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THE COLOMBO CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (Base Year 2013) – APRIL 2018
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1. Introduction

The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) is the authorized agency to compile Colombo Consumer Price Index (CCPI). The base year used for compilation of CCPI from June 2011 to December 2016 was the year 2006/07. Following internationally accepted guidelines, it has been arranged to revise the base year from 2006/07=100 to 2013=100 in order to accommodate the changing expenditure patterns and in cooperate changes of goods & services available in the market. Accordingly with respect to the new base, CCPI (Base 2013=100) will be released monthly commencing from January 2017 on the last working day of each month. It is emphasized that index numbers or inflation figures compiled under different base years cannot be compared.

The CCPI is compiled to indicate average changes in the prices of goods and services purchased by households in urban areas of Colombo district. Prices for items in the Colombo Consumer Price Index are collected from 14 selected centers located in Colombo namely Pettah, Maradana, Wellawatta, Dematagoda, Grandpass, Borella, Kirulapone, Dehiwala–Mt. Lavinia, Kotte, Nugegoda, Kolonnawa, Rathmalana, and Narahenpita and Rathmalana dedicated economic centers. Prices are collected weekly from the outlets located within each of the above market areas including Lak Sathosa and a supermarket. The consumer basket includes 392 items which represent the typical urban household consumption expenditure. The CPI weights are derived from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2012/13.

For more details on the revision of base year, please click here: [Technical Note on Base Year Revision](#)

Table 1- Monthly Changes by main Groups of Market Basket

Major Group*	Index Number			Monthly Changes of the Expenditure Values(Rs.)			Monthly Changes of the Index (%)		
	Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018	Apr. 2017	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2018
All Items	117.1	121.4	121.5	374.36	-300.09	62.00	0.53	-0.41	0.08
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	123.1	127.3	126.8	342.60	-341.61	-82.78	0.49	-0.46	-0.11
Non Food	114.8	119.0	119.4	31.76	41.52	144.78	0.05	0.06	0.20
Alcoholic beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	185.9	187.1	190.7	-0.99	0.41	22.20	0.00	0.00	0.03
Clothing and Footwear	125.8	134.5	130.8	12.32	0.02	-51.57	0.02	0.00	-0.07
Furnishing Household Equipments and Routine Household Maintenance	110.7	126.7	127.3	11.00	28.68	9.31	0.02	0.04	0.01
Health	143.6	154.3	156.3	0.00	0.00	52.49	0.00	0.00	0.07
Transport	95.9	98.9	100.4	4.75	2.51	93.62	0.01	0.00	0.13
Recreation and Culture	109.6	111.9	112.6	0.00	0.00	5.17	0.00	0.00	0.01
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	131.3	138.5	139.2	0.00	0.82	13.52	0.00	0.00	0.02
Other	113.4	116.4	116.4	4.68	9.07	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.00

*Note : There are 12 main groups of the market basket. Significant changes in April 2018 were noted in seven main groups, details on which are given in Table2.

2. Variations in Colombo Consumer Price Index

Month on month changes in the Colombo Consumer Price Index is briefly described below.

2.1 Month on Month (M on M) Change of CCPI:

The CCPI for all items for the month of April 2018 was 121.5 and it records an increase of 0.1 index points that is 0.08 percentage points compared to the month of March 2018 for which the index was 121.4. This represents an increase of expenditure value by Rs.62.00 in the "Market Basket".

2.2 Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the increase in CCPI from March to April 2018 are given in Table 2. An increase in the index point by 0.08% was due to the expenditure value decrease of Food items by 0.11% and increase of Non Food items by 0.2%.

2.3 Contribution of Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages items: -0.11%

Decreases in value change were reported for Vegetables (0.08%), Sea Fish (0.08%), Big Onion (0.06%), Coconut (0.05%), Egg (0.03%), Red Onion (0.02%), Green Chilies (0.01%) and Gram (0.01%) while increases in value change were reported for Chicken (0.05%), Dry Fish (0.04%), Rice (0.04%), Chilly powder (0.02%), Limes (0.02%), Papaw (0.01%), Potatoes (0.01%), Curry powder (0.01%) and Dhal Mysore (0.01%).

