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**Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report**  
**Week ending on (03-09-20)**

Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) is computed on weekly basis to assess the price movements of essential items at shorter interval of time so as to review the current price situation in the country. SPI comprises of 51 necessary commodities which are being collected from 50 markets in 17 cities of the country.

**SPI by Expenditure Groups/Quintiles:**

SPI for the week ended on 03<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020 recorded an increase of **0.80** over last week for combined group. The increase of 1% or more is mainly attributed to a rise in prices of essential **food items** i.e. Tomatoes (26.57%), Onions (11.66%), Eggs (7.40%), Chicken (4.14%), Potatoes (3.02%) Garlic (2.12%) and Pulse Gram (1.90%) and among **non-food item** i.e. Match Box (2.51%) and LPG (1.59%) with joint impact of **0.81%** for 51 items into the overall SPI and for combined group of (0.80%).

On the other hand, a **decrease** was witnessed in the prices of food items i.e. Bananas (3.66%), Sugar (0.91%), Pulse Mash (0.52%), Rice Broken (0.21%), Pulse Masoor (0.14%), and Wheat Flour Bag (0.70%). Moreover, during the week, out of 51 items, prices of 20 items increased, 06 items decreased and 25 items remained constant.

The table given below shows that lowest income group Q1 shows increase of 1.06% in SPI for 27 kitchen items whereas for Q2 it was 1.01%, Q3 0.90%, Q4 0.86% & Q5 0.69% as compared to last week. SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed an

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The SPI for the week ended on 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 recorded **an increase of 0.80 over last week**. This decrease in SPI resulted due to a rise in prices of essential **food items** i.e. Tomatoes (26.57%), Onions (11.66%), Eggs (7.40%), Chicken (4.14%), Potatoes (3.02%) Garlic (2.12%) and Pulse Gram (1.90%) and among **non-food item** i.e. Match Box (2.51%) and LPG (1.59%).
- On the other hand, a **decrease** was witnessed in the prices of food items i.e. Bananas (3.66%), Sugar (0.91%), Pulse Mash (0.52%), Rice Broken (0.21%), Pulse Masoor (0.14%), and Wheat Flour Bag (0.70%).
- The year on year trend depicts an increase of 9.47% with most of the items increased mainly, Chilies Powder (86.31%), Potatoes (74.69%), Tomatoes (62.91%), Eggs (33.97%), Pulse Moong (33.70%), Sugar (24.56%), Pulse Masoor (23.60%), Wheat Flour Bag (16.15%),
- While a major decrease was observed in the price of Chicken (30.04%), Onions (22.55%), Diesel (16.10%), Garlic (8.70%), Petrol (8.11%) and LPG

increase of 0.80% compared to corresponding last week. Moreover, on YOY basis it witnessed an increase of 9.47% over corresponding week of last year. This analysis shows that most affected group for

price increase was Q1.

Expenditure groups	SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
	3-9-2020	27-8-2020	5-9-2019	27-08-20	5-9-2019
Q1 (UptoRs. 17,732)	143.00	141.50	127.08	1.06	12.53
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	137.68	136.3	122.67	1.01	12.24
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	138.97	137.73	125.27	0.9	10.94
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	135.38	134.22	122.95	0.86	10.11
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	136.51	135.57	126.45	0.69	7.96
- Combined	<u>136.11</u>	135.03	<u>124.34</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>9.47</u>

## Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

For the week ended on 03<sup>rd</sup>, September, an increasing impact of 1.37% was witnessed in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items due to increasing price impact of Milk Fresh (0.08%), Eggs Hen (0.17%), Cooking Oil 5liter tin (0.02%), Potatoes (0.12%), Onions (0.43%), Tomatoes(0.55%) and Garlic (0.04%). Whereas, declining price impact on WoW basis in Combined group was witnessed in Wheat Flour Bag(0.02%), Rice Basmati Broken (0.01%),bananas (0.02%), and Sugar Refined (0.04%). Similarly, lowest income group recoded an increase of 1.66% in price impact over last week as increasing price impact was observed in Chicken (0.05%), eggs (0.12%), Cooking Oil 5liter tin (0.01%),Potatoes (0.19%),Onions (0.60%),Tomatoes (0.71%) and Garlic (0.04%).

