



## WEB RELEASE

THE COLOMBO CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (Base Year 2013) – JUNE 2020

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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 (%)		
	June 2019	May 2020	June 2020	June 2019	May 2020	June 2020	June 2019	May 2020	June 2020
All Items	130.2	134.2	135.3	742.47	360.22	661.32	0.95	0.45	0.82
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	134.5	144.1	147.9	572.62	322.35	641.60	0.74	0.40	0.79
Non Food	128.6	130.3	130.4	169.85	37.87	19.72	0.22	0.05	0.02
Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	219.5	221.5	219.9	-3.99	-4.50	-9.77	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Clothing and Foot Wear	145.1	151.1	152.5	17.06	0.00	19.49	0.02	0.00	0.02
Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	135.6	135.2	133.7	3.72	1.26	-22.67	0.00	0.00	-0.03
Health	177.5	175.0	175.7	43.98	0.00	19.51	0.06	0.00	0.02
Transport	113.6	116.5	116.7	139.71	16.10	14.48	0.18	0.02	0.02
Recreation and Culture	116.6	118.8	116.0	0.00	1.80	-21.93	0.00	0.00	-0.03
Restaurant and Hotels	136.3	137.5	138.3	12.48	0.00	24.94	0.02	0.00	0.03
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	145.8	148.0	147.8	-27.21	23.20	-4.34	-0.03	0.03	-0.01
Other	121.6	123.4	123.4	-15.91	0.00	0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.00

\*Note: There are 12 main groups of the market basket. Significant changes in June 2020 were noted in nine main groups, details on which are given in Table2. \*Percentages of items do not tally with overall percentage due to rounding off.

## 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 June 2020 was 135.3 and it recorded an increase of 1.1 index points that is 0.82 percentage points compared to the month of May 2020 for which the index was 134.2. This represents an increase of expenditure value by Rs.661.32 in the “Market Basket”

#### 2.1.1 Contribution to M on M Changes:

Contributions to the change in CCPI from May 2020 to June 2020 were given in Table 2. Expenditure value increase of Food items by 0.79% and increase of Non Food items by 0.02% respectively.

#### 2.1.2 Contribution of Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages items: 0.79%

As shown in Table 02, increases in value change were reported for Vegetables (0.48%), Sea Fish (0.42%), Turmeric powder (0.09%), Chicken (0.08%), Eggs (0.07%), Dhal Mysoor (0.06%), Limes (0.06%), Canned Fish (0.06%), Sugar (0.04%), Buns (0.03%), Coconut Oil (0.02%), Papaw (0.02%), Cowpea (0.01%), Biscuits (0.01%), Cake (0.01%), Beef (0.01%) and Potatoes (0.01%).

While decreases in value change were reported for Coconut (0.40%), Dried Fish (0.05%), Big Onion (0.04%), Garlic (0.04%), Chili Powder (0.04%), Pepper (0.02%), Banana (0.03%), Mangoes (0.01%), Red Onion (0.01%), Curry Powder (0.01%), Goraka (0.01%), Gram (0.01%) and Tamarind (0.01%).

#### 2.1.3 Contribution of Non Food items: 0.02%

Among Non-Food groups, increases in value change were reported for the groups of ‘Restaurant and Hotels’ (0.03%), ‘Clothing and Footwear’ (0.02%), ‘Health’ (0.02%) and ‘Transport’ (0.02%).

While decreases in value change were reported in the groups of ‘Furnishing Household Equipment and routine Household Maintenance’ (0.03%), ‘Recreation and Culture’ (0.03%), ‘Miscellaneous Goods and Services’ (0.01%) and ‘Alcoholic Beverage Tobacco and Narcotic’ (0.01%) and all other groups remained unchanged during the period.