2.4 Contribution of Non Food items: 0.2%

Among Non-Food groups, increases in value change were reported for 'Transport' (0.13%), 'Health' (0.07%), 'Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco and Narcotics' (0.03%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.02%), 'Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine House Hold Maintenance' (0.01%), Recreation and culture' (0.01%) and Decreases in Value change reported in the group of 'Clothing and 'Footwear' (0.07%). 'Housing Water Electricity Gas and Other Fuels' showed an insignificant value change. The groups of 'Communication', 'Education', 'Restaurant and Hotels' remain unchanged during the period.

Table 02: Contribution to the change in CCPI from March 2018 to April 2018 (Base 2013=100)

Sub Group/Commodity	Value Change			
	Rs.Cts.	% change		
		Increase	Decrease	Net effect
Food	-82.78	0.23	0.34	-0.11
1 Rice	29.94	0.04		
<i>Rice - (Samba)</i>	24.33	0.03		
2 Gram	-8.49		0.01	
3 Chicken	35.22	0.05		
4 Sea Fish	-62.07		0.08	
5 Dried fish	27.63	0.04		
<i>Sprats</i>	10.34	0.01		
6 Egg	-18.96		0.03	
7 Coconut	-37.72		0.05	
8 Papaw	10.67	0.01		
9 Vegetables	-61.99		0.08	
10 Potatoes	10.51	0.01		
11 Dhal Mysore	6.20	0.01		
12 Red Onion	-13.35		0.02	
13 Big Onion	-41.85		0.06	
14 Green chillies	-5.69		0.01	
15 Chilly powder	12.96	0.02		
16 Curry powder	4.95	0.01		
17 Limes	12.87	0.02		
18 Others	16.40	0.02		
Non Food	144.78	0.27	0.07	0.20
19 Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco and Narcotics	22.20	0.03		
20 Clothing & Footwear	-51.57		0.07	
21 Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routing Household Maintenance	9.31	0.01		
22 Health	52.49	0.07		
23 Transport	93.62	0.13		
24 Recreation and culture	5.17	0.01		
25 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	13.52	0.02		
26 Others	0.04	0.00		
All Items	62.00			0.08

*Percentages of items do not tally with overall percentage due to rounding off.

3. INFLATION:

The CCPI is an economic indicator constructed to measure inflation which is defined as percentage change in CCPI over the year. There are two measures of inflation in general use. One measure is Year on Year base or Point to Point inflation (The percentage change in the CPI during the last 12 months). The other measure is Moving Average Inflation (The percentage difference between the average Price Index of last 12 months & the average Price Index of previous 12 months).

Table 3: Movements of the CCPI (Base: 2013=100)

Year	Month	Index Number	All Item			Food			Non Food		
			%Change Month to Month	Inflation %		%Change Month to Month	Inflation %		%Change Month to Month	Inflation %	
				Y on Y	12 Months Moving Avg.		Y on Y	12 Months Moving Avg.		Y on Y	12 Months Moving Avg.
2017	April	117.1	0.5	6.9	5.3	1.7	8.6	7.5	0.1	6.3	4.5
	May	118.2	0.9	6.0	5.4	2.3	9.3	7.6	0.3	4.6	4.5
	June	120.1	1.6	6.1	5.5	4.8	9.1	7.6	0.3	4.8	4.6
	July	119.4	-0.6	4.8	5.4	-1.7	4.8	7.0	-0.2	4.7	4.7
	August	118.8	-0.5	6.0	5.5	-2.5	6.9	6.9	0.5	5.7	4.9
	September	119.7	0.8	7.1	5.8	1.6	10.4	7.1	0.3	5.5	5.2
	October	120.8	0.9	7.8	6.1	2.6	12.6	7.6	0.3	5.8	5.4
	November	122.2	1.2	7.6	6.4	1.7	13.8	8.4	0.9	5.0	5.5
	December	122.9	0.6	7.1	6.6	1.3	14.4	9.3	0.2	4.2	5.5
2018	January	122.8	-0.1	5.8	6.6	-1.9	10.5	9.8	0.8	3.8	5.3
	February	121.9	-0.7	4.5	6.4	-2.9	6.0	9.6	0.1	3.8	5.0
	March	121.4	-0.4	4.2	6.1	-1.5	5.1	9.2	0.1	3.7	4.8
	April	121.5	0.1	3.8	5.9	-0.4	3.0	8.8	0.3	4.0	4.6

3.1 Year on Year (YoY) Inflation

The YoY inflation as measured by CCPI is 3.8% in April 2018 and inflation calculated for March was 4.2% (Table3). YoY inflation of Food Group has decreased from 5.1% in March 2018 to 3.0% in April 2018 while that of Non-food Group increased from 3.7% in March to 4.0% in April during this period.

