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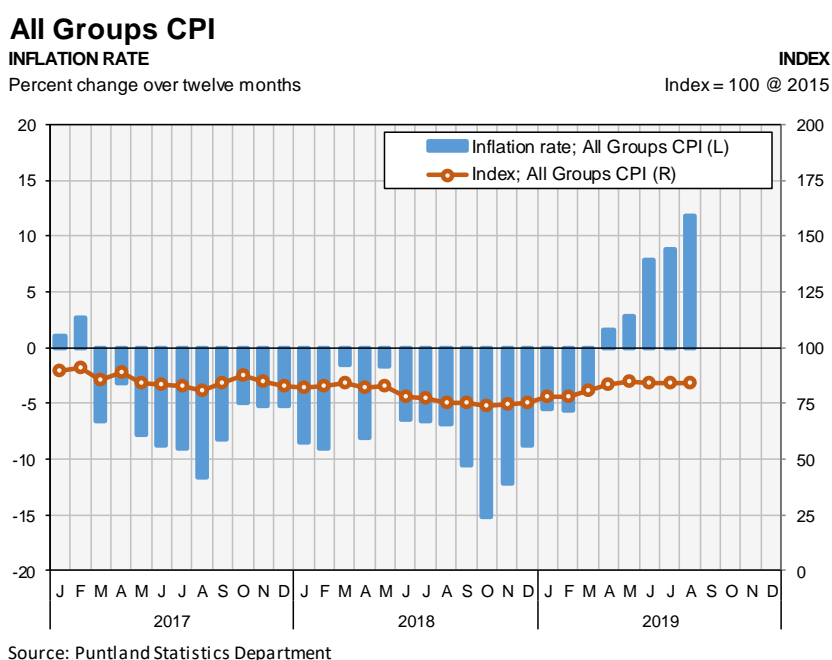
Consumer Price Index: All Groups CPI, August 2019.

The All Groups CPI increased from 84.2 to 84.3 in the month of August 2019. The monthly change of August was an increase of 0.1 percent compared to a decrease of -0.1 percent in the previous month of July 2019.

The most significant monthly price increases were Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics (+6.7%), Housing, Water, Electricity & Gas (+4.8%), Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+3.7%), Education (+2.9%), Clothing and Footwear (+2.0%) and Transportation (+2.0%).

These positive movements were fully offset by price decreases in Restaurants & Hotels (-3.3%), Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (-3.1%), Communication (-2.5%), Furnishings, Household Equipment & Maintenance (-2.5%), Health (-2.4%), and Recreation and Culture (-1.2%) leading to a relatively flat result at the All Groups CPI level.

Figure 1: All Groups CPI - Combination inflation rate and index graph.



The annual change (or inflation rate), over the twelve months to the month of August 2019, was an increase of 11.9 percent. This change is compared to an increase of 8.8 percent over the twelve months to the month of July 2019.

The most significant price increases were Housing, Water, Electricity & Gas (+19.8%), Clothing and Footwear (+19.2%), Transportation (+18.3%), Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics (+16.7%), Recreation and Culture (+13.2%) and Health (+11.8%). In general, over the twelve months to the month of August 2019, there was a groundswell of positive price development except in Communication which had a decrease of -0.2 percent.

Table 1: Inflation rate according to CPI - August 2019 (2015 = 100)

Consumer Price Index, July 2019	
Index (current month) = August 2019	84.3
Index (previous month) = July 2019	84.2
Index (previous year, same month) = August 2018	75.3
Monthly % change = August 2019 / July 2019	0.1
Annual % change (inflation rate) = August 2019 / August 2018	11.9

