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Sensitive Price Indicator Weekly Report

(Week ending on 06-082020)

Sensitive Price Index (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:

The SPI for the week ended on 06 August, 2020 recorded a **decrease of 0.06%** over last week. This decrease is mainly due to a fall in prices of tomatoes (33.09%), Chicken (9.67%), Bananas (5.23%), Pulse Moong (0.88%), Wheat Flour (0.76%), Pulse Masoor (0.64%), Vegetable Ghee 1Kg (0.57%), Cooking Oil 5Liter (0.28%), Vegetable Ghee 2.5Kg (0.27%), Firewood (0.24%), Pulse Mash (0.19%), Pulse Gram (0.13%), Eggs (0.11%), Gur (0.05%), Rice (0.04%) and Cigarette (0.02%). On the other hand, an increase was observed in the prices of **food items** i.e. Potatoes (3.49%), Onions (3.18%), Bread (2.77%), Chillies Powder (1.16%) and **non-food item** i.e. Diesel (5.01%), Petrol (3.93%) and Shirting (1.96%) with joint impact of **0.35** into the overall SPI for combined group of **(-0.06%)**

The table given below shows that SPI for lowest income group i.e. Q1 decreased by 0.33% over last week followed by Q2 0.32%, Q3 0.23%, Q4 0.14% and Q5 increased by 0.07% as compared to last week. SPI for the combined consumption group in the week under review witnessed a drop of 0.06 % compared to corresponding week of last year.

Expenditure groups	SPI for week ended on			Percent change over	
	6-8-20	29-07-20	8-8-19	29-07-20	8-8-19
Q1 (Upto Rs. 17,732)	140.4	140.87	126.18	-0.33	11.27
Q2 (Rs. 17,733 - 22,888)	134.89	135.32	121.82	-0.32	10.73
Q3 (Rs. 22,889 - 29,517)	136.92	137.23	124.41	-0.23	10.06
Q4 (Rs. 29,518 - 44,175)	133.81	134	122.18	-0.14	9.52
Q5 (Above Rs. 44,175)	135.09	134.99	126.06	0.07	7.16
- Combined	134.23	134.31	123.75	-0.06	8.47

HIGHLIGHTS

- The SPI for the week ended on 06 August, 2020 recorded a decrease of 0.06% over last week. This drop resulted due to a **decline** in prices of food items i.e. Tomatoes (33.09%), Chicken (9.67%), Wheat Flour (0.76%) Bananas (5.23%), Pulse Moong (0.88%), Pulse Masoor (0.64%), Pulse Mash (0.19%) and Eggs (0.11%).
- On the other hand, an **increase** was observed in the prices of Potatoes (3.49%), Onions (3.18%), Bread (2.77%), Chillies Powder (1.16%) and non-food item i.e. Diesel (5.01%), Petrol (3.93%) and Shirting (1.96%).
- The year on year trend depicts an **increase** of **8.47%** with most of the items increased mainly Chillies Powder (86.67%), Potatoes (74.13%), Pulse Moong (37.92%), Eggs (35.05%), Pulse Mash (33.98%), Sugar (23.51%), Pulse Masoor (21.21%), Veg Ghee 1Kg (19.81%), Veg Ghee 2.5kg (19.27%), Wheat Flour (18.60%), Bread (18.53%), Sufi Washing Soap (17.43%) and Long Cloth Gul Ahmed (17.35%). While a major **decrease** was observed in the price of Onions (37.90%), Diesel (19.49%), Chicken (14.80%), Garlic (12.16%), Petrol (11.76%), and Electricity for Q1 (0.80%).

Analysis Of Weekly SPI for 27 kitchen items

The decrease in SPI (0.06%) is contributed to a drop in the index of essential food items in combined group by 0.61% because of reduction in prices of Wheat Flour Bag (0.02%), Tomatoes (0.86%), Chicken Farm (0.45%), Eggs Hen (farm) (0.03%), Bananas (0.02%) and Pulse moong (0.01%) .Similarly, In lowest income group decreasing impact of 0.62% was registered in essential food items as drop was witnessed in price impact of Wheat Flour Bag (0.03%), Chicken (0.30%), Pulse Moong (0.01%), Tomatoes (1.11%), and Bananas (0.02%). During the week, out of 51 items, prices of 15 (29.41%) items increased, 16 (31.37%) items decreased and 20 (39.21%) items remained constant.

On year on year basis impact of increase in prices in combined group is 14.05% which is attributed to increase in prices of kitchen items i.e. Wheat Flour Bag (1.25%) Bread Plain (0.18%), Milk Fresh (4.88%), Eggs Hen Farm (0.83%), Potatoes (1.81%), Sugar Refined (1.40%), and Chillies Powder (1.52%). Whereas percentage increase in prices for the combined group over corresponding week of last year was 8.47 %.

