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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (C.P.I.)
Kigali – April 2009
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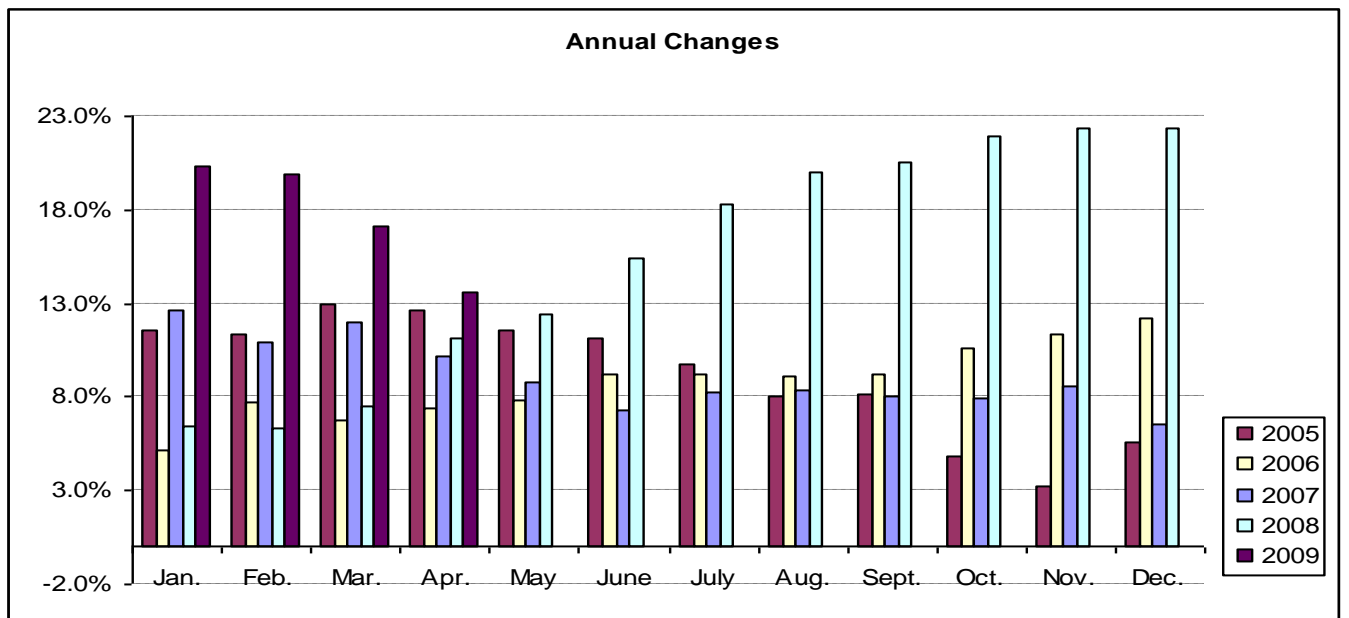
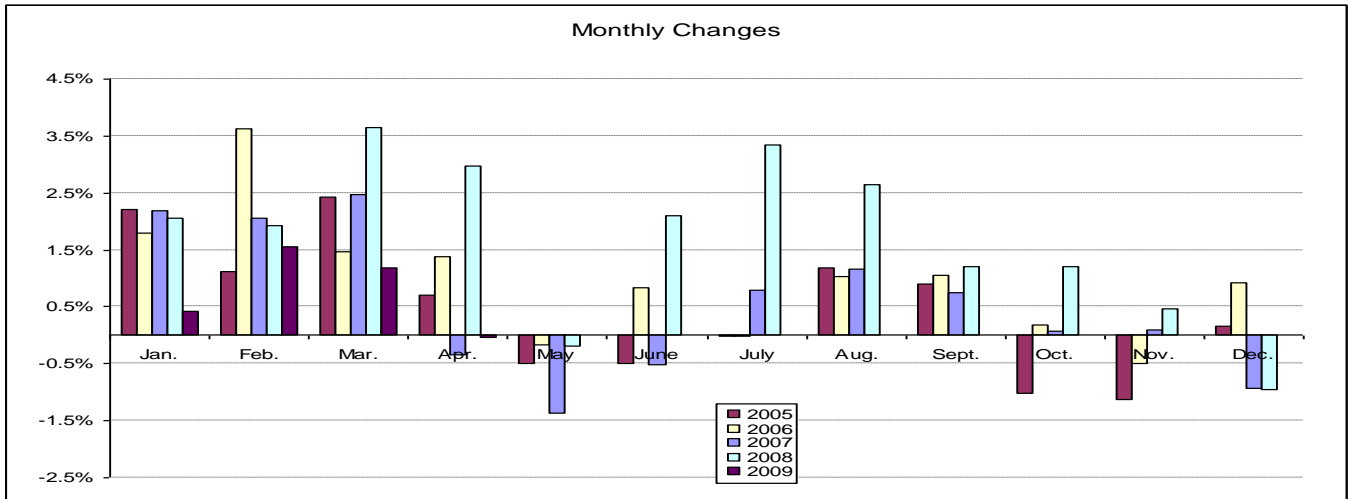
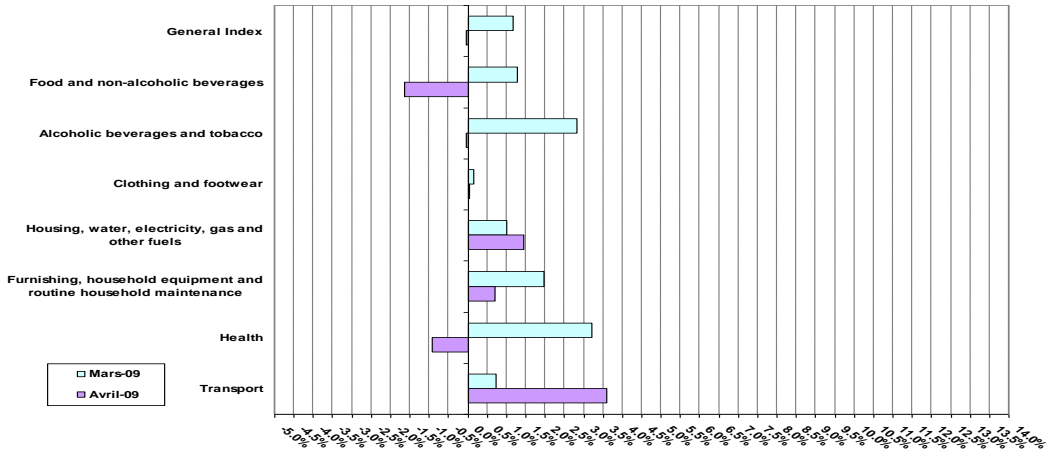
The National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda is very pleased to deliver to users the new Consumer Price Index (CPI) based in 2003 that replaces the previous one which was based in 1989.

