



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) NOVEMBER 2010: PRESS RELEASE

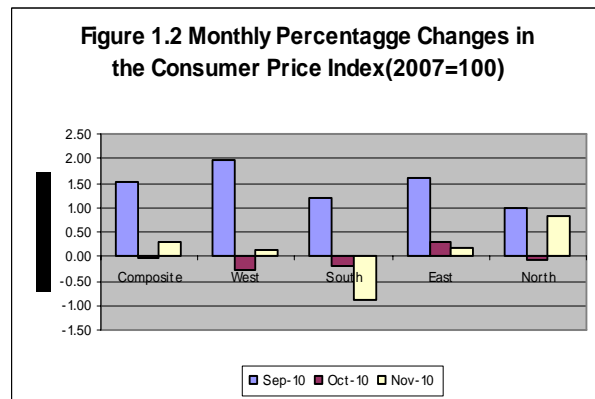
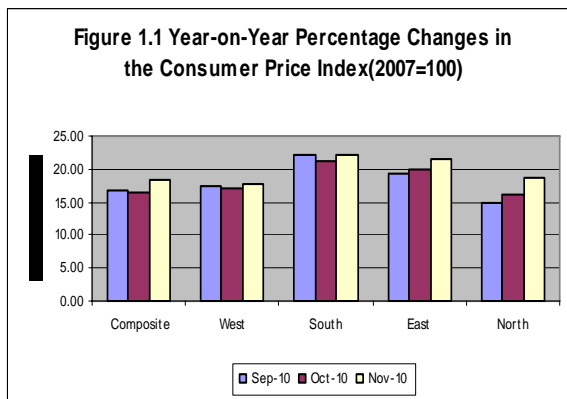
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NOVEMBER 2010 MONTHLY INFLATION RATE INCREASES SLIGHTLY

The combined monthly CPI (2007=100) for November 2010 increased from 153.74 per cent in October 2010 to 154.21 per cent in November 2010 resulting in a 0.30 per cent increase in inflation this month. Similarly, the monthly rates of inflation increased in all the regions except the Southern Region. Western Area (0.15 per cent), Northern Region (0.82 per cent), Eastern Region (0.17 per cent) comprising of two centers, Kenema (0.66 per cent) and Kono (-0.24 per cent) while the monthly rate of inflation decreased in the Southern Region (-0.89 per cent), during the same period. The composite year-on-year inflation rate (2006/2007=100) increased by 1.77 percentage points from 16.53 per cent in October 2010 to 18.30 per cent in November 2010.

There were upward movements in the year-on-year rates of inflation in all the regions when the year-on-year rates of inflation for October 2010 is compared with that for November 2010. The year-on-year rates of inflation increased in Western Area from 17.01 per cent in October 2010 to 17.70 per cent in November 2010, in Northern Region from 16.01 per cent to 18.66 per cent, in Southern Region from 21.13 per cent to 22.31 per cent and in Eastern Region from 20.02 per cent to 21.39 per cent during the period under review.

Considering the old CPI series (1992=100), there were upward movements in the year-on-year rate of inflation in all the centers. In Freetown the year-on-year rate of inflation increased from 17.63 percent in October 2010 to 18.37 percent in November 2010, in Bo from 19.18 per cent to 20.75 per cent, in Makeni from 20.29 per cent to 20.79 per cent and in Kenema from 22.86 per cent to 22.90 per cent during the same period.



FACTORS INFLUENCING CHANGES IN THE MONTHLY RATE OF INFLATION

The increase in both the monthly and annual rates of inflation this month was mainly due to the increase in petroleum product prices reinforced by the increasing cost of food. The price of petrol, diesel and kerosene increased by 4.64 per cent (i.e. from Le 16,500 to Le 17,500 per gallon). This resulted into an increase in the cost of transport services and an increase in the transport index by 3.06 per cent. The increase in the price of petroleum products also brought about increases in the prices of most goods and services as producers responded to the increase in the cost of production by increasing prices. The increase on the other fuels index (1.37 per cent) was due to a shortfall in the supply of products such as firewood and charcoal. The Muslim pray-day (EduL-mubarrak) which is an important occasion, also added pressure on the market. The effect was a slight rise in the price level by 0.30 per cent monthly rate of inflation during the month of November, 2010.

