



**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (C.P.I.)**  
**Kigali – January 2008**

**CAUTION**

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.**

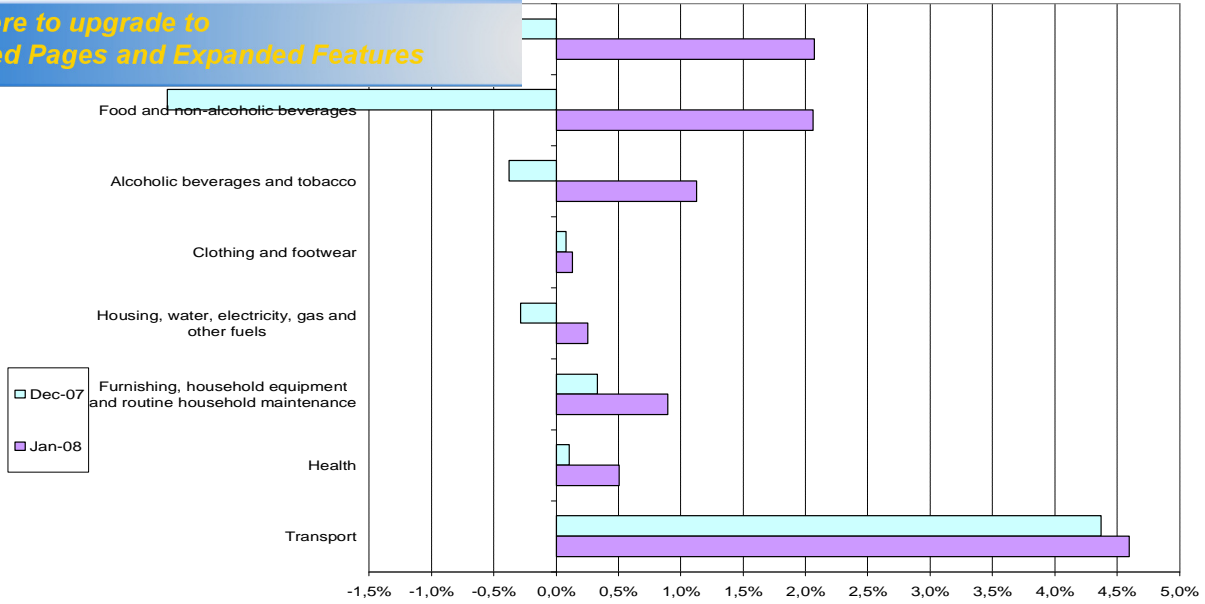
Base 100: 2003

	Divisions ❖ Groups	Weights	Indices for the following months:					Changes in % over		
			Jan 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08	1 month	3 months	12 months
	<b>GENERAL INDEX</b>	<b>10 000</b>	140,0	147,2	147,4	146,0	149,0	2,06	1,21	6,44
<b>01</b>	<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	<b>3 709</b>	155,1	157,9	157,7	152,8	156,1	2,14	-1,13	0,65
0111	❖ Bread and cereals	<b>625</b>	154,7	150,0	154,4	155,3	162,3	4,49	8,23	4,90
0112	❖ Meat	<b>345</b>	125,6	121,9	123,4	125,1	128,2	2,55	5,21	2,12
0113	❖ Fish	<b>114</b>	141,3	159,4	157,0	151,8	149,8	-1,33	-6,01	6,05
0117	❖ Vegetables	<b>1 332</b>	176,5	181,5	179,4	162,7	164,2	0,89	-9,54	-6,96
<b>012</b>	<b>❖ Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	<b>180</b>	124,6	132,5	132,7	133,2	137,6	3,37	3,85	10,45
<b>02</b>	<b>Alcoholic beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>221</b>	119,3	129,2	128,5	128,0	129,4	1,07	0,12	8,45
<b>03</b>	<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	<b>500</b>	105,8	109,2	108,4	108,5	108,7	0,18	-0,51	2,69
<b>04</b>	<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	<b>1 579</b>	168,0	192,0	193,0	192,4	192,9	0,25	0,48	14,86
<b>05</b>	<b>Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	<b>764</b>	117,3	120,5	120,8	121,1	121,4	0,23	0,74	3,55
<b>06</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>708</b>	113,9	122,7	123,9	124,0	124,6	0,50	1,58	9,42
<b>07</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>987</b>	122,5	124,4	125,3	130,7	136,8	4,60	9,94	11,62
<b>08</b>	<b>Communication</b>	<b>37</b>	135,0	135,3	136,2	140,2	141,6	1,03	4,68	4,94
<b>09</b>	<b>Recreation and culture</b>	<b>206</b>	113,6	108,0	108,4	108,6	107,9	-0,63	-0,10	-4,99
<b>10</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>432</b>	139,5	156,1	156,1	153,4	175,3	14,32	12,33	25,70
<b>11</b>	<b>Restaurants and hotels</b>	<b>273</b>	128,9	142,8	139,0	139,1	139,9	0,54	-2,04	8,50
<b>12</b>	<b>Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	<b>584</b>	109,4	111,2	111,3	112,4	113,4	0,86	1,95	3,62