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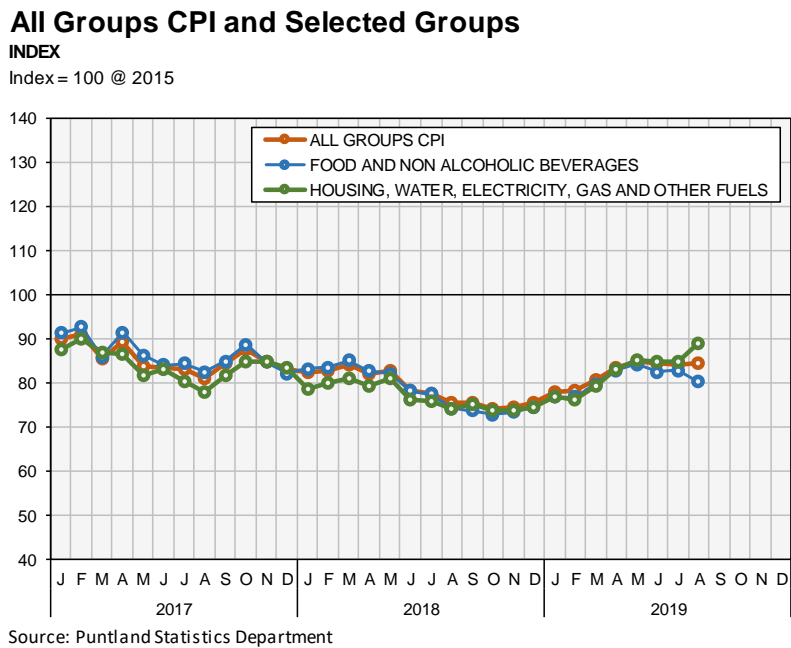
Consumer Price Index: Selected Groups, August 2019.

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages and **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels** are currently the most significant items in the consumer basket in terms of household expenditure and therefore have the largest weighted influence on the **All Groups CPI**.

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages experienced a monthly decrease of -3.1 percent. Year on year inflation increased to 8.1 percent in August 2019. This change is compared to a year on year inflation of 6.9 percent experienced in July 2019.

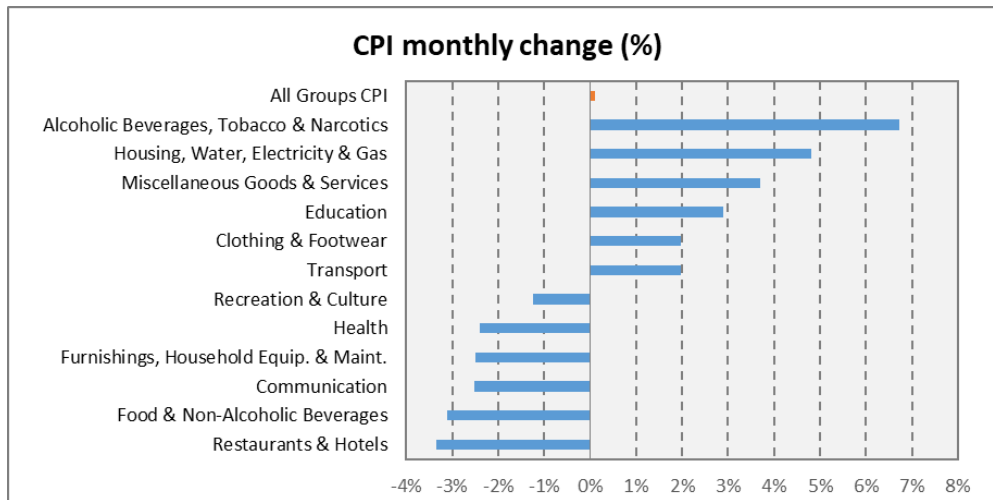
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels experienced a monthly increase of 4.8 percent. Year on year inflation increased to 19.8 percent in August 2019. This change is compared to a year on year inflation of 11.8 percent experienced in July 2019.

Figure 2: All Groups CPI comparison with selected groups.



Consumer Price Index: Major Movements by COICOP Group – Monthly Change.

Figure 3: CPI indices, monthly inflation rate by COICOP groups; August 2019.



Major contributors (positive).

- **Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics** increased by 6.7 percent in August 2019 compared to -4.7 percent recorded in July 2019. This was mainly due to an increase of Tobacco (+8.8%) and Narcotics (+3.2%).
- **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels** increased by 4.8 percent in August 2019 compared to -0.1 percent recorded for July 2019. The increase was mainly attributed to Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling (+4.6%) and Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels (+7.5%).
- **Miscellaneous Goods and Services** increased by 3.7 percent in August 2019 compared to -1.6 percent recorded for July 2019. The increase was mainly the result of higher prices of Personal Care (+4.8%), with a slight offset coming from a decrease in Personal Effects (-0.9%).
- **Education** increased by 2.9 percent in August 2019 compared to 2.2 percent recorded for July 2019. The increase was mainly attributed to Secondary Education (+6.3%) and Post-secondary non-tertiary education (+7.7%).

