

Inflation Report

April 2019

A. Domestic Inflation

In April 2019, Phnom Penh Consumer Price Index increased by 0.3% compared to the previous month, of which the average price index of almost all the product's groups slightly increased include the price index of the groups on Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels (increased by 0.1%), Furnishings, Household Maintenance (increased by 0.1%), Foods and Nonalcoholic beverages (increased by 0.6%) and Transport (increased by 1.5%). But, the price index of product's groups on Alcoholic beverages, and Tobacco, Communication and Restaurants decreased by 0.1%, 0.2% and 1.5%, respectively.

In April 2019, the Consumer Price Index in Phnom Penh increased by 2.1% year-on-year, especially Foods and Nonalcoholic beverages (increased by 1.9%), Alcoholic beverages and tobacco (increased by 5.0%), Clothing and footwear (increased by 3.4%) Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuel (increased by 1.9%) and Furnishings, Household Maintenance (increased by 1.5%). The price index of Communication and Transport groups continued to fall by 0.6% and 0.8%, respectively compared with the same month last year due to the drop in diesel, gasoline and transport service.

Based on the forecasting model, it is expected that until the end of December 2019, the year on year and yearly average inflation rate could be 2.9% and 2.1% respectively. By 2019, the inflation situation remains below 5% due to i) stabilizing consumer goods, especially food in the market, ii) fuel subsidy from the Royal Government of Cambodia to stabilize fuel prices, and iii) macroeconomic stability that keeps inflation at manageable level.

Table 1: Changes of price index of 12 product groups in April 2019

	Compared with last month	Compared with last year
Item of goods & service	0.3%	2.1%
1. Foods and Nonalcoholic beverages	0.6%	1.9%
2. Alcoholic beverages, and Tobacco	-0.1%	5.0%
3. Clothing and Footwear	0.2%	3.4%
4. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1%	1.9%
5. Furnishings, Household Maintenance	0.1%	1.5%
6. Health	0.0%	1.5%
7. Transport	1.5%	-0.8%
8. Communication	-0.2%	-0.6%
9. Recreation and Culture	0.1%	0.6%
10. Education	0.0%	0.0%
11. Restaurants	-1.5%	6.6%
12. Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.1%	1.1%

Table 2: Price level changes of some food items (%)

Food items	Compared with last month				Compared with last year			
	2019				2019			
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Rice	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.4	2.6	2.9	2.7	3.0
Beef	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	2.1	1.6	1.7	1.1
Chicken	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.3	4.0	2.9	4.2	3.5
Duck	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.4	2.2	3.0	3.1	3.0
Pork	0.7	0.6	-0.6	2.1	1.7	2.0	0.8	2.4
Freshwater and sea fish	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.7	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.3
Fresh fish	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	2.0	1.6	1.3	1.4
Fruit	-0.7	1.3	0.2	-0.3	1.7	1.2	1.4	-0.6
Fresh fruit	-0.6	1.4	0.4	-0.4	1.6	1.2	1.6	-0.8
Vegetable	-1.0	1.4	-0.6	1.1	2.7	3.9	3.0	2.7
Leaf vegetable	-1.1	1.4	-0.4	0.9	5.1	6.5	5.2	4.7
Fruit vegetable	-1.5	2.2	-1.1	2.3	2.3	3.8	2.2	2.6

B. Annual Inflation of Neighboring Countries:**Table 3: Year on Year inflation rate (%)**

Country	2018	2019			
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Cambodia	1.6	1.5	2.0	2.2	2.1
Vietnam	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.9
Thailand	0.4	0.3	0.7	1.2	1.2
Malaysia	0.2	-0.7	-0.4	0.2	0.2
Indonesia	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.8
Philippine	5.1	4.4	3.8	3.3	3.0
China	1.9	1.7	1.5	2.3	2.5
South Korea	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.6
Japan	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.9

Sources:

(1) Cambodia: National Institute of Statistics (NIS)

(2) Other countries: <http://www.tradingeconomics.com>;

Note:

Compiling Consumer Price Index (CPI) in Phnom Penh:

- There are 259 selected items of goods
- The prices are collected from five major markets in Phnom Penh
- Generally, the prices are collected from four sample stands in each market
- For items that are not sold in the market, prices are collected from nearby stores
- The Price Indices are compiled by geometric average

Data source: National Institute of Statistics

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