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**Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report**

**Week ending on (27-08-20)**

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 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 registered a **decline of 0.14%** over last week. This decrease is attributed to **decrease** in prices of **food items** i.e. Chicken (6.44%), Bananas (1.42%), Sugar (1.00%), Garlic (0.93%), Eggs (0.49%), Wheat Flour Bag (0.42%), Vegetable Ghee 2.5kg (0.28%), Curd (0.22%) and Milk (0.12%), and among **non-food item** i.e. LPG (1.80%) with joint declining impact of **0.22%** for 51 items into the overall SPI for combined group of (-014%).

On the other hand, more than 1% increase was observed in the prices of food items i.e. Tomatoes (4.93%), Onions (3.57%) and Pulse Masoor (1.50%).

The table given below reveals that minimum decrease was observed for lowest income group i.e. 0.08% over last week whereas for Q2 it was 0.12%, Q3 0.13%, Q4 & Q5 0.15% as compared to last week. SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed a decline of 0.14 compared to corresponding last week. However, on YOY basis it witnessed an increase of 8.39% over corresponding week of last year.

**Analysis of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items**

For the week ended on 27, August declining impact in SPI for combined group was

0.23 % over last week due to drop in price impact of Wheat Flour Bag (0.03%), Chicken farm (0.24%), Milk Fresh (0.01%), Eggs Hen(0.01%), Sugar Refined (0.04%), and Garlic (0.03%). Similarly, lowest income group witnessed a drop of 0.14% in price impact over last week in 27 essential kitchen items as declining price impact was recorded in Wheat Flour Bag

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The SPI for the week ended on 27 August, 2020 recorded a fall of 0.14% over last week. This decrease in SPI resulted due to **declining** prices of food items i.e. Chicken (6.44%), Bananas (1.42%), Wheat Flour bag (0.42%), Milk(0.12%) and Sugar (1.0%) and among **non-food item** i.e. **LPG** (1.80%)
- On the other hand, an **increase** was observed in the prices of **food items** Tomatoes (4.93%), Onions (3.57%) and Pulse Masoor (1.50%).
- The year on year trend depicts **an increase** of 8.39% with most of the items increased mainly due to Chilies Powder (86.67%), Potatoes (71.32%), Pulse Moong (33.45%), Pulse Mash (31.55%), Sugar (24.77%), Pulse Masoor (25.20%), Tomatoes (23.07%), Eggs (21.61%), Bread (20.82%), Wheat Flour (16.82%), Veg Ghee 1Kg (17.29%), Long Cloth Gul Ahmed (17.35%), Veg Ghee 2.5Kg (15.69%) and Gur (16.55%). While a major **decrease** was observed in the price of Onions (29.79%), Chicken (31.06%), Diesel (19.49%), Petrol (11.76%) and Garlic (8.94%) and LPG (1.60%)

Expenditure groups	SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
	27-8-2020	20-8-2020	29-8-2019	20-08-20	29-8-2019
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	141.5	141.62	126.84	-0.08	11.56
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	136.3	136.46	122.56	-0.12	11.21
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	137.73	137.91	125.25	-0.13	9.96
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	134.22	134.42	123.07	-0.15	9.06
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	135.57	135.78	126.88	-0.15	6.85
- Combined	135.03	135.22	124.58	-0.14	8.39

(0.04%), Chicken farm(0.16%), Vegetable Ghee 2.5kg tin(0.01%), Vegetable Ghee 1kg pouch(0.01%), Sugar Refined (0.06%) and Garlic (0.03%).

On year on year basis, combined group witnessed a rising impact of 12.15% which is attributed to increase in price impact of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (1.13%) Rice Basmati (0.16%), Milk Fresh (4.46%), Eggs Hen Farm (0.52%), Potatoes (1.89%), Sugar Refined (1.34%), Chillies Powder (1.51%), Potatoes (1.89%), Beef(0.92%), Mutton(0.53%) Cooking Oil Dalda 5 litre tin (0.54%), Vegetable Ghee1kg Pouch (0.42%), Tomatoes (0.34%), however, a declining price impact was shown in chicken Farm (2.32%), Onions (1.02%), and Garlic (0.03%). For the Q 1 price impact on YOY basis was 14.71 % which is more than the combined group.

Price Comparison of Major Kitchen Items (Combined Group)				
Sr. No	Items	Prices		
		27-8-2020	20-08-20	29-08-19
1	Wheat Flour	1028.20	1032.77	873.76
2	Rice Basmati	88.52	88.52	82.92
3	Mutton	1019.04	1019.04	918.71
4	Chicken Farm	124.53	131.28	181.07
5	Milk Fresh	104.82	104.84	91.45
6	Eggs Hen	119.36	119.62	97.37
7	Cooking Oil 5 liter	1246.82	1244.46	1141.22
8	Pulse Gram	138.19	138.21	130.12
9	Pulse Moong	229.58	229.10	170.52
10	Potatoes	66.91	66.55	40.13
11	Sugar Refined	95.57	96.19	77.04
12	Tomatoes	63.33	60.82	52.22
13	Onions	44.64	44.48	62.89

### 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	860.0	1352.63	1199.99	1085.72
2	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	101.52	96.12	76.87	96.74	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	90.0	119.68	115.00	119.70
5	Potatoes 1kg	80.79	75.84	71.28	55.18	59.86	75.39
6	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	126.53	119.89	109.0	142.83	144.94	121.00
7	Eggs Hen 1dozen	120.00	117.71	118.0	122.67	124.93	121.51
7	Tomato 1kg	63.16	56.83	62.99	72.23	49.32	54.22
8	Chilies Powder 200gm	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00
9	Onions 1kg	60.78	55.11	41.30	44.87	44.81	50.00
10	Cooking Oil	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1300.00
11	Pulse Moong 1kg	242.32	233.86	237.40	240.83	269.97	227.22
12	Pulse Mash 1g	250.65	244.31	243.29	229.37	279.97	243.20
13	Pulse Gram 1kg	159.73	145.73	124.66	151.39	169.95	149.85
14	Sugar Refined 1kg	98.30	96.90	95.09	96.70	100.00	97.00

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 27 August, for the 27 essential kitchen items in combined consumption group, recorded a declining impact of 0.23 % over

corresponding last week. The decrease is related to drop in price impact of essential kitchen items. SPI for 27 essential kitchen items in combined consumption group registered an increase of 12.15 % group 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 a decreasing impact of 0.14% and on YOY basis it recorded an increased impact of 14.71% . The overall SPI for 51 essential items registered a decline of 0.14% over last week due to decline in prices of food items and non-food items. On year on year basis, it depicts a rise of 8.39% because of rise in essential food items.