**Table 2: Contribution to the change in CCPI from May 2020 to June 2020(Base 2013=100)**

Sub Group/Commodity		Value Change			
		Rs.Cts.	% change		
			Increase	Decrease	Net effect
<b>Food</b>		<b>641.60</b>	<b>1.45</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.79</b>
1	Rice	-2.61		0.00	
	<i>Rice - (Kekulu white)</i>	-10.62		0.01	
	<i>Rice - (Kekulu - red)</i>	-19.69		0.02	
	<i>Rice - (Samba)</i>	14.62	0.02		
	<i>Rice - (Nadu-White)</i>	8.88	0.01		
	<i>Rice - (Nadu-Red)</i>	4.21	0.01		
2	Gram	-6.08		0.01	
3	Cowpea	7.21	0.01		
4	Biscuits	4.62	0.01		
5	Buns	26.25	0.03		
6	Cake	8.57	0.01		
7	Chicken	68.57	0.08		
8	Beef	10.69	0.01		
9	Sea Fish	338.24	0.42		
10	Dried Fish	-38.00		0.05	
11	Canned fish	50.19	0.06		
12	Eggs	56.76	0.07		
13	Coconut	-323.97		0.40	
14	Coconut oil	14.09	0.02		
15	Fresh Fruits	-12.32		0.02	
	<i>Banana</i>	-26.13		0.03	
	<i>Papaw</i>	17.82	0.02		
	<i>Mangoes</i>	-9.60		0.01	
16	Vegetables	389.08	0.48		
17	Potatoes	5.55	0.01		
18	Dhal - Mysoor	48.10	0.06		
19	Red onions	-8.87		0.01	
20	Big onions	-34.29		0.04	
21	Garlic	-30.16		0.04	
22	Sugar	36.06	0.04		
23	Chili powder	-35.68		0.04	
24	Pepper	-20.23		0.02	
25	Curry powder	-6.79		0.01	
26	Turmeric powder	69.46	0.09		
27	Limes	45.88	0.06		
28	Goraka	-8.40		0.01	
29	Tamarind	-8.70		0.01	
30	Others	-1.62		0.00	
<b>Non Food</b>		<b>19.72</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.02</b>
31	Alcoholic beverages Tobacco and Narcotic	-9.77		0.01	
	<i>Beetle leaves</i>	-9.74		0.01	
32	Clothing and Foot Wear	19.49	0.02		
33	Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-22.67		0.03	
34	Health	19.51	0.02		
	<i>Purchase of medical/ pharmacy products</i>	8.10	0.01		
	<i>Consultation fees to specialists</i>	16.61	0.02		
	<i>Payments to private hospitals/ nursing homes</i>	-5.20		0.01	
35	Transport	14.48	0.02		
	<i>Three Wheeler Price</i>	12.50	0.02		
	<i>Petrol and other fuel</i>	-6.53		0.01	
36	Recreation and Culture	-21.93		0.03	
	<i>News papers</i>	-21.93		0.03	
37	Restaurant and Hotels	24.94	0.03		
38	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	-4.34		0.01	
	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<b>All Items</b>	<b>661.32</b>	<b>1.55</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.82</b>

\*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 03: Movements of the CCPI (Base: 2013=100)**

Year	Month	All Item				Food				Non Food			
		Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Inflation %		Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Inflation %		Index Number	% Change Month on Month	Inflation %	
				Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.			Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.			Y on Y	12 Month Moving Avg.
2019	June	130.2	0.9	3.8	4.2	134.5	2.6	-1.0	0.3	128.6	0.3	6.0	5.9
	July	130.0	-0.2	3.3	4.0	133.5	-0.7	-2.6	-0.3	128.6	0.0	5.9	5.9
	August	130.1	0.1	3.4	3.8	132.1	-1.0	-2.8	-1.2	129.3	0.5	6.2	6.0
	September	131.1	0.8	5.0	3.9	135.3	2.4	3.0	-1.1	129.4	0.1	5.7	6.0
	October	131.3	0.2	5.4	4.0	137.4	1.6	6.8	-0.4	128.9	-0.4	4.8	6.0
	November	131.7	0.3	4.4	4.1	138.7	0.9	4.6	0.1	128.9	0.0	4.2	5.9
	December	132.4	0.5	4.8	4.3	142.0	2.4	6.3	0.8	128.7	-0.2	4.3	5.8
2020	January	134.6	1.7	5.7	4.5	146.5	3.2	12.4	2.0	129.9	0.9	2.9	5.5
	February	134.6	0.0	6.2	4.6	146.2	-0.2	14.7	3.3	130.1	0.2	2.8	5.2
	March	133.4	-0.9	5.4	4.7	141.6	-3.1	12.8	4.4	130.2	0.1	2.5	4.9
	April	133.6	0.1	5.2	4.8	142.2	0.4	13.2	5.5	130.2	0.0	2.1	4.5
	May	134.2	0.4	4.0	4.7	144.1	1.3	9.9	6.3	130.3	0.1	1.6	4.1
	June	135.3	0.8	3.9	4.7	147.9	2.6	10.0	7.2	130.4	0.1	1.4	3.7

#### 3.1 Year on Year (Year on Year) Inflation

The Y-On-Y inflation as measured by CCPI is 3.9% in June 2020 and inflation calculated for May 2020 was 4.0% (Table 3). Year on Year inflation of Food Group has increased from 9.9% in May 2020 to 10.0% in June 2020 while that of Non-food Group has decreased from 1.6% in May 2020 to 1.4% in June 2020.

