



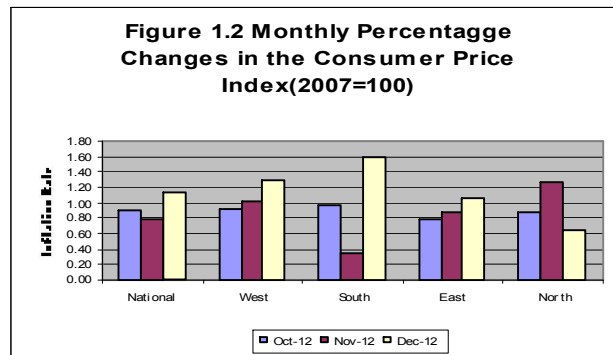
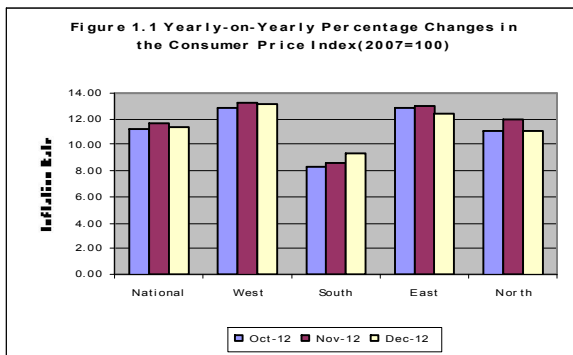
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) December, 2012: PRESS RELEASE

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DECEMBER 2012 MONTHLY INFLATION RATE INCREASES SLIGHTLY

The national monthly CPI (2007=100) increased from 201.96 per cent in November 2012 to 204.21 per cent in December 2012 resulting in a 1.12 per cent increase in inflation rate this month. Therefore, the December, 2012 monthly inflation rate was high by 0.33 percentage point when compared with the November, 2012 monthly inflation figure. Similarly, the monthly rates of inflation increased slightly in all the regions. Western Area (1.30 per cent), Northern Region (0.65 per cent), Southern region (1.60 per cent) and the Eastern Region (1.05 per cent) comprising of two centers, Kenema (0.52 per cent) and Kono (0.78 per cent) during the same period. Nevertheless, annual Inflation rate for December 2012 decreased slightly from 11.71 per cent in November, 2012 to 11.41 per cent in December 2012. This reflects a 0.30 percentage point decrease over November 2012.

Considering the old CPI series (1992=100), the year-on-year rates of inflation decreased in Freetown from 12.17 per cent to 11.86 per cent, in Makeni from 14.83 per cent to 14.19 per cent, in Bo from 16.06 per cent to 14.86 per cent and in Kenema from 15.09 per cent to 13.32 per cent during the same period.



FACTORS INFLUENCING CHANGES IN THE MONTHLY RATE OF INFLATION

The national monthly CPI (2007=100) for December 2012 increased from 201.96 per cent in November 2012 to 204.21 per cent in December 2012 resulting in a 1.12 per cent increase in inflation rate this month.

This reflects a monthly increase that is more than the previous month, meaning that there has been a slight increase in prices of most of the products in the CPI basket. The increase in the price level for December, 2012 was as a result of the increase in the cost of all main components of the index. On a composite basis, there were increases in the indices for the following groups; food and non-alcoholic beverages (1.23 per cent), alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics (1.07 percent), furnishing, household equipment and household maintenance (1.62 per cent), recreation and culture (4.26 percent), housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (0.89 per cent), health (0.78 per cent), transport (0.05 per cent), communication (0.03 per cent), education (0.53 per cent) and restaurants and hotels (1.45 per cent).

The food products which prices increased this month include; bread and cereals (1.18 per cent), fish and seafood (1.29 per cent), meat (3.05 per cent), oils and fats (3.13 per cent), sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery (1.29 per cent) and vegetables (0.18 percent) which reflects the fact that, this time of the year, is the time when most of these food products in the basket are in high demand due to the festivities.

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NATIONAL CPI AND YEAR-ON- YEAR RATES OF INFLATION BY MAIN COICOP GROUPS (2003=100)

		Dec-11	Sept-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12			
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	200.51	220.95	223.79	225.30	228.07	1.23	3.23	13.75
Alcoholic Beverage, Tobacco and Narcotics	1.71	213.27	234.86	236.47	240.68	243.25	1.07	3.57	14.06
Clothing and Footwear	7.34	173.99	203.50	205.79	208.67	212.44	1.81	4.39	22.10
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	13.70	173.08	182.31	183.14	184.52	186.17	0.89	2.12	7.56
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	5.86	204.00	215.75	216.33	219.48	223.04	1.62	3.38	9.33
Health	11.36	179.18	192.36	192.95	194.97	196.48	0.78	2.14	9.66
Transport	7.75	156.77	159.84	161.32	161.95	162.03	0.05	1.37	3.36
Communication	2.04	108.25	109.87	109.91	109.92	109.95	0.03	0.08	1.58
Recreation and Culture	1.47	159.74	156.10	156.27	156.36	163.02	4.26	4.43	2.05
Education	2.88	134.74	134.06	134.10	134.12	134.82	0.53	0.57	0.06
Restaurant and hotels	0.92	120.10	138.51	140.58	141.46	143.51	1.45	3.61	19.49
Miscellaneous G&S	3.13	168.48	180.05	182.20	182.27	182.88	0.34	1.57	8.55
All items	100.00	183.31	198.58	200.38	201.96	204.21	1.12	2.84	11.41
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 % $((f-b) \times 100/b)$.									

