3**.

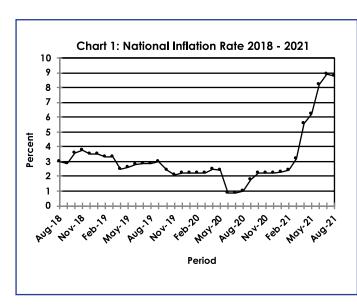
The All-Tradeables index was 112.4 in August 2021, recording a rise of 0.1 percent from 112.3 recorded in July 2021. The Imported Tradeables Index increased from 111.9 in July to 112.0 in August 2021, a rise of 0.1 percent. The Domestic Tradeables Index realised an increase of 0.1 percent moving from 113.6 in July to 113.8 in August. The Non-Tradeables Index moved from 110.9 in July to 111.0 in August, an increase of 0.1 percent. **Refer to Table 4.**

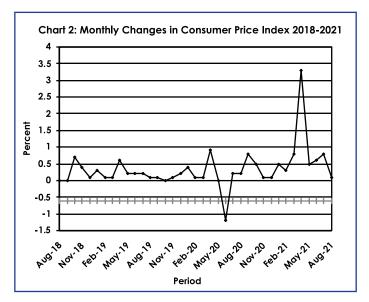
The All-Tradeables inflation rate was 11.0 percent in August 2021, recording a drop of 0.2 of a percentage point on the July rate of 11.2 percent. The Domestic Tradeables inflation was 4.8 percent in August 2021, a drop of 0.3 of a percentage point from 5.1 percent registered in July 2021. The Imported Tradeables inflation went down by 0.2 of a percentage point, from 13.6 percent in July 2021 to 13.4 percent in August. The Non-Tradeables inflation rate remained constant at 5.9 percent in August 2021. **Refer to Table 4**.

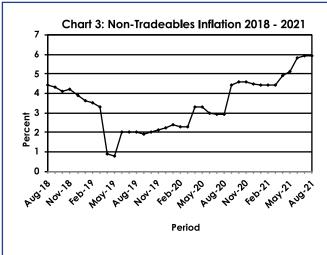
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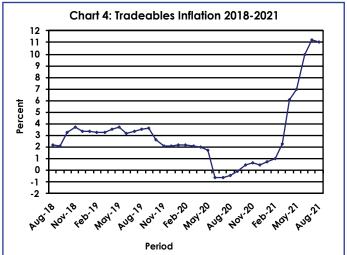
The Trimmed Mean Core Inflation rate was 8.3 percent in August 2021, registering a drop of 0.1 of a percentage point, compared to 8.4 percent recorded in July 2021. Furthermore, the Core Inflation rate recorded a decrease of 0.2 of a percentage point, from 7.0 percent in July 2021 to 6.8 percent in August 2021. **Refer to Table 5**.

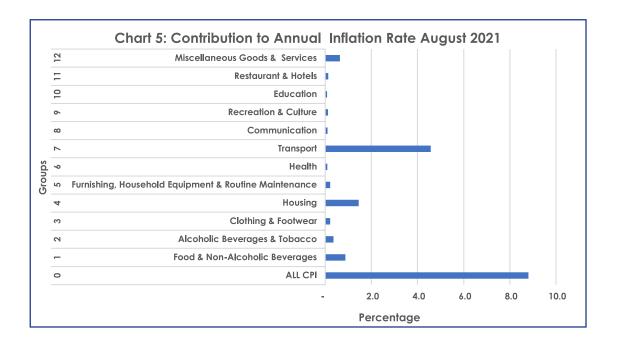
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TABLES

TABLE 1: Contributions of Groups to Annual Inflation Rate

			CONTRIBUTION	I
Group Code	Group Name	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
0	All Items Inflation Rate	8.2	8.9	8.8
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.9	0.9	0.9
2	Alcoholic Beverages &Tobacco	0.4	0.4	0.4
3	Clothing & Footwear	0.2	0.2	0.2
4	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	1.5	1.5	1.4
5	Furnishing, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance	0.2	0.2	0.2
6	Health	0.1	0.1	0.1
7	Transport	3.8	4.6	4.6
8	Communication	0.1	0.1	0.1
9	Recreation & Culture	0.1	0.1	0.1
10	Education	0.1	0.1	0.1
11	Restaurants & Hotels	0.1	0.1	0.1
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	0.6	0.6	0.6