Price Comparison of Major Kitchen Items (Combined Group)				
Sr. No	Items	Prices		
		6-8-2020	29-07-20	8-8-2019
1	Wheat Flour	1025.05	1028.85	855.59
2	Rice Basmati	87.46	87.45	82.75
3	Mutton	1018.05	1018.05	914.67
4	Chicken Farm	149.07	161.95	171.29
5	Milk Fresh	104.08	103.13	89.6
6	Eggs Hen	133.29	131.14	98.77
7	Cooking Oil 5 litre	1256.24	1257.32	1109.94
8	pulse Gram	137.51	137.28	128.89
9	Patatoes	65.31	62.08	39.87
10	Sugar Refined	93.9	92.5	63.94
11	Tomatoes	63.79	95.73	63.94

Consumer Prices Of Essential Items in Different Cities

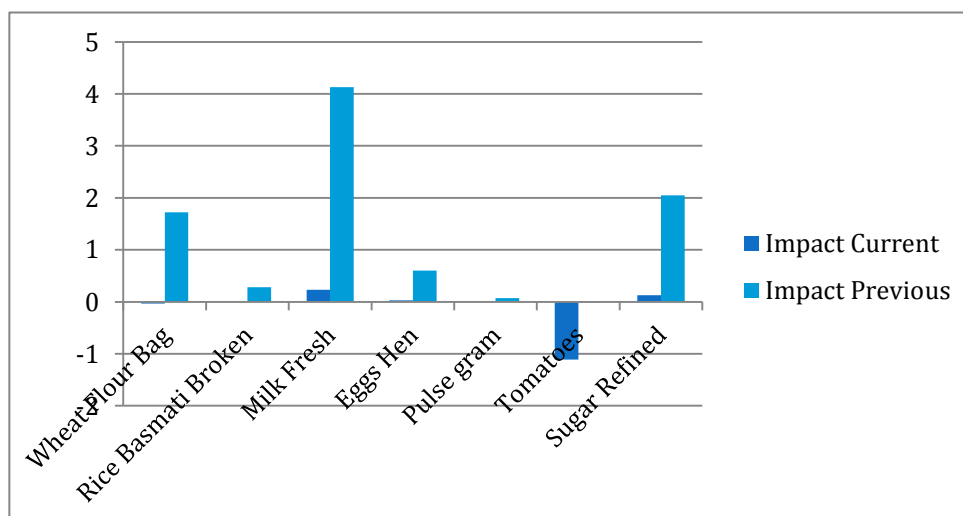
Sr. No	Units	Islamabad	Rawalpindi	Lahore	Karachi	Quetta	Peshawar
1	Wheat Flour Bag	867.42	863.93	860.00	1343.02	1149.97	1104.44
2	Rice Basmati Broken (Average Quality)	101.52	95.44	74.71	95.44	114.93	90.00
3	Mutton (Average Quality)	1140.97	1122.77	1051.19	1030.39	1096.96	925.95
4	Milk fresh	117.42	117.93	90.00	117.81	110.00	119.70
5	Potatoes 1kg	83.20	80.38	71.14	52.55	54.85	77.66
6	Chicken Farm Broiler(1kg)	145.11	132.23	126.00	182.87	174.95	149.26
7	Tomato	92.21	81.51	74.32	58.52	49.32	66.49
8	Chillies Powder	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00	280.00
9	Onions	60.78	51.72	45.93	52.55	34.76	47.58
10	Cooking Oil	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1240.00	1300.00
11	Pulse Moong	254.62	249.79	237.40	244.15	284.97	235.51

12	Pulse Mash	260.6	259.74	243.29	227.82	274.97	246.36
13	Pulse Gram	159.73	145.73	124.66	150.74	174.95	147.49
14	Sugar Refined	97.14	95.19	95.00	94.88	95.00	96.07

The Price difference 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.

Index of Kitchen Items (Lowest Group)

S. No.	Items	Units	Impact	
			Current	Previous
1	Wheat Flour Bag	20 kg	-0.03	1.72
2	Rice Basmati Broken	1 Kg	0.00	0.28
3	Milk Fresh	1 liter	0.23	4.13
4	Eggs Hen	1 dozen	0.03	0.60
5	Pulse gram	1 kg	0.00	0.07
6	Tomatoes	1 kg	-1.11	-0.1
7	Sugar Refined	1 kg	0.40	2.01



CONCLUSION:

The Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI) for the week ended on 06 August, for the combined consumption group, recorded a decline of 0.61 % over corresponding week. The drop came as a result of decrease in prices of essential kitchen items. On year on year basis, SPI when compared with corresponding week of last year depicts an increase of 8.47 % mainly due to rise in prices of essential food items.