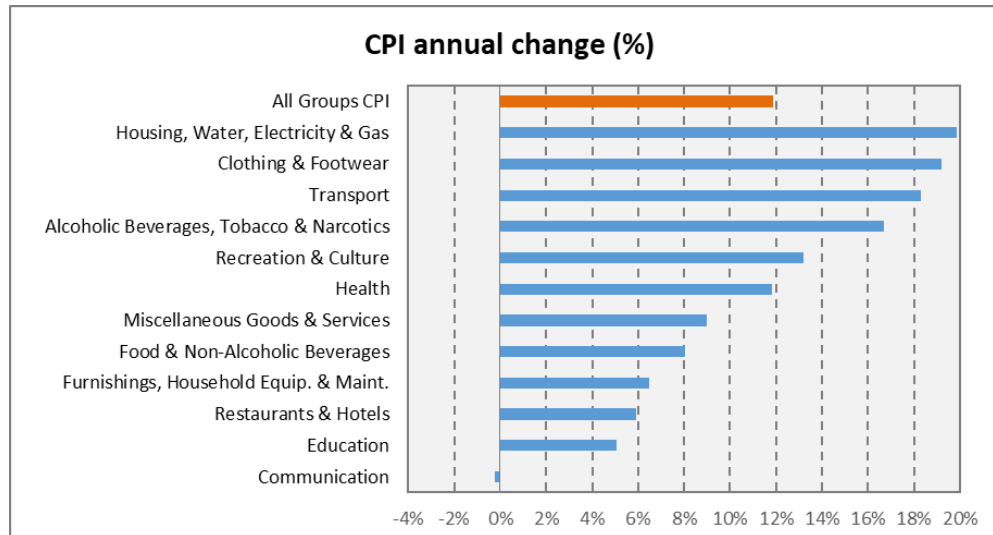
Major contributors (negative).

- **Restaurants & Hotels** showed a monthly decrease of -3.3 percent in August 2019 compared to -3.0 percent recorded in July 2019. This was mainly due to a decrease in Catering Services (-4.0%).
- **Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages** showed a decrease of -3.1 percent in August 2019 compared to 0.3 percent recorded in July 2019. This was mainly due to a decrease in items relating to Food (-3.3%) more particularly Milk, Cheese and Eggs (-5.8%) and Fish (-7.2%) and Vegetables (-7.7%)
- **Communication** showed a decrease of -2.5 percent in August 2019 compared to 0.0 percent recorded in July 2019. The decrease was mainly attributed to Telephone and Telefax Equipment (-2.5%) and Telephone and Telefax Services (-2.5%).
- **Furnishings, Household Equipment & Maintenance** showed a decrease of -2.5 percent in August 2019 compared to 1.1 percent recorded in July 2019. The decrease was mainly due to Household Appliances (-5.6%) and Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils (-3.0%) and Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance (-3.5%).

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Consumer Price Index: Major Movements by COICOP Group – Annual Change.

Figure 4: CPI indices, annual inflation rate by COICOP groups; August 2019.



Major contributors (positive).

- **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels** increased to 19.8 percent for the year ending August 2019 compared to 11.8 percent recorded for the year ending July 2019. The increase was mainly the result of higher prices of Actual Rental for Housing (+13.0%) and Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling (+16.9%) and Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels (+24.5%).
- **Clothing & Footwear** increased to 19.2 percent for the year ending August 2019 compared to 15.5 percent recorded for the year ending July 2019. This was mainly due to increase of Clothing (+22.8%) and Footwear (6.5%).
- **Transport** increased to 18.3 percent for the year ending August 2019 compared to 16.9 percent recorded for the year ending July 2019. The largest drivers of this increase were Purchase of Vehicles (+10.1%) and Transport Services (+22.3%).
- **Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics** showed an annual price development of 16.7 percent for the year ending August 2019 compared to 7.3 percent recorded for the year ending July 2019. This was mainly due to increase of Tobacco (+22.5%) and Narcotics (+7.4%).
- **Recreation and Culture** increased to 13.2 percent for the year ending August 2019 compared to 12.8 percent recorded for the year ending July 2019. This was mainly due to the increase of Newspapers, Books and Stationary (+14.3%) and Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment (+12.3%) and Other Recreational items and Equipment's, Gardens and Pets (+33.9%).
- **All Groups CPI** mostly had a groundswell of positive price development in the year ending August, 2019. Except in **Communication** which had a decrease of -0.2 percent for the year ending August 2019 compared to 6.7 percent recorded for the year ending July 2019.