TABLE 2 : CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (DECEMBER 2018 =100.0)

		Food	Alcohol and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing	Furniture etc	Health	Transport	Communi- cation	Rec. &	Education	Rest. & Hotels	Miscella- neous	
Weight	s	13.55	4.34	5.95	17.45	4.85	3.38	23.43	6.94	2.82	4.60	3.66	9.01	
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	
	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	
	Sept	102.4	103.8	101.0	101.2	102.1	100.6	100.9	100.2	100.3	103.1	102.1	105.3	
	Oct	102.3	104.1	101.1	101.3	102.2	100.7	101.0	100.3	100.0	103.1	102.3	105.2	
	Nov	102.5	104.2	101.3	101.3	102.4	100.8	101.2	100.4	100.0	103.1	102.4	105.3	
	Dec	103.0	104.4	101.3	101.5	102.7	100.8	101.3	100.4	99.8	103.1	102.9	105.3	
2020	Jan	103.7	104.5	101.7	101.6	103.0	101.0	101.3	100.4	99.8	107.9	103.7	105.5	
	Feb	104.2	104.6	101.8	101.7	103.3	101.0	101.4	100.3	100.0	108.0	103.9	105.6	
	Mar	104.4	104.7	102.0	101.9	103.5	101.1	101.3	100.3	100.0	108.0	104.2	105.4	
	Apr	104.6	104.8	102.1	106.5	103.7	101.5	101.3	100.3	99.7	108.0	104.4	106.1	
	May	105.2	104.8	102.4	106.6	103.7	101.7	100.7	100.4	99.5	108.0	104.7	106.2	
	Jun	105.7	108.7	102.9	106.7	103.9	102.0	93.9	100.5	99.5	108.0	104.8	106.2	
	Jul	106.1	110.3	103.2	106.9	103.7	102.0	93.9	100.6	99.6	108.0	104.8	105.9	
	Aug	106.5	110.4	103.3	107.2	104.0	102.1	94.0	100.8	99.8	108.0	104.8	105.8	
	Sept	106.7	110.2	103.5	107.7	104.1	102.2	97.0	100.8	100.2	108.0	105.1	106.0	
	Oct	106.7	111.0	103.9	107.9	104.4	102.2	98.4	101.3	100.2	108.0	105.3	106.2	
	Nov	106.9	111.0	103.9	108.2	104.5	102.3	98.6	101.3	100.5	108.0	105.5	106.3	
	Dec	106.7	111.3	104.1	108.5	104.7	102.4	98.7	101.1	100.7	108.0	105.3	106.4	
2021	Jan	107.2	111.3	104.4	108.7	105.1	103.2	99.6	101.1	101.1	109.9	105.2	106.8	
2021	Feb	107.2	111.5	104.4	100.7	105.1	103.2	100.0	101.1	101.1	109.9	105.2	106.6	
	Mar	108.6	112.0	104.8	107.0	105.2	103.5	100.0	101.1	101.8	107.7	106.0	106.9	
	Apr	111.7	117.1	104.7	113.3	106.9	104.3	102.8	101.8	103.1	107.7	107.0	112.2	
	Арі Мау	112.3	117.1	103.7	113.6	106.7	104.9	109.7	101.8	103.7	107.7	107.9	112.5	
	Jun	112.9	118.8	106.4	115.8	107.2	104.9	110.2	102.1	103.7	110.0	107.5	112.5	
	Jul	113.0	119.3	106.9	115.9	107.8	104.7	113.5	102.2	104.0	110.0	108.2		
	Aug	113.0	119.5	108.7	116.0	108.2	104.9	113.3	102.3	104.0	110.0	108.7	113.2	
% Cha	_	110.2	117.5	107.0	110.0	100.4	104./	110.4	102.0	104.1	110.0	100.7	110.2	
onLast		0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	(0.1)	(0.0)	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.3	

TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (Cont.)