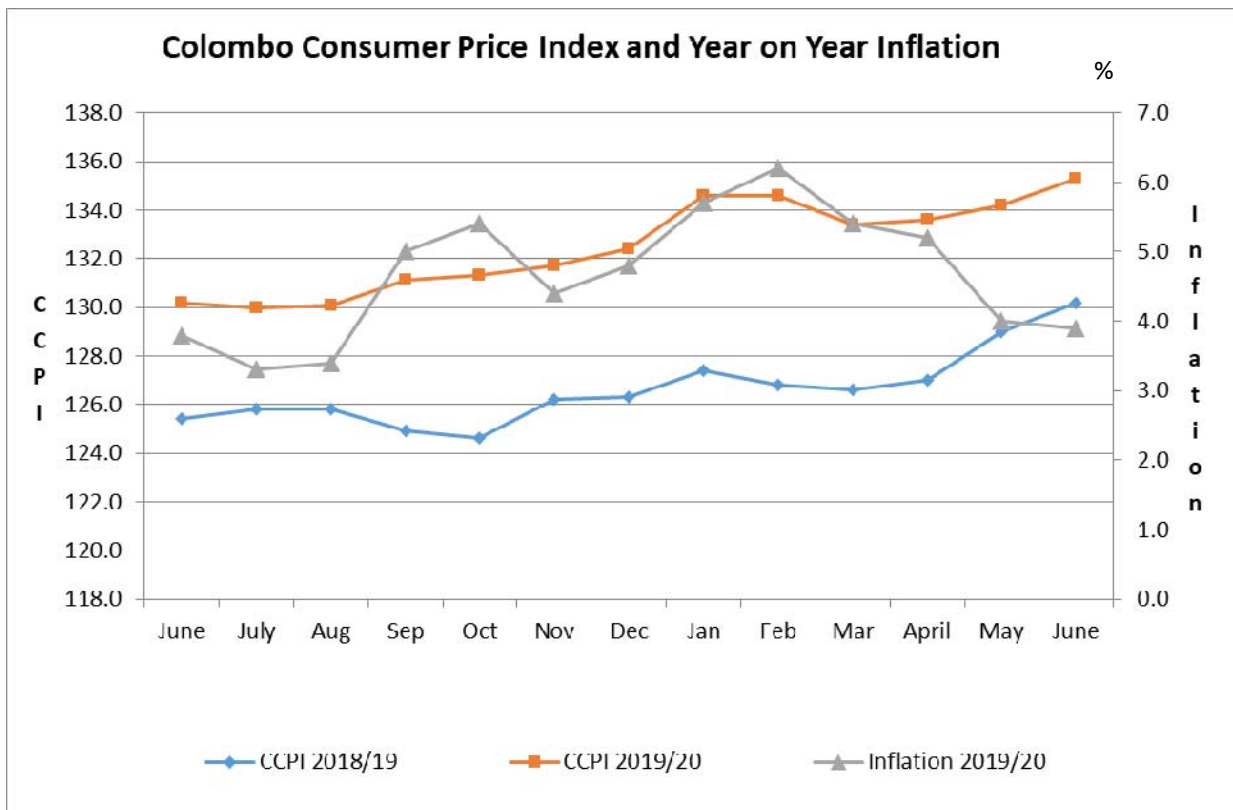
### 3.2 Contribution to Y on Y inflation:

For the month of June 2020, on year-to-year basis, contribution to inflation by food commodities was 2.91%.

The contribution of Non Food items was 0.99%. This was mainly due to increases in value change in groups of 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (0.54%), 'Education' (0.36%), 'Transport' (0.26%), 'Clothing and Footwear' (0.13%), 'Restaurants & Hotels' (0.08%), 'Miscellaneous Goods and Services' (0.05%) and decrease in value change was reported for the groups of 'Communication' (0.32%), 'Health' (0.06%), 'Furnishing Household Equipment and routine Household Maintenance' (0.04%) and 'Recreation and Culture' (0.01%). An insignificant value change was reported for the group of 'Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco and Narcotics'.