The Index is published every month by the 15th.

Base 100: 2003

	Divisions ❖ Groups	Weights	Indices for the following months:					Changes in % over					
			April 08	Jan. 09	Feb. 09	March 09	April 09	1 month	3 months	12 months			
	GENERAL INDEX	10 000	162.1	179.4	182.2	184.3	184.2	-0.04	2.71	13.64			
01	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	3 709	166.9	200.1	205.4	208.0	204.6	-1.65	2.24	22.59			
0111	❖ Bread and cereals	625	171.0	225.9	227.4	225.2	218.6	-2.91	-3.22	27.84			
0112	❖ Meat	345	141.7	190.4	192.8	192.6	188.8	-1.99	-0.81	33.24			
0113	❖ Fish	114	184.5	202.9	205.4	214.3	213.9	-0.18	5.45	15.97			
0117	❖ Vegetables	1 332	161.8	193.8	203.4	206.4	206.3	-0.06	6.46	27.50			
012	❖ Non-alcoholic beverages	180	137.2	160.4	163.2	167.7	168.4	0.42	4.97	22.70			
02	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	221	144.2	173.8	174.2	179.1	179.1	-0.04	3.02	24.21			
03	Clothing and footwear	500	110.2	114.1	114.8	115.0	115.0	0.04	0.85	4.37			
04	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	1 579	230.8	234.7	235.3	237.6	241.1	1.44	2.69	4.43			
05	Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance	764	140.1	151.1	151.7	154.7	155.7	0.70	3.04	11.15			
06	Health	708	126.1	134.9	136.6	141.0	139.7	-0.92	3.52	10.78			
07	Transport	987	144.7	147.2	147.1	148.2	153.5	3.60	4.28	6.08			
08	Communication	37	121.4	120.1	118.7	119.7	119.7	-0.03	-0.30	-1.38			
09	Recreation and culture	206	108.1	112.2	113.9	114.4	115.2	0.71	2.66	6.60			
10	Education	432	176.5	191.8	205.7	206.7	207.7	0.48	8.27	17.69			
11	Restaurants and hotels	273	149.0	175.3	175.4	176.8	179.9	1.75	2.58	20.76			
12	Miscellaneous goods and services	584	116.3	121.2	123.5	122.6	123.2	0.52	1.67	5.96			
Month	April 08	May 08	June 08	July 08	Aug 08	Sept 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan. 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	April 09
Index (2003=100)	162.1	161.8	165.2	170.7	175.2	177.3	179.5	180.3	178.6	179.4	182.2	184.3	184.2
Annual changes	11.1	12.4	15.37	18.28	20.02	20.55	21.90	22.37	22.32	20.38	19.95	17.08	13.64