		All	National		Towns &	Urban	Rural	Annud	al Inflation	
		Items Index	Inflation Rate	Monthly Change	Cities Index	Village Index	Villages Index	Towns & Cities	Urban Villages	Rural
		100.0	%	%	0.38	0.41	0.21	%	%	%
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
	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
	Sept	101.8	3.0	0.1	101.9	102.0	101.4	3.2	3.1	2.3
	Oct	101.9	2.4	0.0	102.0	102.0	101.4	2.5	2.5	1.8
	Nov	102.0	2.1	0.1	102.1	102.1	101.5	2.2	2.3	1.5
	Dec	102.2	2.2	0.2	102.3	102.3	101.6	2.3	2.3	1.6
2020	Jan	102.6	2.2	0.4	102.8	102.6	102.0	2.4	2.3	1.8
	Feb	102.7	2.2	0.1	102.9	102.8	102.1	2.3	2.3	1.9
	Mar	102.8	2.2	0.1	102.9	102.9	102.3	2.3	2.3	2.0
	Apr	103.7	2.5	0.9	103.9	103.9	103.0	2.7	2.6	2.3
	May	103.7	2.4	0.0	103.9	103.8	103.1	2.5	2.3	2.2
	Jun	102.4	0.9	(1.2)	102.6	102.7	101.5	1.0	1.1	0.4
	Jul	102.6	0.9	0.2	102.7	102.9	101.8	0.9	1.1	0.6
	Aug	102.8	1.0	0.2	102.8	103.1	102.0	1.0	1.1	0.7
	Sept	103.6	1.8	0.8	103.7	104.0	102.9	1.7	1.9	1.6
	Oct	104.1	2.2	0.5	104.2	104.4	103.4	2.2	2.4	2.0
	Nov	104.3	2.2	0.1	104.4	104.6	103.6	2.2	2.4	2.0
	Dec	104.4	2.2	0.1	104.4	104.7	103.7	2.1	2.4	2.0
2021	Jan	104.9	2.3	0.5	104.9	105.3	104.2	2.0	2.6	2.1
	Feb	105.2	2.4	0.3	105.1	105.6	104.5	2.1	2.7	2.3
	Mar	106.0	3.2	0.8	105.9	106.5	105.4	2.9	3.5	3.1
	Apr	109.6	5.6	3.3	109.7	110.0	108.4	5.5	5.9	5.2
	May	110.1	6.2	0.5	110.3	110.6	109.0	6.1	6.5	5.7
	Jun	110.8	8.2	0.6	111.0	111.3	109.6	8.2	8.3	7.9
	Jul	111.7	8.9	0.8	111.7	112.1	110.8	8.8	9.0	8.8
	Aug	111.8	8.8	0.1	111.8	112.3	110.9	8.7	8.9	8.8
% Change last month		0.1			0.0	0.1	0.1			

TABLE 3: NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE GROUP AND SECTION INDICES (DECEMBER 2018=100.0)