### 3.3 Moving Average Inflation

The moving average inflation rate for the month of June 2020 was remained unchanged as 4.7% when compared to corresponding rate for the month of May 2020.



**Table 4 : Monthly average open market retail prices of selected items of Colombo Consumer Price Index June 2019, May & June 2020**

Item	Unit	Retail Prices (Rs. Cts)			Retail Price Changes (%)	
		2019 June	2020 May	2020 June	June 19/ June 20	May 20 / June 20
1. Rice– Kekulu – Red	Kg	79.13	101.26	98.26	24.19	-2.96
2. Rice– Kekulu – White	Kg	85.93	100.61	98.33	14.43	-2.27
3. Rice –Nadu - White	Kg	90.95	99.41	101.68	11.80	2.29
4. Rice –Nadu - Red	Kg	90.42	100.69	105.09	16.22	4.37
5. Rice– Samba	Kg	101.76	101.79	102.98	1.19	1.17
6. Cowpea	Kg	288.32	286.95	359.53	24.70	25.29
7.Green Grams	Kg	278.25	296.40	313.03	12.50	5.61
8. Coconut	Each	50.25	77.85	65.29	29.92	-16.14
9. Coconut Oil	750ml	258.21	373.76	384.83	49.04	2.96
10.Chicken	Kg	507.98	481.86	513.78	1.14	6.62
11. Eggs	Each	16.45	13.78	18.17	10.49	31.90
12. Red Onion	Kg	206.37	380.64	365.87	77.29	-3.88
13. Big Onion	Kg	107.51	104.67	91.62	-14.77	-12.47
14. Potatoes	Kg	162.50	176.26	178.54	9.87	1.29
15. Garlic	Kg	335.94	523.51	394.61	17.46	-24.62
16. Dried Chilies	Kg	337.73	599.03	573.21	69.72	-4.31
17. Green Chilies	Kg	458.92	313.12	327.95	-28.54	4.74
18. Sugar	Kg	106.03	126.14	135.71	27.99	7.59
19. Pepper	Kg	1498.58	1551.99	1413.06	-5.71	-8.95
<b>Vegetables-</b>						
20. Ash Plantain	Kg	149.44	112.49	135.79	-9.13	20.71
21. Carrot	Kg	232.34	206.33	202.20	-12.97	-2.00
22. Snake Gourd	Kg	196.39	132.19	196.92	0.27	48.97
23. Tomatoes	Kg	150.42	108.02	179.70	19.46	66.36
24. Capsicum	Kg	302.70	184.50	236.61	-21.83	28.24
25. Beetroot	Kg	194.58	113.04	152.70	-21.52	35.09
26. Beans	Kg	318.08	184.71	259.49	-18.42	40.48
<b>Fruits</b>						
27. Banana	Kg	133.07	149.94	148.53	11.62	-0.94
28. Papaw	Kg	133.41	124.46	132.88	-0.40	6.76
29. Mangoes	Each	74.25	77.07	57.99	-21.90	-24.76
<b>Fresh Fish –</b>						
30. Seer	Kg	1798.68	1785.19	1872.09	4.08	4.87
31.Talapath	Kg	1190.60	1149.37	1300.74	9.25	13.17
32.Paraw	Kg	1131.81	1209.55	1235.43	9.16	2.14
<b>Dried Fish -</b>						
33.Katta	Kg	1465.16	1575.63	1538.65	5.02	-2.35
34. Sprats	Kg	762.75	800.79	760.64	-0.28	-5.01
<b>Fuel -</b>						
35. Kerosene Oil	Lt	70.00	70.00	70.00	0.00	0.00
36 .Petrol (CPC & IOC)	Lt	139.82	137.45	137.00	-2.02	-0.32
37. Diesel (CPC & IOC)	Lt	104.00	104.00	104.00	0.00	0.00
38. Gas- Avg.	12.5kg	1733.00	1493.00	1493.00	-13.85	0.00
	Litro	1733.00	1493.00	1493.00	0.81	104.13
	Laughs	1733.00	1493.00	1493.00	0.27	48.97

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