The 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 at which level new weights were also introduced to obtain the Interim National Index.

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-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
Dec-10	813.86	25.21	69.99	74.73	47.45	16.93	38.22	23.56	62.93	42.27	33.30	49.00	33.02	1330.46	1.14	18.40
Jan-11	852.82	25.21	69.16	74.98	47.82	16.80	37.79	23.95	62.96	45.34	33.30	51.34	33.85	1375.32	3.37	18.48
Feb-11	895.95	25.53	69.24	76.31	47.93	16.97	37.40	24.60	62.99	45.35	33.30	52.18	33.89	1421.65	3.37	17.48
Mar-11	894.25	24.49	69.34	75.74	48.11	17.17	37.55	25.49	62.99	46.04	33.30	55.04	34.51	1424.02	0.17	18.07
Apr-11	897.06	24.92	69.34	75.88	49.87	18.03	37.55	25.55	62.99	46.04	33.33	55.69	35.85	1432.12	0.57	18.32
May-11	904.62	24.95	69.34	81.13	51.09	18.20	37.36	27.84	74.11	46.09	33.34	55.69	36.01	1459.77	1.93	20.83
Jun-11	913.11	25.39	69.34	84.22	51.67	18.46	37.42	30.51	73.84	46.15	33.65	56.56	36.84	1477.18	1.19	19.78
Jul-11	928.86	25.39	69.34	86.71	53.75	19.28	37.47	31.20	73.84	47.80	33.65	56.56	40.11	1503.96	1.81	20.93
Aug-11	944.79	25.25	69.36	86.33	54.59	19.84	36.87	31.43	74.31	47.86	33.65	55.56	40.79	1520.61	1.11	19.53
Sept-11	969.14	25.31	69.36	86.46	55.75	19.78	36.90	31.49	74.31	48.93	33.65	55.56	41.51	1548.15	1.81	16.98
Oct-11	974.36	24.66	69.36	87.22	57.15	20.00	36.91	31.55	73.46	50.34	30.09	55.56	41.41	1552.08	0.25	17.01
Nov-11	975.93	24.96	69.36	87.89	57.52	20.25	36.07	31.73	74.68	50.93	30.05	53.35	40.44	1553.16	0.07	18.07
Dec-11	973.53	25.16	69.36	87.61	57.89	20.26	37.51	32.30	75.92	51.81	30.05	53.44	40.62	1555.45	0.15	16.91
Jan-12	1015.86	25.95	69.35	86.67	57.32	20.89	37.78	32.30	76.76	53.21	29.63	52.34	40.60	1598.65	2.78	16.24
Feb-12	1054.91	26.83	69.36	90.28	60.45	21.62	37.71	32.31	75.80	53.30	29.67	53.52	40.73	1646.51	2.99	15.82
Mar-12	1058.39	29.02	69.36	87.11	62.93	22.51	38.35	32.47	76.25	53.66	31.86	54.22	40.96	1657.09	0.64	16.37
Apr-12	1055.91	29.34	69.36	87.90	64.10	22.59	38.21	32.47	76.25	54.22	31.86	54.72	40.95	1657.89	0.05	16.42
May-12	1068.97	32.11	69.35	87.94	66.74	23.55	37.94	32.43	76.83	54.22	31.75	54.77	41.09	1676.69	1.13	14.86
Jun-12	1071.37	32.71	69.33	90.94	66.59	23.91	38.06	32.11	76.83	54.25	32.13	55.44	41.29	1684.97	0.49	14.07
Jul-12	1093.83	31.83	69.33	92.92	66.85	23.73	38.12	30.76	76.83	54.25	32.16	55.51	41.60	1707.73	1.35	13.55
Aug-12	1091.41	32.60	69.35	94.63	67.26	24.51	39.39	30.80	76.83	54.25	32.71	55.25	41.91	1710.90	0.19	12.51
Sept-12	1099.38	33.48	69.35	98.55	67.61	24.62	38.85	30.87	77.01	54.25	33.52	55.27	42.02	1724.80	0.81	11.41
Oct-12	1104.56	34.44	69.35	99.56	67.97	24.71	38.95	30.89	77.01	54.56	34.38	55.61	42.03	1734.01	0.53	11.72
Nov-12	1107.91	35.02	69.35	102.64	67.99	24.47	39.02	30.92	77.84	54.56	34.93	55.58	41.97	1732.70	0.47	12.17
Dec-12	1112.04	34.30	69.35	102.64	66.65	24.43	39.02	30.95	77.84	54.56	34.93	55.58	40.46	1742.78	0.03	11.86