Nevertheless, there were decreases in cost of fish and seafood (-1.50 per cent), fruits (-2.21 per cent), vegetables (-1.79 per cent), industrial spirit (-5.33 per cent), narcotics (-1.96 per cent), household textiles (-0.13 per cent), Non-durable household goods (-1.27 per cent) and personal care (-1.66 per cent).

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The All Urban National Consumer Price Indices (2007=100) by Main COICOP Groups

		Nov-09	Aug-10	Sept-10	Oct-10	Nov-10			
COICOP	WEIGHT	Month Previous Year -	Month m-3 for Current Year,	Month m-2 for Current Year	Month m-1 for Current Year	Month m for Current Year	Monthly Change	3 Months Change	12 months Change
O	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverage	41.86	138.51	154.88	157.90	157.24	156.99	-0.16	1.36	13.34
Alcoholic Beverage, Tobacco and Narcotics	1.71	128.84	172.54	179.76	182.69	182.42	-0.15	5.73	41.59
Clothing and Footwear	7.34	124.32	139.97	142.43	143.09	143.41	0.22	2.45	15.36
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	13.70	134.24	155.76	156.75	156.57	158.64	1.32	1.85	18.17
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	5.86	125.71	156.00	158.13	160.17	159.60	-0.35	2.31	26.96
Health	11.36	124.09	166.30	170.04	168.79	168.79	0.00	1.49	36.02
Transport	7.75	121.26	136.35	135.77	137.54	141.75	3.06	3.96	16.90
Communication	2.04	102.61	107.18	107.32	107.34	107.34	0.00	0.14	4.61
Recreation and Culture	1.47	123.79	139.31	141.00	142.30	143.83	1.07	3.24	16.19
Education	2.88	110.09	121.08	121.39	122.66	122.94	0.23	1.54	11.67
Restaurant and hotels	0.92	113.19	111.05	111.71	111.71	111.03	-0.61	-0.02	-1.91
Miscellaneous G&S	3.13	118.13	153.08	154.19	153.78	152.20	-1.03	-0.57	28.84
All items	100.00	130.36	151.50	153.79	153.74	154.21	0.30	1.79	18.30

Column Description

Column O : COICOP 12 Functions

Column A : CPI Weighting

Column B : CPI Of The Given Month (M) For Previous Year

Column C : CPI Of The Given Month (M -3) For Current Year

Column D : CPI Of The Given Month (M -2) For Current Year

Column E : CPI Of The Given Month (M -1) For Current Year

Column G : CPI Monthly Change In % $((F-E) \times 100 / E)$

Column H : CPI 3 Months Change In % $((F-C) \times 100 / C)$

Column I : CPI 12 Months Change In % $((F-B) \times 100 / B)$

Notes: The all urban National Consumer Price Index (Composite Index) measures the change in prices, on average, from month to month, of the goods and services bought by households, in Sierra Leone including all expenditure groups and both families and single persons. The index includes sampled outlets from five urban towns representing the four geographic regions of the country; Kenema and Koidu were purposefully selected to represent the Eastern province, Bo represents the Southern Province, Makeni represents the Northern Province while Freetown represents the Western Area. The weights applied in the computation of the composite index were obtained from the 2003/2004 Sierra Leone Integrated Household Survey (SLIHS) with the weights updated to May 2007 and prices referenced to the same period. The weights refer to the total urban household consumption in the entire country and the urban towns selected for price data collection represents about 80 percent of all urban household consumption. Hence the index is herein referred to as the all urban National Index. The basket consist of 400 goods and service popularly consumed by all inhabitants of Sierra Leone. These items are divided into the 12 functions of the classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP). All prices collected are the prevailing retail market prices from six (6) markets in the Greater Freetown area, three (3) Markets in Bo Town, three (3) markets in Kenema Town, three markets (3) in Koidu and two (2) markets in Makeni Town for weekly prices. Other outlets are used for monthly items whose prices are less likely to fluctuate rapidly. Geometric mean formula is used to compute the mean of prices observed for each product by elementary aggregate (group of similar products)

