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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report
Week ending on (03-12-20)

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 Review by Expenditure Groups/Quintiles:

The SPI for the week ended on 03rd December, 2020 recorded a decrease of **0.23%** over last week. This decrease is mainly due to fall in prices of food items i.e. Tomatoes (10.78%), Onions (8.15%), Potatoes (7.81%), Sugar (7.56%), Gur (1.39%), Garlic (1.22%), Wheat Flour Bag (0.38%), Pulse Gram (0.21%), Rice Basmati Broken (0.19%), Pulse Masoor (0.09%), Beef (0.08%), Rice IRRI-6/9 (0.03%) and Mutton (0.03%) with joint impact of (-0.85) into the overall SPI for combined group of (-0.23%).

On the other hand, an increase was observed in the prices of food items i.e. Chicken (10.57%), Eggs (3.23%), Bananas (2.40%) & Vegetable Ghee 1kg (1.07%) and among non-food items, Diesel (3.92%) and Firewood (1.08%). During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 17 (33.33%) items increased, 13 (25.49%) items decreased and

Table given below shows that during the week under review, expenditures groups Q1(-0.76%) and Q2(-0.59%) were more beneficiaries by decrease in prices as compared to other expenditures groups, however, on YOY basis combined expenditures group witnessed price increase of **8.14%** over corresponding week of last year.

Expenditure Groups		SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
		03/12/20	26/11/2020	05/12/2019	26/11/2020	05/12/2019
Q1	(UptoRs. 17,732)	148.29	149.42	135.18	-0.76	9.70
Q2	(Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	142.82	143.67	130.81	-0.59	9.18
Q3	(Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	144.38	144.99	132.12	-0.42	9.28
Q4	(Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	141.02	141.43	128.91	-0.29	9.39
Q5	(Above Rs. 44,175)	141.87	141.96	132.20	-0.06	7.31
-	<u>Combined</u>	141.41	141.74	130.77	-0.23	8.14

Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

For the week ended on 03 December, 2020, price impact witnessed a decrease of **0.43%** in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of decreasing price impact of Potatoes (0.24%), Onions (0.28%), Tomatoes (0.54%), and Sugar Refined (0.39), however, an increase in price impact was witnessed in Wheat Flour Bag 20kg (0.03%), Chicken (0.66%), Milk

HIGHLIGHTS

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The year on year trend depicts an increase of 8.14% with most of the items increased mainly Chilies Powder (86.31%), Chicken (67.18%), Eggs (61.59%), Potatoes (61.47%), Match Box (24.40%), Sugar (22.12%), Sufi washing Soap (21.26%), Pulse Mash (18.97%), Pulse Moong (17.83%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg (17.53%), Long Cloth (16.57%), Pulse Masoor (16.12%), Bread (15.95%), Mustard Oil (15.74%), Shirting (15.72%) and Gur (15.68%). While a major decrease was observed in the price of Tomatoes (27.65%), Onions (18.50%), Garlic (18.20%), Diesel (15.56%), Petrol (11.58%), Electricity for Q1 (9.84%) and LPG (2.36%).

fresh (0.07%), Eggs hen (0.11%). In lowest income group **Q1**, a decreasing price impact of **1.21%** was recorded in price impact of 27 kitchen items over last week.

On year on year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **15.39%** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (0.54%) Rice Basmati Broken (0.13%), Milk Fresh (3.65%), Eggs Hen Farm (1.56%), Chicken (3.47%)Beef (0.68%), Mutton (0.48%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.56%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.40%), Potatoes (1.67%) and Sugar (1.06%) however, a declining price impact was shown in Tomatoes (1.24%), Onions (0.82%). Price impact on YOY basis for lowest income group Q1 was **14.74%** which is lower than combined group on YOY basis.