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	Group Section	Weights	This month Aug 2021	Last month Jul 2021	3 months ago May 2021	6 months ago Feb 2021	12 months ago Aug 2020	Last month	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.55	113.2	113.0	112.3	108.0	106.5	0.2	0.8	4.9	6.4
1.1	Bread & Cereals	4.26	116.6	116.8	116.7	112.7	109.1	(0.2)	(0.1)	3.5	6.9
1.2	Meat (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen)	2.36	116.2	115.8	116.4	112.8	111.0	0.3	(0.2)	3.0	4.7
1.3	Fish (Fresh, Chilled & Frozen)	0.18	112.4	111.7	108.8	102.7	101.9	0.6	3.3	9.4	10.2
1.4	Milk, Cheese & Milk Products	0.98	108.5	108.0	107.7	105.2	104.1	0.4	0.7	3.1	4.2
1.5	Oils & Fats	0.92	124.3	123.0	111.3	103.5	101.0	1.0	11.6	20.1	23.1
1.6	Fruits	0.78	112.1	111.5	113.6	109.2	107.5	0.5	(1.4)	2.6	4.2
1.7	Vegetables	1.08	106.3	106.0	109.0	102.0	104.7	0.4	(2.4)	4.3	1.6
1.8	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery	1.11	101.3	101.4	100.1	98.6	99.5	(0.1)	1.2	2.7	1.7
1.9	Food Not Elsewhere Classified	0.54	114.1	113.2	110.3	104.1	104.4	0.7	3.4	9.5	9.3
1.10	Coffee, Tea & Cocoa	0.73	110.2	110.0	109.3	104.4	103.6	0.2	0.8	5.6	6.4
1.11	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruits & Vegetables Juices	0.62	107.8	108.5	108.0	103.2	103.4	(0.6)	(0.2)	4.5	4.2
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	4.34	119.5	119.3	118.4	111.5	110.4	0.1	0.9	7.2	8.2
2.1	Alcoholic Beverages	3.51	120.0	119.9	119.0	111.7	110.6	0.1	0.9	7.4	8.5
2.2	Tobacco	0.82	117.2	117.1	115.9	110.3	109.5	0.1	1.1	6.2	7.0
3	Clothing & Footwear	5.95	107.0	106.9	106.4	104.6	103.3	0.1	0.5	2.3	3.6
3.1	Clothing	2.60	107.5	107.4	107.2	105.2	103.7	0.1	0.3	2.2	3.7
3.2	Other Articles of Clothing	0.72	105.8	105.6	105.1	104.4	103.1	0.1	0.6	1.3	2.6
3.3	Cleaning, Repair & Hire	0.61	111.3	111.3	110.2	106.2	104.4	0.0	1.0	4.8	6.6
3.4	Footwear	2.03	105.4	105.2	104.8	103.4	102.4	0.2	0.6	2.0	2.9
4	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	17.45	116.0	115.9	113.6	109.0	107.2	0.1	2.1	6.4	8.2
4.1	Rent Paid by Tenants	7.78	109.9	109.9	108.9	103.6	103.0	0.0	0.9	6.0	6.6
4.2	Materials for Maintenance & Repair of Dwellings	3.83	119.7	119.2	117.3	113.0	106.1	0.4	2.1	5.9	12.8
4.3	Water Supply & Miscellaneous Services	1.96	112.7	112.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	12.7	12.7	12.7
4.4	Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	3.89	126.4	126.4	126.3	120.4	120.4	0.0	0.1	5.0	5.0
5	Furnishing, H/H Equipment & Routine Maintenance	4.85	108.4	108.2	107.2	105.2	104.0	0.3	1.2	3.0	4.3
5.1	Furniture & Furnishing	1.35	107.9	107.4	106.6	104.9	104.1	0.4	1.2	2.8	3.6
5.2	Carpets & Other Floor Coverings	0.27	109.9	109.5	108.3	106.0	103.9	0.4	1.5	3.7	5.8
5.3	Household Textiles	0.29	109.3	108.6	107.8	105.7	104.8	0.7	1.3	3.4	4.2
5.4	Household Appliances	0.72	108.4	107.9	106.9	104.8	102.6	0.4	1.4	3.4	5.6
5.5	Glassware, Tableware & Household Utensils	0.23	110.5	110.0	108.7	105.9	103.8	0.5	1.7	4.3	6.5
5.6	Small Tools, Miscellaneous Accessories	0.04	113.9	113.3	111.9	108.3	105.0	0.6	1.8	5.2	8.5
5.7	Goods & Services for Household Maintenance	1.95	108.2	108.2	107.2	105.3	104.3	0.0	0.9	2.7	3.8
6	Health	3.38	104.9	104.8	104.9	103.2	102.1	0.1	(0.1)	1.6	2.7
6.1	Medical Products, Applications & Equipments	0.98	107.4	107.0	107.9	104.4	103.5	0.3	(0.5)	2.9	3.8
6.2	Out-Patient Services	0.93	105.8	105.8	105.5	104.1	102.7	0.0	0.3	1.7	3.0
6.3	Hospital Services	1.47	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.0	100.9	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.7

TABLE 3: NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE GROUP AND SECTION INDICES (DECEMBER 2018=100.0) (Cont.)

