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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report
Week ending on (10-12-20)

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 10th December, 2020 recorded a decrease of **0.26%** over last week. This decrease is mainly due to fall in prices of food items i.e. Potatoes (7.31%), Sugar (6.97%), Onions (6.78%), Tomatoes (1.22%), Pulse Masoor (0.96%), Gur (0.79%), Wheat Flour Bag (0.72%), Pulse Mash (0.32%), Rice Basmati Broken (0.30%), Pulse Gram (0.26%) & Pulse Moong (0.22%) and non-food items i.e. LPG **0.22%** with joint impact of **-0.51** into the overall SPI for combined group of (-0.26%).

On the other hand, an increase was observed in the prices of food items i.e.

Eggs (6.96%) and Garlic (1.07%). During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 16 (31.37%) items increased, 13 (25.49%) items decreased and 22 (43.14%) items remained constant.

Table given below shows that during the week under review, expenditures groups Q1(-0.56%) and Q2(-0.48%) were more beneficiaries by decrease in prices as compared to other expenditures groups, however, on YOY basis combined expenditures group witnessed price increase of **8.44%** over corresponding week of last year. For corresponding week of last year, Expenditure Group Q1, Q4 and Q3 were more affected due to this price hike.

Expenditure Groups	SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
	10/12/20	03/12/2020	12/12/2019	03/12/2020	12/12/2019
Q1 (Up to Rs. 17,732)	147.46	148.29	133.99	-0.56	10.05
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	142.14	142.82	129.75	-0.48	9.55
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	143.83	144.38	131.21	-0.38	9.62
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	140.59	141.02	128.13	-0.30	9.72
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	141.65	141.87	131.65	-0.16	7.60

HIGHLIGHTS

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The year on year trend depicts an increase of 8.44% with most of the items increased i.e. Chilies Powder (86.31%), Chicken (68.29%), Eggs (63.66%), Potatoes (48.63%), Match Box (24.40%), Sufi ashing Soap (21.42%), Pulse Mash (18.72%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg (18.21%), Pulse Moong (16.90%), Long Cloth (16.57%), Mustard Oil (16.18%), Shirting (16.11%), Pulse Masoor (15.17%) and Rice IRR (15.14%). While a major decrease was observed in the price of Onions (21.97%), Garlic (17.00%), Diesel (15.56%), Petrol (11.58%), Electricity for Q1 (9.84%), Tomatoes (9.59%) and LPG (2.78%).

-	Combined	141.04	141.41	130.06	-0.26	8.44
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Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

For the week ended on 10 December, 2020, price impact witnessed a decline of **0.45%** in combined group over last week for 27 kitchen items because of decreasing price impact of Potatoes (0.34%), Onions (0.18%), Wheat Flour Bag 20kg (0.01%), Cooking Oil Dalda or Other Similar Brand 5 Liter Tin (0.01%) and Sugar Refined (0.32%), however, an increase in price impact was witnessed in, Chicken (0.08%), Eggs hen (0.17%). In lowest income group **Q1**, a decreasing price impact of **0.90%** was recorded in price impact of 27 kitchen items over last week.

On year on year basis, combined group recorded a rising impact of **16.02%** which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (0.53%) Rice Basmati Broken (0.13%), Milk Fresh (3.69%), Eggs Hen Farm (1.64%), Chicken (3.66%) Beef (0.70%), Mutton (0.49%), Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.52%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.50%), Potatoes (1.39%) and Sugar (0.80%) however, a declining price impact was shown in Tomatoes (0.36%), Onions (0.87%). Price impact on YOY basis for lowest income group Q1 was **15.37%** which is lower than combined group on YOY basis.