3.2 Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of April 2018, on year to year basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was 0.89%.

The contribution of Non Food items was 2.8%. This was mainly due to increases in value change in groups of 'Education' (0.59%), 'Restaurants & Hotels' (0.44%), 'Health' (0.48%), 'Transport' (0.4%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment's & Routine Household Maintenance' (0.36%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.22%), , 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (0.17%), 'Recreation and Culture' (0.03%) and 'Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco and Narcotics' (0.04%) while decrease in value change in the group of 'Communication' (0.02%) and 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.19%).

3.3 Moving Average Inflation

The moving average inflation rate for the month of April 2018 was 5.9%. The corresponding rate for the month of March was 6.1%.

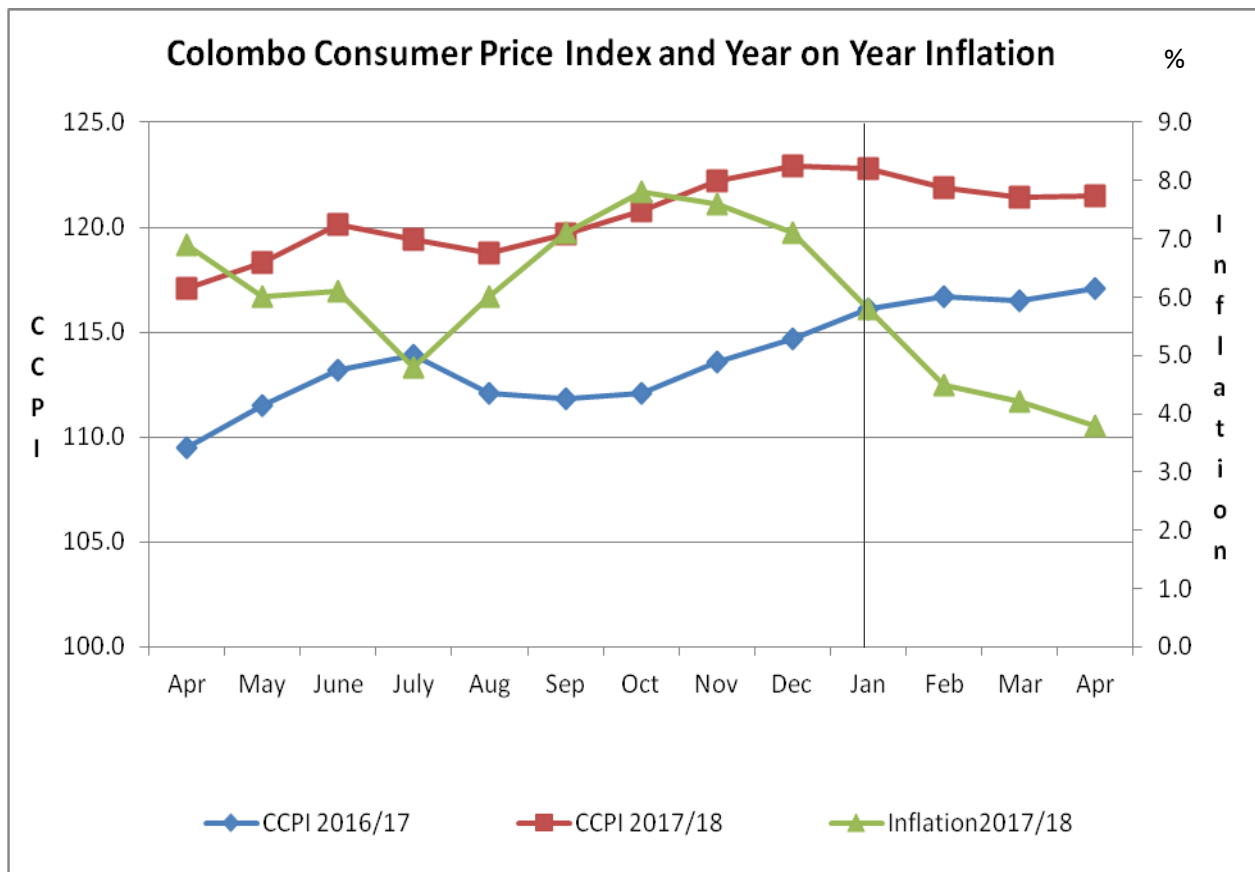


Table 4 : Monthly average open market retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index (April 2017, April 2018 & March 2018)