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	Group Section	Weights	This month Aug 2021	Last month Jul 2021	3 months ago May 2021	6 months a Feb 2021	12 months Aug 2020	Last month	3 months ago	6 months ago	12 months ago
7	Transport	23.43	113.4	113.5	109.7	100.0	94.0	(0.1)	3.4	13.4	20.6
7.1	Purchase of Vehicles	5.74	125.9	126.6	121.7	112.3	103.9	(0.5)	3.4	12.1	21.2
7.2	Operation of Personal Transport	12.56	108.2	108.1	103.1	89.3	87.0	0.1	4.9	21.1	24.4
7.3	Transport Services	5.13	112.2	112.2	112.3	112.3	100.2	0.0	(0.2)	(0.1)	11.9
8	Communication	6.94	102.3	102.3	102.1	101.1	100.8	(0.0)	0.2	1.2	1.5
8.1	Postal Services	0.21	113.6	113.6	113.6	113.6	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.6
8.2	Telephone & Telefax Equipment *	1.13	107.0	107.2	106.0	104.2	104.7	(0.2)	0.9	2.6	2.2
8.3	Telephone & Telefax Services	5.60	100.9	100.9	100.9	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9
9	Recreation & Culture	2.82	104.1	104.0	103.7	101.6	99.8	0.1	0.4	2.5	4.3
9.1	Audio Visual, Photographic & Information Processing Equipment	2.10	104.1	104.0	103.6	101.7	99.5	0.1	0.4	2.3	4.7
9.2	Other Recreational Items & Equipments	0.30	104.9	104.7	104.5	103.4	102.9	0.1	0.3	1.4	1.9
9.3	Recreational & Cultural Services	0.31	101.9	101.9	101.9	97.7	97.4	0.0	0.0	4.4	4.7
9.4	Newspapers, Books & Stationary	0.11	108.9	108.6	108.4	106.4	105.9	0.3	0.5	2.4	2.8
10	Education	4.60	110.0	110.0	109.9	109.9	108.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.8
10.1	Pre-Primary & Primary Education	1.89	111.3	111.3	111.2	111.1	108.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.7
10.2	Secondary & Tertiary Education	2.70	109.1	109.1	109.0	109.0	107.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.2
11	Restaurants & Hotels	3.66	108.7	108.2	107.9	105.5	104.8	0.4	0.7	3.0	3.7
11.1	Restaurants, Cafes & the Like	3.02	111.1	110.5	110.1	107.3	105.3	0.5	0.9	3.5	5.5
11.2	Accommodation Services	0.64	97.5	97.3	97.5	96.9	102.7	0.1	0.0	0.5	(5.1)
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	9.01	113.2	112.9	112.5	106.9	105.8	0.3	0.6	5.9	7.0
12.1	Personal Care	2.33	108.2	107.6	106.0	102.5	101.7	0.5	2.1	5.5	6.3
12.2	Personal Effects Not Elsewhere Classified	0.22	101.3	101.2	101.4	101.2	101.0	0.1	(0.1)	0.1	0.3
12.3	Social Protection	0.13	109.7	109.7	109.7	109.4	108.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.4
12.4	Insurance	3.62	119.7	119.6	120.1	112.1	110.8	0.1	(0.3)	6.8	8.0
12.5	Financial Services	1.09	114.9	114.4	113.7	103.2	101.5	0.4	1.0	11.3	13.2
12.6	Taxes, Licences & Fees	1.61	106.7	106.3	106.0	104.8	103.8	0.4	0.7	1.9	2.8
	All-Items Index	100.0	111.8	111.7	110.1	105.2	102.8	0.1	1.5	6.3	8.8
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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY TRADEABILITY (DECEMBER 2018 = 100.0)