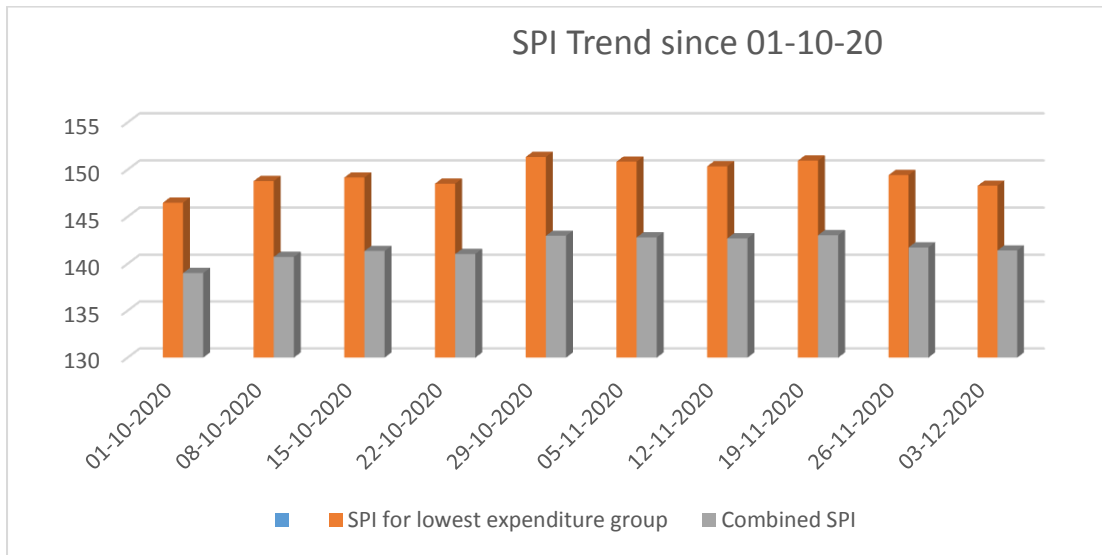
Consumer Prices Of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities For Week Ended On 03-12-20

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	864.15	860.00	860.00	1207.26	1249.98	1068.81
2	Rice Basmati Broken	106.56	98.54	90.00	99.43	104.92	80.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality) 1kg	1145.03	1161.68	1051.19	1078.39	1096.96	868.94
4	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	233.14	230.07	221.00	248.39	264.97	231.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	120.41	119.83	90.00	120.00	120.00	122.94
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	185.64	181.88	181.00	184.89	189.98	181.08
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1265.00	1265.00	1265.00	1265.00	1265.00	1265.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	242.36	234.47	230.11	248.83	259.97	200.00
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	267.34	253.16	246.56	244.98	274.97	230.00
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	164.62	153.60	121.30	157.75	174.95	148.99
11	Potatoes	88.84	85.31	78.76	64.54	69.88	78.55
12	Onions 1kg	83.12	70.59	63.63	58.07	74.89	72.11
13	Tomatoes 1kg	127.96	126.59	116.00	113.31	89.63	94.05
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	91.64	85.71	86.04	89.63	90.00	89.94
15	Petrol Super Per Liter	101.19	101.20	101.19	101.20	101.16	101.19

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.

Price Comparison of Major Kitchen Items (Combined Group)

Sr. No	Items	Prices			impact Current/prev	
		03/12/2020	26/11/2020	05/12/19	Prev.	Corresp.
1	Wheat Flour	995.80	990.69	918.48	0.03	0.54
2	Rice Basmati	88.83	88.86	84.00	0.00	0.13
3	Mutton	1037.38	1037.38	1037.38	0.00	0.49
4	Chicken Farm	234.05	213.54	141.32	0.66	3.47
5	Milk Fresh	105.60	105.49	94.32	0.07	3.65
6	Eggs Hen	182.56	176.66	113.49	0.11	1.56
7	Onions	62.11	68.14	77.49	-0.28	-0.82
8	Pulse Moong	230.71	231.57	187.52	0.00	0.00
10	Potatoes	73.19	77.28	48.19	-0.24	1.67
11	Tomatoes	117.76	139.09	160.47	-0.54	-1.24
12	Sugar Refined	87.52	94.13	72.06	-0.39	1.06



CONCLUSION

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation for the week under review, for the combined consumption group, witnessed a decrease of **0.23%** compared to last week. The fall is caused by decrease in prices of 13 essential kitchen items, however, on YOY basis combined consumption group showed an increase of **8.14%** over corresponding week of last year. The decreasing price impact of **0.43%** was witnessed in combined consumption group for the week ended on 03-12-2020 for 27 kitchen items and on YoY basis it stood at **15.39%**. On the other hand, in lowest income group for 27 essential kitchen items, SPI also witnessed a decreasing impact of **1.21%** over last week and **14.74%** on YoY basis mainly due to rising prices of perishable food items compared to corresponding week of last year. The prices of wheat flour, sugar, onions, and tomatoes reported significant reduction for the week ended on 03-12-2020.