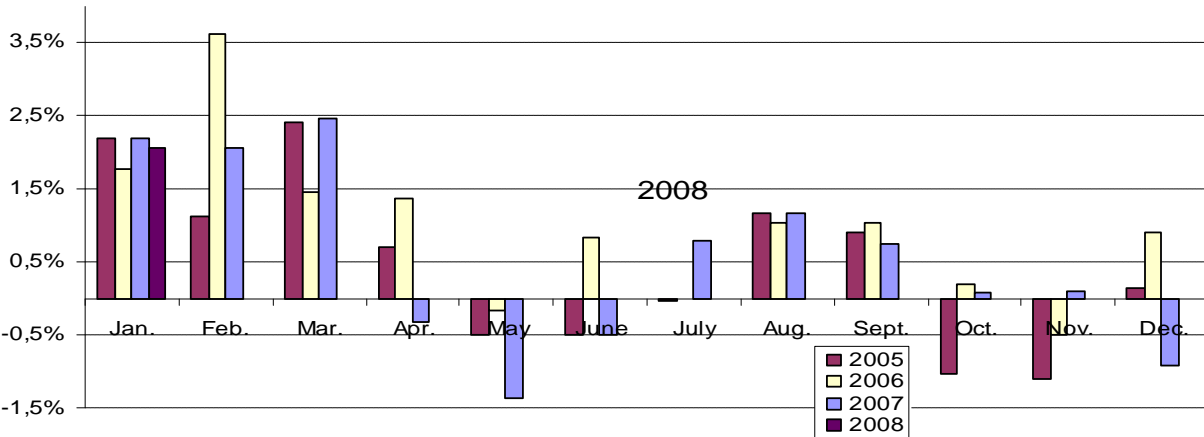
Month	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 07	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08
Index (2003=100)	140,0	142,9	146,4	145,9	143,9	143,2	144,4	146,0	147,1	147,2	147,4	146,0	149,0
Annual changes	12,6	10,9	12,0	10,1	8,8	7,3	8,2	8,4	8,0	7,9	8,6	6,6	6,44

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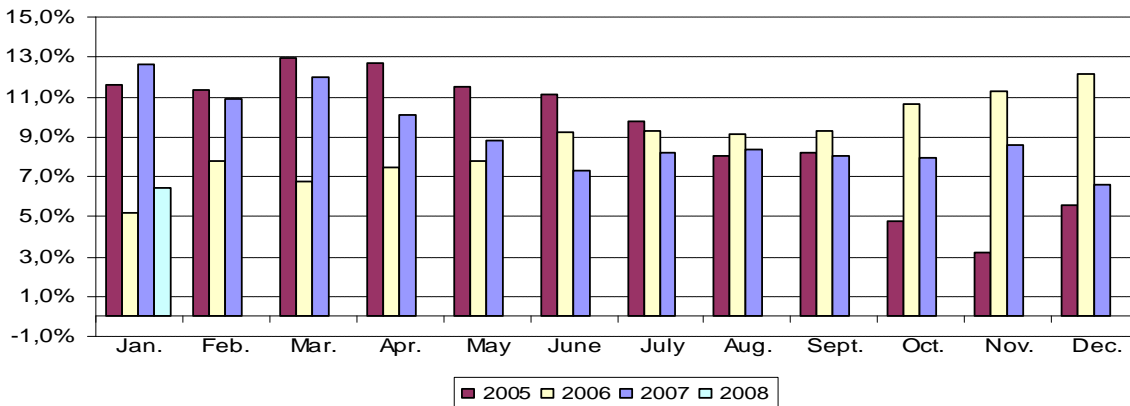
and the divisions' index in December 2007 and January 2008



**Monthly Changes**



**Annual Changes**



## CPI (CPI), JANUARY 2008 (Base 100 = 2003)

The general index stands at 149.0 with an increase of 2.06% compared to the previous month and +6.44% over 12 months. The core index is 6.44% while it was 6.58 in December 2007. On annual average, the general inflation rate is 8.6%.