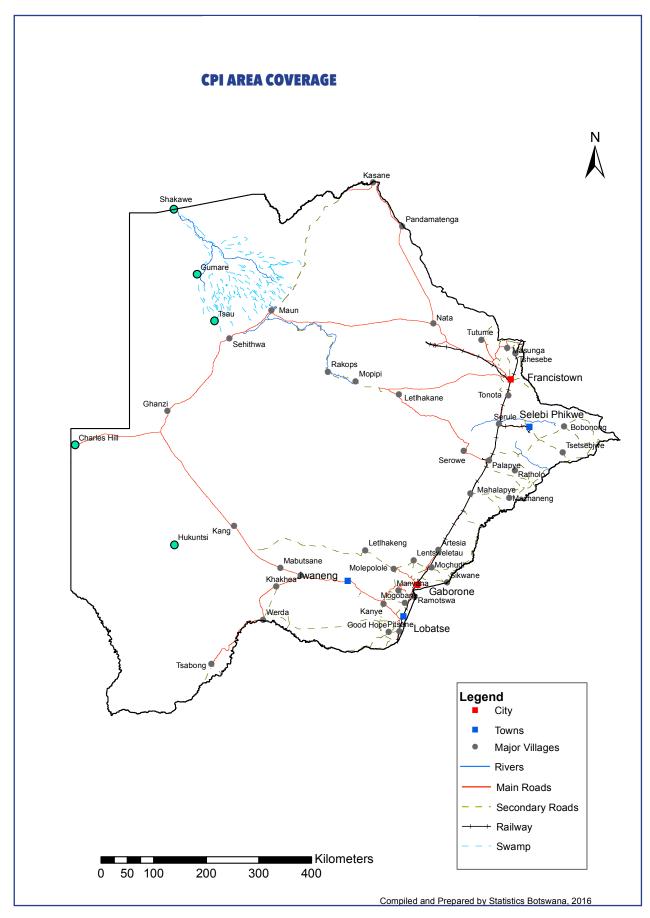
		All Ite	ms	Non-Tre	adable	Domestic	Tradable	Imported	l Tradable	All Tro	adable
		Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation	Index	Inflation
Weights	3	100.00		42.29		15.46		42.26		57.71	
2019	Jan	100.3	3.5	100.2	3.6	100.8	1.5	100.3	4.4	100.4	3.4
	Feb	100.5	3.3	100.2	3.5	100.9	1.4	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
	Apr	101.2	2.5	101.3	0.9	101.8	1.9	100.8	4.3	101.1	3.5
	May	101.3	2.6	101.3	0.8	102.3	2.4	101.0	4.4	101.4	3.7
	Jun	101.5	2.8	101.6	2.0	102.5	2.6	101.0	3.6	101.4	3.2
	Jul	101.7	2.9	101.8	2.0	102.7	2.9	101.2	3.7	101.6	3.4
	Aug	101.7	2.9	101.8	2.0	103.0	3.2	101.3	3.7	101.7	3.5
	Sept	101.8	3.0	101.9	1.9	103.2	3.4	101.2	3.9	101.7	3.6
	Oct	101.9	2.4	101.9	2.0	103.3	3.5	101.3	2.3	101.8	2.6
	Nov	102.0	2.1	102.0	2.1	103.4	3.5	101.5	1.6	102.0	2.1
	Dec	102.2	2.2	102.2	2.2	103.7	3.7	101.6	1.6	102.1	2.1
2020	Jan	102.6	2.2	102.5	2.4	105.0	4.2	101.8	1.5	102.6	2.2
	Feb	102.7	2.2	102.6	2.3	105.4	4.4	102.0	1.4	102.8	2.2
	Mar	102.8	2.2	102.6	2.3	105.6	4.2	102.0	1.4	102.9	2.1
	Apr	103.7	2.5	104.6	3.3	106.0	4.1	102.1	1.2	103.1	2.0
	May	103.7	2.4	104.7	3.3	106.6	4.2	101.8	0.8	103.1	1.7
	Jun	102.4	0.9	104.7	3.0	107.7	5.1	98.3	-2.7	100.8	-0.6
	Jul	102.6	0.9	104.7	2.9	108.1	5.2	98.5	-2.7	101.0	-0.6
	Aug	102.8	1.0	104.7	2.9	108.5	5.4	98.7	-2.5	101.3	-0.4
	Sept	103.6	1.8	106.4	4.4	108.6	5.3	99.1	-2.1	101.6	-0.1
	Oct	104.1	2.2	106.6	4.6	108.9	5.5	100.0	-1.3	102.3	0.5
	Nov	104.3	2.2	106.7	4.6	109.1	5.5	100.2	-1.3	102.6	0.6
	Dec	104.4	2.2	106.8	4.5	109.2	5.4	100.3	-1.3	102.6	0.5
2021	Jan	104.9	2.3	107.0	4.4	109.8	4.6	101.0	-0.7	103.4	0.7
	Feb	105.2	2.4	107.1	4.4	110.5	4.8	101.5	-0.5	103.8	1.0
	Mar	106.0	3.2	107.1	4.4	110.8	5.0	103.3	1.3	105.3	2.3
	Apr	109.6	5.6	109.8	4.9	113.7	7.2	107.9	5.7	109.4	6.1
	May	110.1	6.2	110.0	5.1	114.0	6.9	108.9	7.0	110.3	7.0
	Jun	110.8	8.2	110.8	5.8	114.0	5.9	109.7	11.6	110.8	10.0
	Jul	111.7	8.9	110.9	5.9	113.6	5.1	111.9	13.6	112.3	11.2
	Aug	111.8	8.8	111.0	5.9	113.8	4.8	112.0	13.4	112.4	11.0
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TABLE 5: 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)
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
	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
	Sept	101.6	2.7	102.1	2.3
	Oct	101.6	2.1	102.1	2.3
	Nov	101.7	1.7	102.3	2.4
	Dec	101.8	1.8	102.5	2.5
2020					
	Jan	102.2	1.9	103.2	2.7
	Feb	102.4	1.9	103.4	2.7
	Mar	102.5	1.9	103.5	2.7
	Apr	102.7	1.8	103.8	2.6
	May	103.0	1.6	104.0	2.6
	Jun	102.7	1.0	104.4	2.8
	Jul	102.9	1.0	104.7	2.8
	Aug	103.1	1.1	104.9	2.9
	Sept	104.0	1.8	105.3	3.1
	Oct	104.4	2.2	105.6	3.4
	Nov	104.6	2.2	105.8	3.4
	Dec	104.7	2.1	105.9	3.3
2021					
	Jan	105.3	2.2	106.7	3.4
	Feb	105.6	2.4	107.1	3.6
	Mar	106.2	2.8	107.5	3.9
	Apr	109.6	5.4	110.1	6.1
	May	110.0	5.8	110.9	6.7
	Jun	111.0	7.9	111.6	6.8
	Jul	113.0	8.4	112.0	7.0
	Aug	113.1	8.3	112.1	6.8