FREETOWN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)-OLD SERIES

	Food	Beverage, & Tobacco	Rent Rates & Repairs	Fuel & Power	Cloth & footwear	Furniture Goods	Expan. Goods & services	Personal Transport	Transport & Comm.	Med. & Medicare	Education & Stationery	Enter & Recreation	Personal Goods & Services	All Items	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Wgts	54.13	3.63	3.92	6.51	7.35	1.86	2.46	1.16	4.77	3.45	4.11	3.72	2.93	100		
Jan-07	445.68	17.52	44.91	70.70	33.85	10.39	23.87	15.96	53.00	25.98	20.42	29.35	14.92	806.55	1.53	9.81
Feb	464.13	17.13	44.91	71.01	34.33	10.29	25.03	16.07	53.00	26.22	20.46	29.61	15.03	827.10	2.55	12.80
Mar	450.50	17.21	44.84	68.29	34.43	10.57	23.86	15.76	52.95	26.21	20.49	32.60	15.05	812.77	-1.73	10.10
Apr.	453.04	17.63	44.84	70.69	34.57	11.39	25.23	15.80	52.87	26.51	20.64	34.82	15.97	824.00	1.38	11.44
May	451.1	17.74	44.84	67.6	34.62	11.28	27.65	15.88	53.00	26.51	20.99	34.52	16.1	821.84	-0.26	10.02
June	455.65	17.55	46.53	69.24	34.38	11.24	27.62	15.96	53.00	26.51	21.36	34.85	17.00	830.90	1.10	10.22
July	451.32	17.78	46.49	72.21	34.58	11.26	28.33	16.09	51.36	26.54	20.77	34.99	17.07	828.79	-0.25	9.13
August	477.51	19.46	46.41	72.67	34.76	11.67	28.76	16.08	51.36	26.56	20.78	34.99	18.48	859.50	3.71	12.13
Sept	483.44	19.53	47.69	73.58	34.80	11.84	31.95	16.26	51.36	25.56	20.75	34.99	18.75	870.49	1.28	11.53
October	505.70	18.12	48.95	74.82	34.45	12.54	28.25	16.13	51.57	25.55	21.31	34.80	18.81	891.01	2.36	13.34
Nov	508.69	18.11	48.96	79.41	35.01	12.55	28.63	17.54	56.47	25.55	22.16	34.80	18.96	905.83	1.66	15.16
Dec	502.57	18.12	48.97	83.04	33.75	12.23	28.87	17.79	56.78	25.52	22.62	34.58	18.90	903.72	-0.23	13.76
Jan-08	516.87	19.28	49.01	75.69	33.77	12.22	31.14	17.99	56.78	25.45	22.56	34.61	19.18	914.53	1.20	13.39
Feb-08	533.38	19.31	49.01	83.43	33.51	12.19	30.78	18.00	57.40	25.45	22.74	36.07	19.34	940.60	2.85	13.72
Mar-08	523.37	19.12	49.14	82.73	33.91	12.50	32.96	18.06	57.55	25.49	22.67	35.82	19.45	932.77	-0.83	14.77
April	538.90	19.41	49.14	79.81	33.79	12.09	29.86	17.99	57.53	25.45	22.66	36.36	19.22	942.20	1.01	14.35
May-08	543.55	19.26	49.01	83.62	34.31	12.56	30.56	19.92	62.44	25.50	23.41	36.11	19.71	959.97	1.89	16.81
June-08	550.56	19.46	49.01	83.59	34.64	12.69	31.06	19.94	61.42	25.93	23.99	36.12	20.30	968.74	0.91	16.59
Jul-08	559.21	19.43	49.01	83.59	34.38	12.65	32.13	19.96	60.78	25.91	23.99	36.32	20.34	977.70	0.93	17.97
Aug-08	570.42	20.08	49.01	83.78	35.49	12.89	32.53	20.07	60.78	25.93	23.99	36.47	20.65	992.10	1.47	15.43
Sept-08	603.05	20.24	49.02	79.40	35.42	13.07	30.10	20.25	60.78	25.93	24.54	36.39	20.64	1018.84	2.70	17.04
Oct-08	621.73	20.28	49.04	71.00	34.99	13.00	30.05	17.69	51.52	27.24	24.32	36.30	20.84	1018.03	-0.08	14.26