On year on year basis, combined group witnessed a rising impact of 13.45% which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (1.02%)

Rice Basmati Broken (0.15%), Milk Fresh (4.45%), Eggs Hen Farm (0.80%), Potatoes (1.89%), Sugar Refined (1.31%), Chillies Powder (1.49%), Potatoes (1.97%), Beef(0.91%), Mutton (0.53%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5litre tin (0.56%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg Pouch(0.42%), Tomatoes (1.03%), however, a declining price impact was shown in ChickenFarm(2.16%),Onions(0.70%),and Garlic (0.07%). For the Q1 price impact on YOY basis was 16.29 % which is more than the combined group.

### **Price Comparison of Major Kitchen Items (Combined Group)**

Sr. No	Items	Prices		
		03-09-2020	27-08-2020	05-09-19
1	Wheat Flour	1025.25	1028.2	886.32
2	Rice Basmati	88.29	88.52	83.05
3	Mutton	1019.04	1019.04	919.24
4	Chicken Farm	126.82	124.53	181.70
5	Milk Fresh	104.85	104.82	91.50
6	Eggs Hen	127.54	119.36	93.77
7	Cooking Oil	1251.83	1246.82	1141.32
8	Pulse Gram	138.94	138.19	131.04
9	Pulse Moong	228.72	229.58	170.35
10	Potatoes	68.78	66.91	40.85
11	Sugar Refined	94.92	95.57	76.68
12	Tomatoes	83.57	63.33	49.95
13	Onions	53.31	44.64	65.75

## Consumer Prices Of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	867.42	862.64	860.00	1338.93	1189.97	1093.60
2	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	101.52	96.12	76.87	95.74	114.93	90.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1145.03	1143.31	1051.19	1030.39	1096.96	925.95
4	Milk fresh 1liter	118.68	117.93	90.00	119.68	115.00	119.70
5	Potatoes 1kg	84.02	78.24	72.26	57.41	59.86	80.00
6	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	144.25	138.71	114.00	134.48	154.95	136.00
7	Eggs Hen 1dozen	129.50	125.66	127.00	128.59	134.94	126.58
7	Tomato 1kg	88.75	83.13	79.82	99.02	54.85	65.16
8	Chilies Powder 200gm	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00
9	Onions 1kg	65.65	64.39	59.32	50.80	34.76	56.46
10	Cooking Oil	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1300.00
11	Pulse Moong 1kg	242.32	231.17	237.40	231.84	254.97	222.04
12	Pulse Mash 1g	250.65	242.18	243.29	227.35	269.88	240.91
13	Pulse Gram 1kg	159.73	145.73	124.66	151.67	164.95	149.85
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	98.30	96.90	94.66	95.56	95.00	98.65

The Price difference of items in different cities as shown in the table above can be related to transportation costs. This applies to those commodities that are physically transported from one city to another as they are not grown/produced in that particular area.

## **CONCLUSION**

Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 03<sup>rd</sup> September, for the 27 essential kitchen items in combined consumption group, recorded increasing impact of 1.37 % over corresponding last week. The increase is caused by rise in price impact of essential kitchen items. SPI for 27 essential kitchen items in combined consumption group registered an increase impact of 13.54 % over corresponding week of last year mainly due to rise in prices of essential food items. In lowest income group for 27 essential kitchen items, SPI witnessed an increasing impact of 1.66% over last week and 16.29 % on YOY basis. The overall SPI for 51 essential items registered an increase of 0.81% over last week due to rise in prices of food items and non-food items. On year on year basis; it depicts a rise of 9.47% because of rise in prices of essential food items.