Fluctuations of the general index and the divisions index March2009 and April2009



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI), APRIL 2009 (Base 100 = 2003)

In April 2009 the general consumer prices index is established at 184.2 this stands for a decrease of 0.04% over the previous month which was 184.3. In annual change it increased by 13.64% compared to 17.08% in the previous month. This gives a general inflation rate by an annual average of 18.7% during the month of April 2009.

The underlying inflation rate (excluding fresh food and energy) is + 0.31% if compared to the previous month and +12.61% on annual change. The annual average underlying inflation rate is + 12.6% in April 2009 down from the previous month (16.3%).

The decrease in the consumer prices index of 0.04% is attributable primarily to the decrease in prices of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (-1.65%) and Health (-0.92%).

It is noted that the decrease of 1.65% in prices of Food and non-alcoholic beverages is attributable to the decrease of 2.91% and 1.99% of Bread and cereals and Meat indices respectively.

In annual change, the increase in the general index of 13.64% is mainly due to the rising prices of Food and non-alcoholic beverages (22.59%), Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (4.43%), Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance index (11.15%) and Education (17.69%) which contributed +8.63%, +1.00%, +0.74% and 0.83% respectively.

The 'local goods' increased by 14.62% on annual change with a monthly variation of -0.06%, while prices of the imported products rose by 11.01% on annual change with a monthly change of -0.26%.

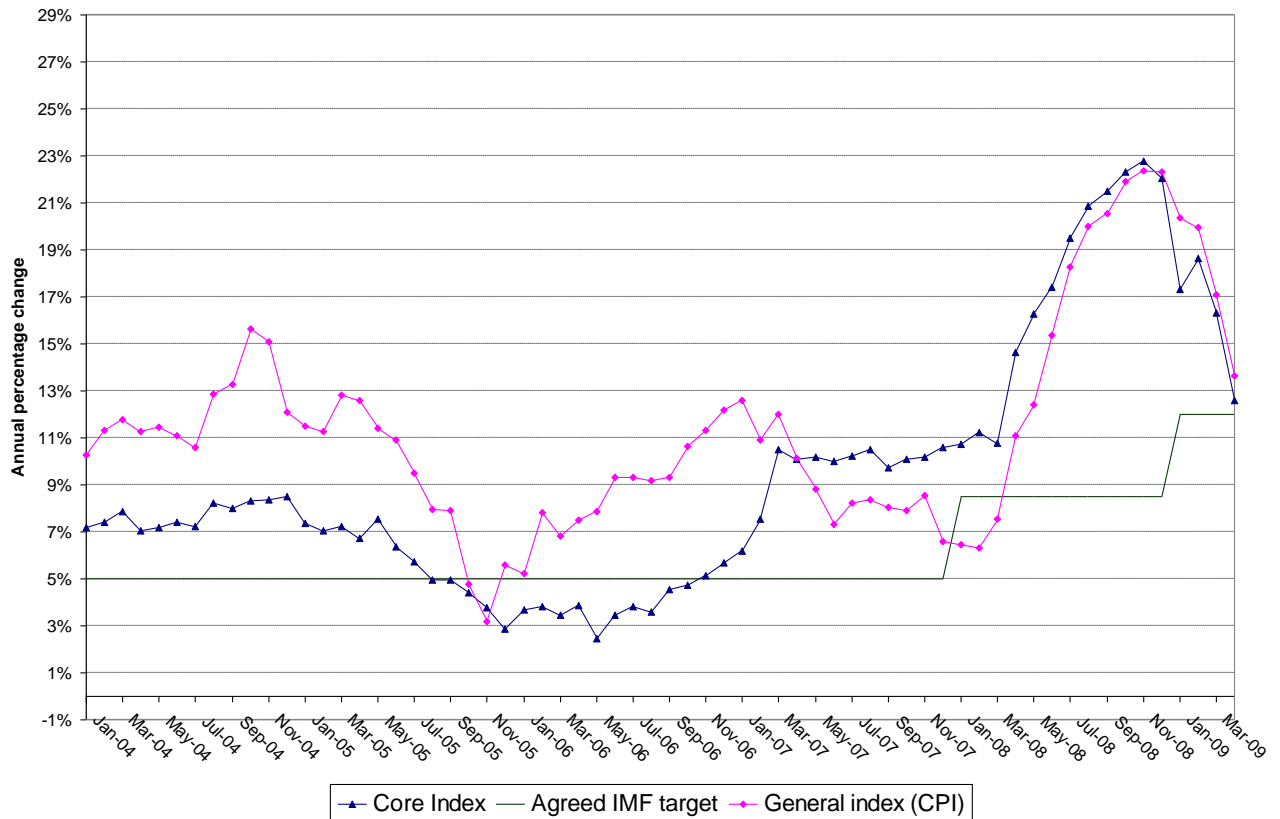
The prices of the fresh products had a positive annual change of 29.39% between April 2009 and April 2008.