Nov-08	623.0	20.92	49.04	66.70	34.52	13.02	28.45	17.49	51.61	27.00	23.02	36.99	21.39	1013.14	-0.48	11.85
Dec-08	629.85	21.15	54.94	56.87	35.07	13.06	30.14	16.15	45.89	27.32	24.05	36.15	23.74	1014.39	0.12	12.25
Jan-09	628.46	20.70	57.32	59.76	35.08	13.03	30.20	16.06	45.60	27.46	23.80	35.96	23.38	1016.80	0.24	11.18
Feb-09	632.06	20.30	62.22	64.14	35.43	12.98	29.32	15.70	47.26	27.46	25.24	36.86	23.30	1032.27	1.52	9.75
Mar-09	625.01	19.98	62.22	62.52	35.88	12.91	28.91	15.50	47.26	27.46	25.24	37.39	23.19	1023.47	-0.85	9.72
Apr-09	624.77	20.22	62.22	65.84	35.84	12.95	28.60	15.40	47.65	27.46	25.26	37.39	23.13	1026.73	0.32	8.97
May-09	623.85	19.85	62.22	65.22	36.35	12.94	28.05	15.40	47.65	27.46	25.62	37.35	23.19	1025.16	0.15	6.79
Jun-09	633.82	19.84	62.22	67.91	36.40	13.34	27.77	17.81	50.96	27.54	25.58	37.35	23.58	1044.11	1.85	7.78
Jul-09	640.20	19.90	62.22	65.86	36.68	13.56	29.35	17.81	52.25	27.54	25.54	37.64	23.55	1052.10	0.76	7.61
Aug-09	650.61	19.70	62.22	66.31	37.71	13.88	31.37	18.79	52.28	33.57	26.41	37.60	24.44	1074.88	2.17	8.34
Sept-09	680.43	19.97	62.27	67.18	39.41	14.25	33.98	19.97	52.28	35.95	28.28	37.81	25.00	1116.74	3.89	9.61
Oct-09	693.19	20.36	62.66	67.81	40.24	14.21	30.57	20.32	52.37	35.07	27.58	37.79	25.44	1127.62	0.97	10.77
Nov-09	670.86	20.39	62.66	68.72	41.58	14.40	31.81	20.27	52.90	35.50	27.68	38.60	25.88	1111.27	-1.45	9.69
Dec-09	677.64	20.98	64.91	69.08	41.47	14.32	32.54	20.14	53.17	35.79	28.05	38.98	26.67	1123.73	1.12	10.78
Jan-10	700.84	22.01	67.84	69.29	41.98	14.80	35.74	20.45	53.17	37.15	28.32	40.32	28.92	1160.82	3.30	14.16
Feb-10	734.77	22.59	67.85	73.66	43.0	14.95	35.52	21.27	57.50	38.55	28.32	42.09	30.01	1210.07	4.24	17.22
Mar-10	733.45	21.95	67.94	71.44	42.96	14.92	35.16	21.37	56.86	39.35	28.32	42.41	30.03	1206.13	-0.33	17.85
Apr-10	737.23	22.72	68.01	72.18	43.70	15.20	35.53	21.62	57.36	40.99	28.52	42.43	30.37	1215.85	0.81	18.42
May-10	724.65	23.67	68.01	72.65	44.01	15.38	35.92	21.79	57.10	42.87	29.08	42.46	30.52	1208.11	-0.64	17.85
Jun-10	740.95	23.91	67.94	72.98	45.19	16.14	37.59	22.24	58.80	42.40	29.77	44.40	30.91	1233.23	2.08	18.11
Jul-10	748.40	24.15	68.92	73.70	45.26	16.14	36.88	22.13	58.80	41.06	31.01	46.30	30.91	1243.67	0.85	18.21
Aug-10	774.54	24.26	68.92	74.48	46.10	16.19	37.43	22.16	58.80	39.92	31.46	46.59	31.25	1272.10	2.29	18.35
Sept-10	824.46	24.1	68.92	73.05	46.47	16.25	37.93	22.14	58.80	40.84	31.59	46.89	31.88	1323.40	4.03	18.51
Oct-10	822.73	25.08	69.91	73.53	47.16	16.49	37.25	22.29	58.80	41.30	31.59	48.20	32.13	1326.46	0.23	17.63
Nov-10	804.57	25.13	69.92	75.14	47.23	16.64	37.30	23.37	62.93	41.30	31.59	48.22	32.10	1315.45	-0.83	18.37