

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



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**CONSUMER PRICE INDECES (CPI) FOR SEPTEMBER 2008**

## *Highlights/ Summary observations*

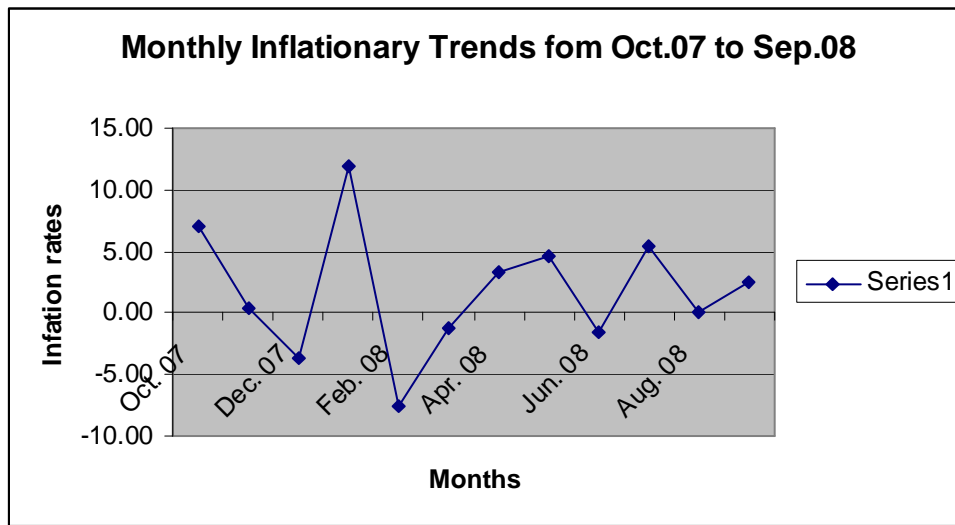
### **Month-on-month Inflation**

**The Monthly Juba Headline Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 2.57% in September 2008.**

The monthly headline inflation rate for the month of September 2008 rose by 2.57% compared to 0.08% in August 2008. The increase in the all-items-index was on account of food prices especially rice and sorghum among the cereals and vegetables generally. The increase in prices during the month of September was therefore due to reduced supply of food staffs as the roads get bad due to heavy rainfall.

The prices of food alone increased by 7.89% compared to a drop of 2.50% in August.

The following line graph shows monthly inflationary trends for the last one year from October 2007 to September 2008.



### Other Price Movements

Other notable movements in prices were in charcoal, paraffin and diesel all of which dropped and newspapers whose prices rose.

### 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 and 21.65 at the month-ends of April, May, June and July, August and September 2008 respectively; and the annual percentage changes in the food group alone were 2.14%, 1.06%, -1.02%, 36.38%, 28.21% and 35.29% at the end of April, May, June, July, August and September 2008 respectively.

The following shows annual inflationary trends from April 2008 to September 2008.

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

<b>Monthly Changes, %</b>	<b>Jan. 08</b>	<b>Feb. 08</b>	<b>Mar.08</b>	<b>Apr. 08</b>	<b>May.08</b>	<b>Jun.08</b>	<b>Jul.08</b>	<b>Aug. 08</b>	<b>Sep.08</b>
<i>Food &amp; non alcoholic beverages</i>	16.03	-10.60	-3.83	2.89	4.88	-1.40	7.80	-2.50	7.89
<i>Alcoholic beverages &amp; Tobacco</i>	2.59	0.21	2.03	-4.25	6.48	-3.17	0.00	0.20	0.71
<i>Housing, water, electricity, gas etc</i>	2.92	-5.92	10.24	-2.72	7.07	-5.20	3.88	3.96	-7.91
<i>Furnishing &amp; household equipmts.</i>	-5.48	2.61	6.12	-2.23	1.98	2.21	-1.66	0.54	4.76
<i>Transport</i>	56.81	5.51	0.00	0.00	5.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	-4.96
<i>Recreation &amp; Culture</i>	-9.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.99
<i>Restraunts and Hotels</i>	5.26	1.23	-1.27	-4.10	0.89	-1.47	0.00	3.41	4.06
<i>Miscellaneous goods &amp; services</i>	-1.06	-7.14	-10.86	34.28	-0.67	3.26	2.89	8.19	-7.42
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>11.86</b>	<b>-7.64</b>	<b>-1.21</b>	<b>3.38</b>	<b>4.58</b>	<b>-1.51</b>	<b>5.38</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>2.57</b>

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