Item	Unit	Retail Prices (Rs. Cts)				Retail Price Changes (%)	
		2017 April	2018 March	2018 April	Apr.18/ Apr.17	Apr. 18 / Mar.18	
1. Rice– Kekulu – Red	Kg	81.93	86.45	86.21	5.23	-0.28	
2. Rice– Kekulu – White	Kg	76.80	80.66	81.35	5.92	0.85	
3. Rice –Nadu - White	Kg	81.24	84.93	85.83	5.65	1.07	
4. Rice –Nadu - Red	Kg	90.32	98.89	99.36	10.01	0.48	
5. Rice– Samba	Kg	92.29	103.25	105.22	14.01	1.91	
6. Cowpea	Kg	308.47	297.48	292.35	-5.23	-1.73	
7.Green Grams	Kg	245.80	247.09	243.30	-1.01	-1.53	
8. Coconut	Each	63.45	79.47	78.00	22.94	-1.84	
9. Coconut Oil	750ml	285.52	289.34	287.94	0.85	-0.48	
10.Chicken	Kg	459.09	481.35	497.75	8.42	3.41	
11. Eggs	Each	14.68	14.58	13.11	-10.70	-10.09	
12. Red Onion	Kg	164.56	207.44	185.19	12.53	-10.72	
13. Big Onion	Kg	95.04	102.23	86.31	-9.19	-15.58	
14. Potatoes	Kg	132.41	109.54	113.86	-14.01	3.94	
15. Garlic	Kg	480.13	283.17	282.87	-41.08	-0.09	
16. Dried Chillies	Kg	267.21	275.18	294.82	10.33	7.14	
17. Green Chillies	Kg	279.01	221.42	200.06	-28.30	-9.65	
18. Sugar	Kg	108.53	108.72	108.69	0.15	-0.02	
19. Pepper	Kg	1743.76	1562.37	1580.47	-9.36	1.16	
Vegetables-							
20. Ash Plantain	Kg	135.92	143.87	132.45	-2.55	-7.94	
21. Carrot	Kg	137.90	141.89	146.79	6.44	3.46	
22. Snake Gourd	Kg	155.51	141.12	139.02	-10.61	-1.49	
23. Tomatoes	Kg	173.45	93.07	86.95	-49.87	-6.58	
24. Capsicum	Kg	270.72	211.13	192.64	-28.84	-8.76	
25. Beetroot	Kg	143.50	115.67	105.18	-26.70	-9.07	
26. Beans	Kg	219.91	216.83	205.12	-6.72	-5.40	
Fruits							
27. Banana	Kg	154.16	139.04	137.73	10.65	0.94	
28. Papaw	Kg	173.34	96.21	101.25	-41.59	-5.24	
29. Mangoes	Each	94.58	88.08	83.67	-11.54	-5.01	
Fresh Fish –							
30. Seer	Kg	1345.43	1492.49	1446.89	7.54	-3.06	
31.Talapath	Kg	948.41	1089.04	1066.20	12.42	-2.10	
32.Paraw	Kg	902.70	999.37	954.99	5.79	-4.44	
Dried Fish -							
33.Katta	Kg	1200.43	1188.83	1239.28	3.24	4.24	
34. Sprats	Kg	678.87	706.19	727.45	7.16	3.01	
Fuel -							
35. Kerosene Oil	Lt	44.00	44.00	44.00	0.00	0.00	
36 .Petrol (CPC & IOC)	Lt	117.00	117.32	121.50	3.85	3.56	
37. Diesel (CPC & IOC)	Lt	95.00	95.18	97.50	2.63	2.44	
38. Gas- Avg.	12.5kg	1321.00	1431.00	1431.00	8.33	0.00	
Litro	12.5kg	1321.00	1431.00	1431.00	8.33	0.00	
Laughs	12.5kg	1321.00	1431.00	1431.00	8.33	0.00	

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