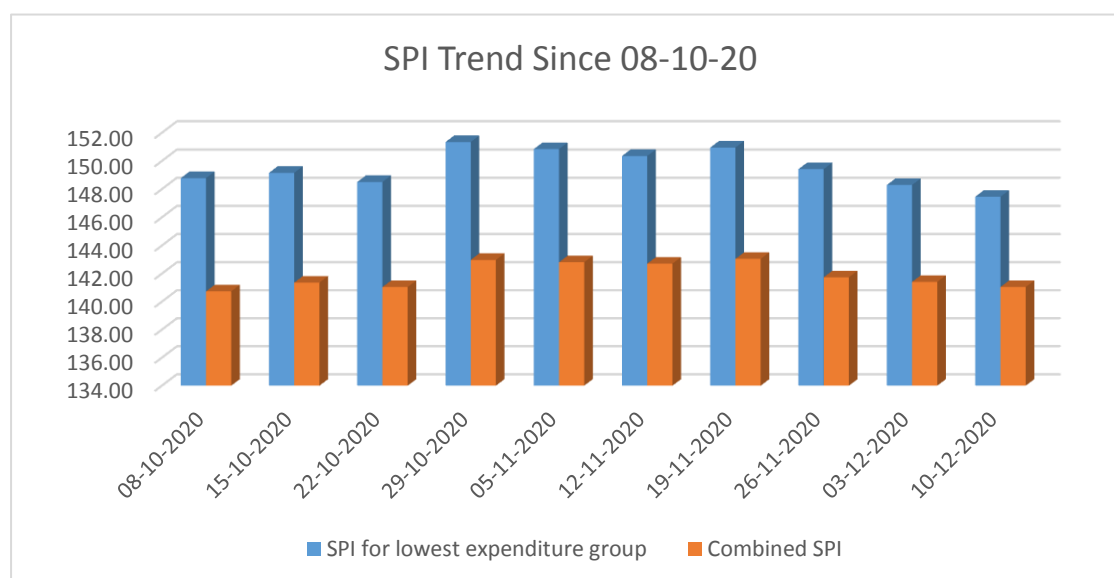
Consumer Prices of Essential Kitchen Items in Different Cities for Week Ended On 10-12-20

Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag 20kg	864.15	860.00	860.00	1214.58	1254.99	1010.67
2	Rice Basmati Broken	106.56	98.54	76.87	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)	235.29	231.61	216.00	262.09	254.97	226.00
5	Milk fresh (Un-boiled)	120.41	119.83	90.00	120.00	120.00	122.94
6	Eggs Hen 1dozen	192.39	190.87	188.00	190.42	217.47	196.26
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1295.00	1295.00	1265.00	1295.00	1295.00	1265.00
8	Pulse Moong 1kg	242.36	234.47	230.11	247.37	259.97	200.00
9	Pulse Mash 1kg	267.34	250.52	246.56	245.57	269.97	230.00
10	Pulse Gram 1kg	164.62	153.60	121.30	157.75	174.95	148.99
11	Potatoes	83.12	77.39	67.35	61.96	64.87	75.39
12	Onions 1kg	76.52	68.81	59.68	57.21	54.85	72.11
13	Tomatoes 1kg	137.99	117.03	111.66	120.46	89.63	108.64
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	86.64	83.48	84.52	81.96	80.00	82.68
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	
		10/12/2020	03/12/2020	12/12/19	Prev.	Corresp.
1	Wheat Flour	993.65	995.80	918.49	-0.01	0.53
2	Rice Basmati	88.82	88.83	84.00	0.00	0.13
3	Mutton	1037.92	1037.38	942.07	0.00	0.49
4	Chicken Farm	236.37	234.05	139.60	0.08	3.66
5	Milk Fresh	105.86	105.86	94.33	0.00	3.69
6	Eggs Hen	191.47	182.56	119.22	0.17	1.64
7	Onions	58.30	62.11	74.54	-0.18	-0.87
8	Pulse Moong	230.24	230.71	188.70	0.00	0.17
10	Potatoes	67.31	73.19	46.70	-0.34	1.39
11	Tomatoes	117.82	117.76	130.21	0.00	-0.36
12	Sugar Refined	82.17	87.52	70.65	-0.32	0.80



CONCLUSION

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) inflation for the week under review, for the combined consumption group, witnessed a decrease of **0.26%** 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 **16.02%** over corresponding week of last year. The decreasing price impact of **-0.45%** was witnessed in combined consumption group for the week ended on 10-12-2020 for 27 kitchen items and on YoY basis it stood at **16.02%**. On the other hand, in lowest income group for 27 essential kitchen items, SPI also witnessed a decreasing impact of **0.90%** over last week and **15.37%** 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 potatoes reported significant reduction for the week ended on 12-12-2020.