



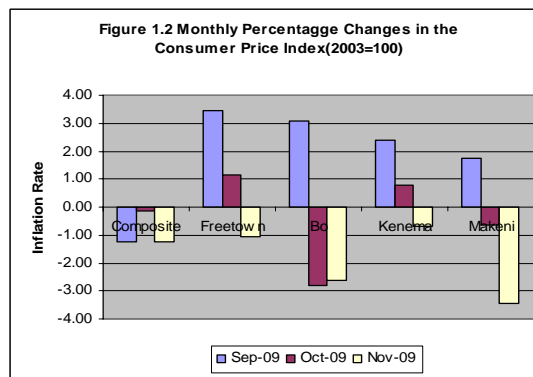
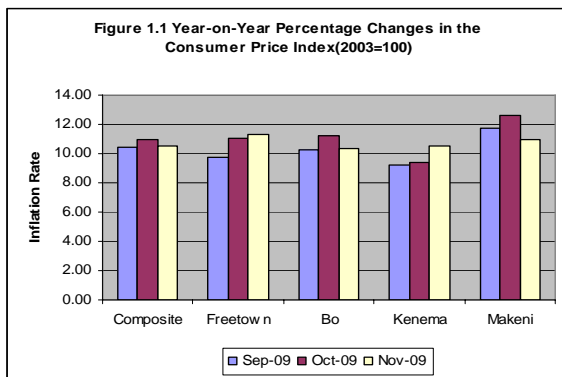
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) NOVEMBER, 2009: PRESS RELEASE

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**NOVEMBER 2009 MONTHLY INFLATION RATE DECREASES SLIGHTLY**

The monthly rate of inflation for the composite index (2003=100) declined slightly by 1.22 percent from 210.13 percent in October 2009 to 207.56 percent in November 2009. There were decreases in the monthly rate of inflation in all the four CPI centres. The monthly rate of inflation decreased moderately in Bo by 2.6 percent, in Makeni by 3.44 percent, in Freetown by 1.1 percent, and in Kenema by 0.7 per cent during the month of November 2009. The composite year-on-year inflation rate (2003=100) decreased by 0.57 percentage point from 10.99 per cent in October 2009 to 10.42 percent in November 2009. There were mixed movements in the year-on-year rate of inflation during the month of November 2009. On the one hand, the year-on-year rate of inflation increased in Freetown from 11.08 percent in October 2009 to 11.3 percent in November 2009, and in Kenema from 9.4 percent to 10.5 percent during the same period. On the other hand there were decreases in the year-on-year rate of inflation in Bo from 11.21 percent to 10.36 percent and in Makeni from 12.6 percent to 10.9 percent during the period under review.

Considering the old CPI series (1992=100), there were downward movements in the CPI in three of the four centers. In Freetown the year-on-year rate of inflation decreased from 10.77 percent in October to 9.69 in November 2009, in Bo from 11.35 percent in October 2009 to 10.56 per cent in November 2009 and in Makeni from 12.21 to 10.13 percent while there was an increase in the year-on-year rate of inflation in Kenema from 7.43 per cent in October 2009 to 8.71 per cent in November 2009 during the same period.



**FACTORS INFLUENCING CHANGES IN THE MONTHLY RATE OF INFLATION**

The combined monthly CPI for November decreased from 210.13 in October 2009 to 207.56 resulting in a 1.22 percent decline in inflation this month. The decline in the price level for November 2009 was as a result of the decline in the cost of food particularly bread and other cereals (4.86 per cent), fish (4.0 percent), meat (2.07 percent), fruits (10.86 percent) and vegetables (2.51 percent) which reflects the fact that this time of the year is the time when most of these food products in the basket are harvested.

There were also slight decrease in the price of non-food products such as non durable household goods and furniture and furnishing.

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		Nov-08	Aug-09	Sept-09	Oct-09	Nov-09			
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	51.02	197.00	210.22	214.95	214.40	208.77	-2.63	-0.69	5.97
Alcoholic Beverage, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.50	136.14	151.06	150.40	153.85	159.33	3.56	5.47	17.04
Clothing and Footwear	8.07	135.33	141.03	148.97	153.16	153.44	0.18	8.79	13.38
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	9.82	197.16	218.46	210.82	214.43	211.31	-1.45	-3.27	7.18
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	4.01	163.68	174.62	178.73	178.52	179.38	0.48	2.73	9.60
Health	3.57	500.81	550.08	563.01	570.12	567.35	-0.49	3.14	13.29
Transport	5.95	155.75	190.91	191.87	192.05	191.02	-0.54	0.06	22.64
Communication	0.61	134.41	163.70	163.70	165.15	173.29	4.93	5.86	28.92
Recreation and Culture	5.29	131.47	139.48	142.06	144.94	152.33	5.09	9.21	15.87
Education	1.63	108.86	125.86	124.93	123.73	124.72	0.81	-0.91	14.58
Restaurant and hotels	4.13	143.85	202.80	221.54	192.52	194.40	0.98	-4.14	35.14
Miscellaneous G&S	3.41	141.97	169.20	172.07	173.59	174.97	0.80	3.41	23.25
All items	100.00	187.97	206.42	210.38	210.13	207.56	-1.22	0.55	10.42
<b>Column Description</b>									
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 % $((F-B) \times 100 / B)$									

The Interim National CPI measures the change in prices, on average, from month to month, of the goods and services bought by most households, in Freetown, Bo, Kenema and Makeni including all expenditure groups and both families and single persons. Prices are collected for 251 items. 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 and two (2) markets in Makeni Town for weekly prices and other outlets for monthly items whose prices are less likely to fluctuate rapidly. The National Index was computed by aggregating the CPI for the four index towns previously published separately with different base periods. The old CPI series for Bo, Kenema, Makeni and Freetown were rebased to base year 2003. Computation methodology changed from the Modified to the Traditional Laspeyres, and transformed into the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP) with 12 functions. The separate center CPIs were aggregated at the sub-class level.