Evolution (over 12 months) of the rate of inflation (%)⁽¹⁾

MONTH	April 08	May 08	June 08	July 08	Aug. 08	Sep. 08	Oct. 08	Nov. 08	Dec. 08	Jan. 09	Feb. 09	March 09	April 09
General index	7.9	8.3	8.9	9.8	10.8	11.8	13.0	14.2	15.4	16.6	17.7	18.5	18.7
Core / Underlying	10.8	11.3	11.9	12.7	13.6	14.6	15.6	16.7	17.6	18.3	18.7	16.3	12.6

(1) In April 2009 the average index of the last twelve months (May 2008 to April 2009) increased by 18.7% (general index) and 12.6% (core index) compared to the average index of the previous twelve months (May 2007 to April 2008).

Annual changes (Comparison with the same month of the previous year)



Other Indices

	Weights	Indices for the following months:				Changes in % over:			
		April 08	Jan. 09	Feb. 09	March. 09	April 09	1 month	3 months	12 months
General Index	10 000	162.1	179.4	182.2	184.3	184.2	-0.04	2.71	13.64
Local Goods Index	6 956	170.1	188.5	191.6	195.1	195.0	-0.06	3.44	14.62
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	2 627	163.4	201.1	208.0	211.2	206.6	-2.19	2.70	26.38
Housing. Water. Electricity. gas and other fuels	1 501	231.1	233.3	232.5	236.5	240.3	1.64	3.03	3.98
Transport	698	136.7	133.4	133.4	134.1	141.6	5.60	6.18	3.60
Imported Goods Index	3 044	143.4	157.3	158.8	159.7	159.2	-0.26	1.24	11.01
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1 082	177.4	198.8	200.6	201.8	201.3	-0.24	1.30	13.50
Furnishing. household equipment	533	122.8	130.1	132.3	133.5	133.8	0.29	2.88	8.98
Transport	289	163.9	179.9	177.6	181.5	181.7	0.12	0.97	10.85
Kigali Index	7 679	160.9	175.7	178.0	179.9	180.0	0.05	2.46	11.86
Provinces Index⁽¹⁾	2 321	166.0	191.7	196.4	198.4	197.5	-0.44	3.05	19.00
Fresh Products index⁽²⁾	2 186	164.4	205.4	212.1	216.9	212.7	-1.96	3.55	29.39
Energy index	761	289.5	275.9	271.7	282.0	287.3	1.90	4.14	-0.75
General Index excluding fresh Products and energy⁽³⁾	7 053	148.5	163.5	165.5	166.7	167.2	0.31	2.24	12.61

(1) This is the index for the country without Kigali

(2) Fresh products are food products which have seasonal fluctuations

(3) Proxy for underlying inflation

METHODOLOGICAL NOTICE

The Consumer Price Index is a Laspeyres index that covers household consumption as it is used by national accounts. The reference population for the CPI consists of all households living in urban areas in Rwanda.

The household basket includes 438 products observed in many places spread all over the administrative centers of all provinces in Rwanda. All kinds of places of observation are selected: shops, markets, services, etc. More than 25.000 prices are collected every month by enumerators of the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda and of the National Bank of Rwanda.

The base year for the CPI is the year 2003.

The weights used for this new index are the result of the Household Living Conditions Survey (EICV) conducted in 2000-2001 with a sample of 6.450 households.

The splicing with the old index is feasible using the splicing coefficient of 3.889. If you divide the old index by this coefficient, you will be able to make comparisons with the new index based in 2003.

Additional methodological documentation can be obtained at the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda, Economic Statistics Department.

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