

# SOUTHERN SUDAN COMMISSION FOR CENSUS STATISTICS AND EVALUATION (SSCCSE)



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## **CONSUMER PRICE INDECES (CPI) FOR FEBURUARY 2009**

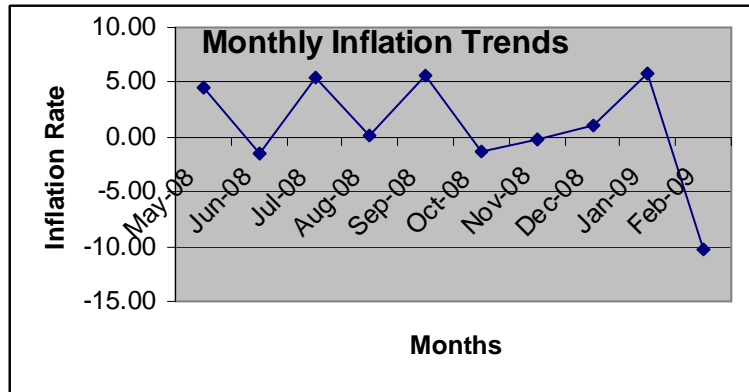
*Highlights/ Summary observations*

### **Month-on-month Inflation**

**The Monthly Juba Headline Consumer Price Index (CPI) decreased by 10.24% in February 2009.**

The monthly headline inflation rate for the month of February 2009 sharply dropped by 10.24% compared to 5.77% in January 2009. The decrease in the all-items-index was on due to price decrease in bread and cereals particularly maize flour, wheat flour. Fish, milk, eggs, fruits and vegetables prices also decreased considerably. However, notable price increases were registered for Bread, cooking oil, irrish potato and tomato due to the increased demand and transport cost.

The following line graph shows monthly inflationary trends for the last one year from January 2008 to January 2009.



### **Food Prices down by 14.25% in February 2009**

The Juba centre [SSCCSE collects prices from several cities in Southern Sudan and these cities are referred to as centres] registered general monthly price decreases of food items especially cereals, fruits and vegetable. Maize flour, sorghum, and wheat flour dropped 32.52%, 17.47% and 16.67% respectively. While pine-apple, papaya, and apples dropped 31.40%, 33.56% and 44.43% on the same manner.

This was due, to the enough supply of vegetables and fruits in Juba and many parts of Southern Sudan.

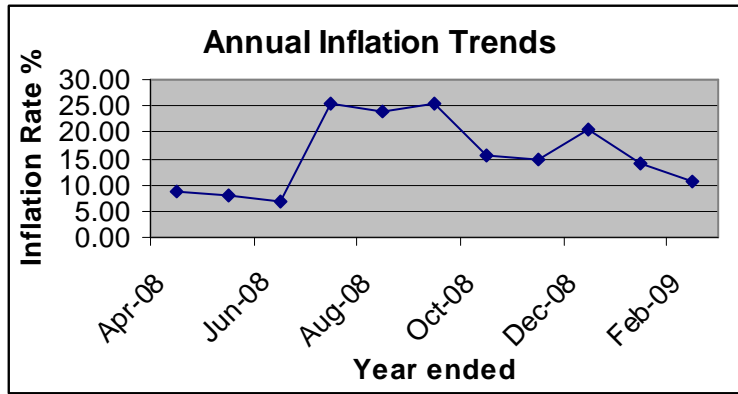
### **Other Price Movements**

Other notable changes in prices were in recreation and culture where the prices of short hand note-book increased.

### **Annual Inflation**

The annual percentage changes in the index [annual inflation rate] for all items were 8.80%, 7.84%, 6.68%, 25.36%, 23.92%, 25.31%, 15.42%, 14.76%, 20.43%, 13.87% and **10.67%** at the month-ends of April, May, June and July, August, September, October, November, December 2008, January and February 2009 respectively.

The following shows annual inflationary trends since April 2008.



### Juba Monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI) Changes by COICOP Group

<b><u>Monthly Changes, %</u></b>											
	Apr. 08	May.08	Jun.08	Jul.08	Aug. 08	Sep.08	Oct.08	Nov.08	Dec.08	Jan.09	Feb.09
<i>Food &amp; non alcoholic beverages</i>	2.89	4.88	-1.40	7.80	-2.50	13.27	-3.98	1.61	1.16	10.75	-14.25
<i>Alcoholic beverages &amp; Tobacco</i>	-4.25	6.48	-3.17	0.00	0.20	0.71	2.93	-1.42	22.12	-18.81	-0.60
<i>Housing, water,electricity,gas etc</i>	-2.72	7.07	-5.20	3.88	3.96	-7.91	1.76	-2.35	2.01	0.82	-6.30
<i>Furnishing &amp; household equipmts.</i>	-2.23	1.98	2.21	-1.66	0.54	4.76	0.69	-6.71	7.62	-3.20	0.16
<i>Transport</i>	0.00	5.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	-4.96	13.05	-6.93	-4.96	-5.22	-1.65
<i>Recreation &amp; Culture</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.99	1.04	2.92	-1.92	-1.95	7.97
<i>Restraunts and Hotels</i>	-4.10	0.89	-1.47	0.00	3.41	4.06	1.19	0.06	-0.73	-4.19	5.49
<i>Miscellaneous goods &amp; services</i>	34.28	-0.67	3.26	2.89	8.19	-7.42	-0.24	-1.61	-6.92	3.70	-3.49
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	3.38	4.58	-1.51	5.38	0.08	5.65	-1.40	-0.18	1.06	5.77	-10.24

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