The **core inflation** (which excludes fresh produce and energy prices) went up by 2.35% if compared with the previous month and +10.71% over 12 months. On annual average, the core inflation rate which is 10.0% in January has increased if compared with that of December (+9.7%).

The increase in consumer price index of 2.06% is essentially attributable to the increase in prices for *food and non-alcoholic beverages* (+2.14%), particularly bread and cereals (+4.49%), meat (+2.55%), *vegetables* (+0.89%) and non alcoholic beverages (+3.37%). Also, there is an increase in prices for alcoholic beverages and tobacco (+1.07%), Transport (+4.60%) and Education (+14.32%).

In terms of annual changes, the increase of 6.44% in the consumer price index is mainly the result of the increase in prices for *housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels* (+14.86%), transport (+11, 62%) this is due to the fact that there has been an increase of fuel prices. Education prices also contributed to that increase with +25.70% because of the increase in school fees. Prices for health services went up by 9.42% as a result of the new tariff for consultations.

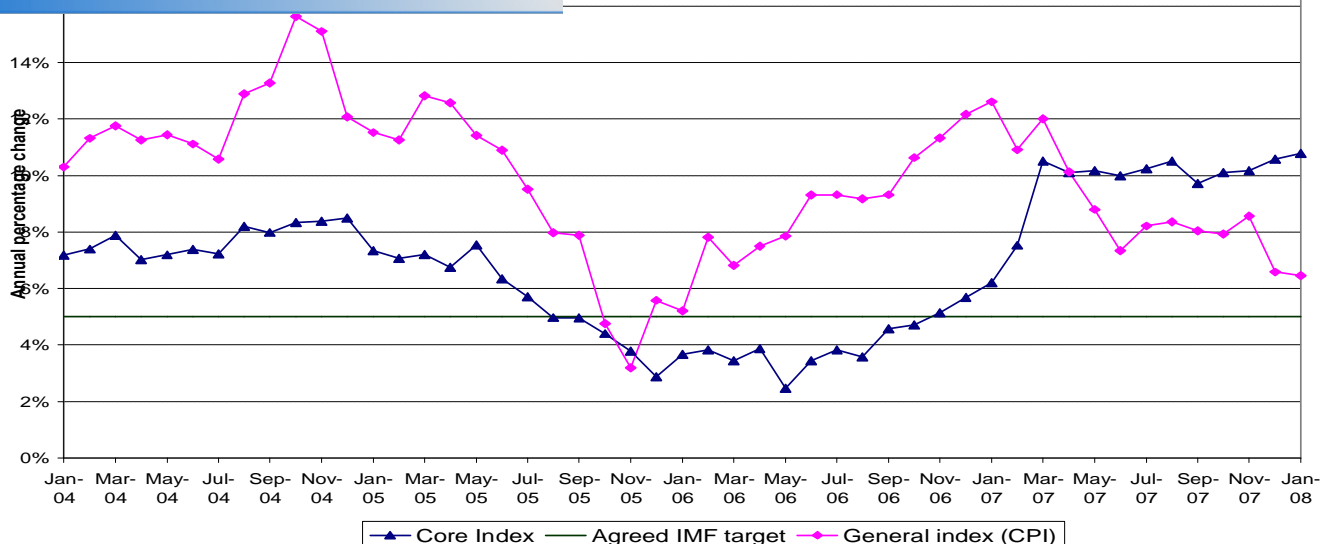
'Local goods' are the main source of inflation than 'imported goods'. In terms of annual changes, prices for local goods rose by 6.13% and by 2.35% in monthly change, whereas there was an increase of 4.64% in annual changes and slightly an increase of 1.23% for imported goods respectively. However, prices for 'fresh products' are 4.86% lower than they were in January 2007 and an increase of 1.95% compared to the previous month.