TABLE 6: Average Annual Inflation (December 2018=100)

	Group	Weights	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.55	3.6	6.9	8.0	5.4	3.0	1.3	2.7	3.4	(0.5)	1.4	3.7
2	Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	4.34	7.1	8.4	7.6	10.3	9.0	6.1	2.5	4.5	1.1	2.8	5.4
3	Clothing & Footwear	5.95	8.0	8.9	7.5	6.3	6.0	7.6	6.5	3.2	1.8	1.3	2.2
4	Housing, Water, Electr. Gas & Other Fuels	17.45	6.4	8.4	7.7	4.3	3.9	7.1	6.3	5.4	4.1	2.1	5.1
5	Furnishing, H/H Equipment & Routine Maintenance	4.85	9.4	9.0	7.3	4.9	5.0	6.1	3.0	3.3	2.1	2.1	2.4
6	Health	3.38	2.7	4.5	5.9	5.5	8.3	6.3	3.0	2.4	1.1	1.0	1.3
7	Transport	23.43	12.1	13.2	10.8	7.3	1.2	(5.1)	(2.7)	1.6	7.5	6.2	(2.4)
8	Communication	6.94	1.2	(3.0)	(1.4)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	(4.6)	(3.8)	0.5
9	Recreation & Culture	2.82	6.0	8.3	5.8	4.5	4.2	5.7	3.0	2.2	1.8	0.4	(0.2)
10	Education	4.60	5.8	10.6	6.4	4.7	7.4	6.4	3.7	4.1	5.5	3.1	4.7
11	Restaurants & Hotels	3.66	9.0	9.3	8.4	7.9	7.6	5.5	4.0	3.7	3.4	2.5	3.2
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	9.01	7.0	5.3	2.0	1.2	5.2	7.2	7.5	3.9	6.4	5.3	2.0
	All-Items Index	100.0	6.9	8.5	7.5	5.9	4.4	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.2	2.8	1.9



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.



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