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Consumer Price Index: Summary Table and Inflation Contribution by COICOP Group

Summary Table. Key Figures.

Table 2: Key Figures, August 2019 by main COICOP groups (Index = 100 at 2015)

COICOP Classification Group	Aug-18 Index	Jul-19 Index	Aug-19 Index	Jul-19 to Aug-19 (monthly) % change	Aug-18 to Aug-19 (annual) % change
ALL GROUPS CPI	75.3	84.2	84.3	0.1	11.9
FOOD AND NON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	74.2	82.7	80.1	-3.1	8.1
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	76.6	83.7	89.4	6.7	16.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	71.2	83.2	84.8	2.0	19.2
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY AND GAS	74.1	84.7	88.8	4.8	19.8
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE	79.0	86.3	84.2	-2.5	6.5
HEALTH	71.0	81.3	79.4	-2.4	11.8
TRANSPORT	76.2	88.4	90.2	2.0	18.3
COMMUNICATION	83.9	85.9	83.7	-2.5	-0.2
RECREATION AND CULTURE	85.0	97.4	96.2	-1.2	13.2
EDUCATION	82.3	84.0	86.5	2.9	5.1
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	70.3	77.0	74.4	-3.3	5.9
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	105.1	110.5	114.6	3.7	9.0

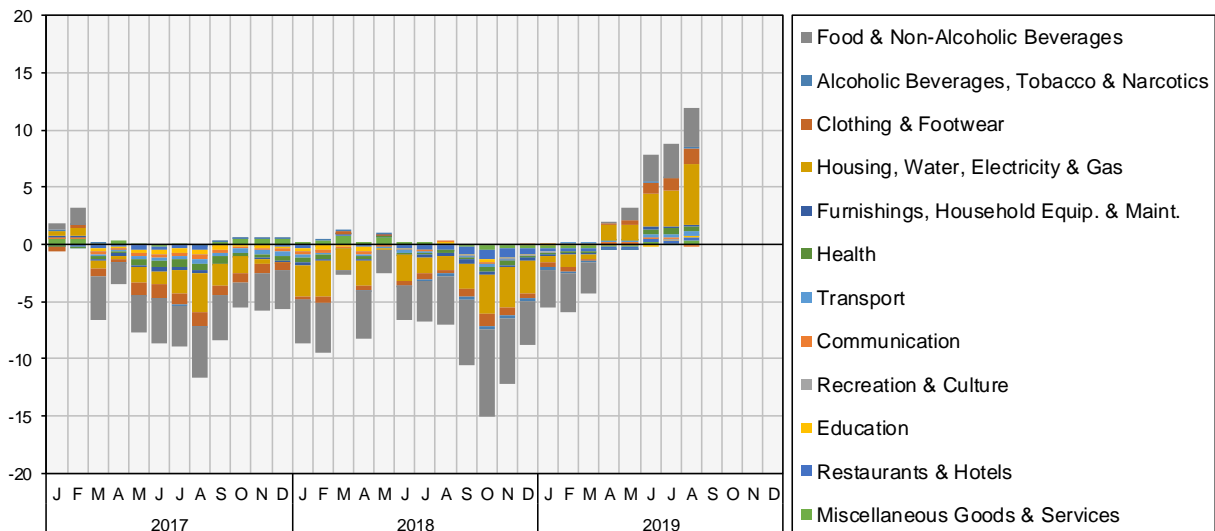
Annual Inflation. Contribution by COICOP Group.

Figure 5: Point contribution (weighted %) by COICOP Group to the All Groups CPI; August 2019.

All Groups CPI

POINTS CONTRIBUTION (%)

Points contribution to inflation rate (contribution by COICOP)



Source: Puntland Statistics Department

Figure 5 provides an additional analysis of the All Groups CPI inflation result. The All Groups movement is broken up into a cross section of COICOP Groups displaying their respective impact (contribution) to the All Groups CPI.

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