### Evolution (over 12 months) of the rate of inflation (%)<sup>(1)</sup>

MONTH	Jan. 07	Feb. 07	Mar. 07	Apr. 07	May 07	Jun. 07	Jul. 07	Aug. 07	Sep. 07	Oct. 07	Nov. 07	Dec. 07	Jan. 08
General index	9,5	9,8	10,2	10,4	10,5	10,3	10,2	10,1	10,0	9,8	9,5	9,1	8,6
Core / Underlying	4,2	4,5	5,1	5,7	6,3	6,9	7,4	8,0	8,4	8,8	9,3	9,7	10,0

(1) In January 2008 the average index of the last twelve months (February 2007 to January 2008) increased by 8.6% (general index) and 10.0% (core index) compared to the average index of the previous twelve months (February 2006 to January 2007).

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### Other Indices

	Weights	Indices for the following months:				Changes in % over:			
		Jan-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	1 month	3 months	12 months
<b>General Index</b>	<b>10 000</b>	<b>140.0</b>	<b>147.2</b>	<b>147.4</b>	<b>146.0</b>	<b>149.0</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>6.44</b>
<b>Local Goods Index</b>	<b>6 956</b>	<b>147.6</b>	<b>156.1</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>153.0</b>	<b>156.6</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>6.13</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	2 627	161.9	163.9	163.6	154.9	158.8	2.49	-3.16	-1.93
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	1 501	166.5	191.9	192.1	191.3	191.7	0.20	-0.11	15.13
Transport	698	114.0	114.2	114.5	120.5	127.6	5.92	11.80	11.93
<b>Imported Goods Index</b>	<b>3 044</b>	<b>124.9</b>	<b>126.1</b>	<b>127.0</b>	<b>129.1</b>	<b>130.7</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>3.64</b>	<b>4.64</b>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1 082	138.3	142.8	142.5	146.7	149.4	1.86	4.65	8.09
Furnishing, household equipment	533	114.4	118.8	119.1	118.1	117.6	-0.41	-1.02	2.80
Transport	289	142.6	148.7	151.0	155.1	158.4	2.12	6.53	11.06
<b>Kigali Index</b>	<b>7 679</b>	<b>137.4</b>	<b>145.5</b>	<b>145.7</b>	<b>144.3</b>	<b>147.1</b>	<b>1.97</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>7.09</b>
<b>Provinces Index</b>	<b>2 321</b>	<b>148.8</b>	<b>153.1</b>	<b>152.8</b>	<b>151.7</b>	<b>155.4</b>	<b>2.45</b>	<b>1.48</b>	<b>4.46</b>
<b>Fresh Products index</b>	<b>2 186</b>	<b>173.3</b>	<b>175.6</b>	<b>173.9</b>	<b>161.7</b>	<b>164.9</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>-6.13</b>	<b>-4.86</b>
<b>Energy index</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>223.0</b>	<b>229.9</b>	<b>232.4</b>	<b>231.9</b>	<b>233.3</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>4.61</b>
<b>General Index excluding fresh Products and energy<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>7 053</b>	<b>123.2</b>	<b>131.7</b>	<b>132.1</b>	<b>133.3</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>3.59</b>	<b>10.71</b>

## E METHODOLOGIQUE

du Rwanda est un indice de type Laspeyres qui couvre la comptabilité nationale. La population de référence est constituée de l'urbain du Rwanda. L'année de base de l'IPC est 2003.

Le panier de la ménagère comprend 438 variétés qui sont suivies dans de nombreux points de vente répartis dans les chefs-lieux de l'ensemble des provinces du Rwanda. Tous les types de points de vente sont concernés : marchés, échoppes dans la rue, boutiques, prestataires de services publics et privés, etc. Plus de 25 000 relevés de prix sont effectués chaque mois par les enquêteurs de l'INSR et de la Banque Nationale du Rwanda.

Les pondérations de ce nouvel indice proviennent de l'enquête intégrale sur les conditions de vie des ménages avec module budget-consommation réalisée en 2000/2001 auprès de 6 450 ménages.

Le raccordement des anciens indices avec l'indice base 100 en 2003 est possible en utilisant le coefficient de raccordement de 3,889. Pour un mois donné, il suffit de diviser les anciens indices par ce coefficient pour les rendre comparables dans la nouvelle base.

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