



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

## TIMOR – LESTE

### MARCH QUARTER 2010

#### MARCH QUARTER 2010 KEY FIGURES

	% change December quarter 2009 to March quarter 2010	% change March quarter 2009 to March quarter 2010
<b>All groups</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>
All groups excluding Housing	1.5	3.4
1. Food	1.9	4.1
2. Alcohol and tobacco	0.2	0.5
3. Clothing and footwear	0.8	3.4
4. Housing	6.0	6.9
5. Household furnishings, supplies and services	-0.4	-0.4
6. Health	1.5	1.6
7. Recreation and education	0.2	0.1
8. Transport and communication	1.7	4.6

#### MARCH QUARTER 2010 KEY POINTS

##### THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- On a quarterly basis the CPI for Timor-Leste rose 2.0% (December quarter 2009 to March quarter 2010);
- On an annual basis the CPI for Timor-Leste increased 3.7% (March quarter 2010 compared to March quarter 2009).

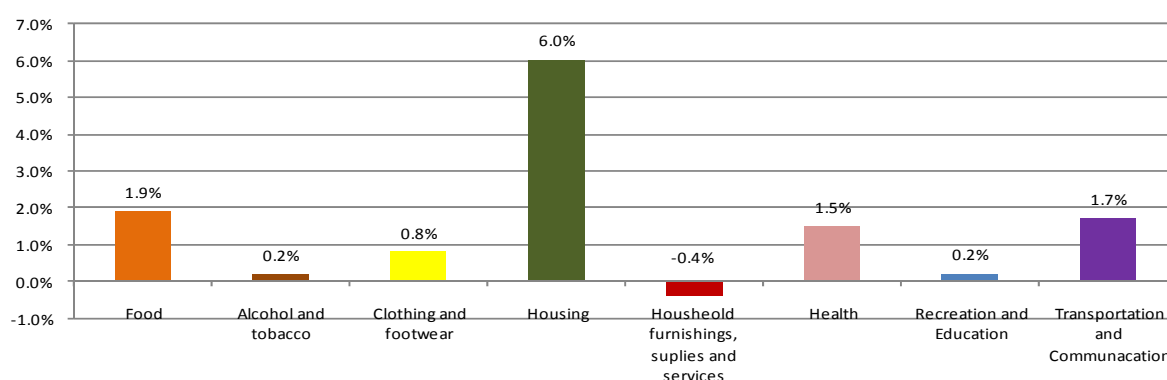
#### OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- Contributing to the overall increase this **quarter** were rises in house building costs (8.0%) - Housing group -, cereals, roots and their products (5.8%), herbs and spices (3.9%) and preserved fish (2.8%) - Food group.
- Contributing most to the overall **annual** increase were rises in house building costs (9.9%), in herbs and spices (8.8%), in cereals, roots and their products (7.0%) and in transport (5.7%).

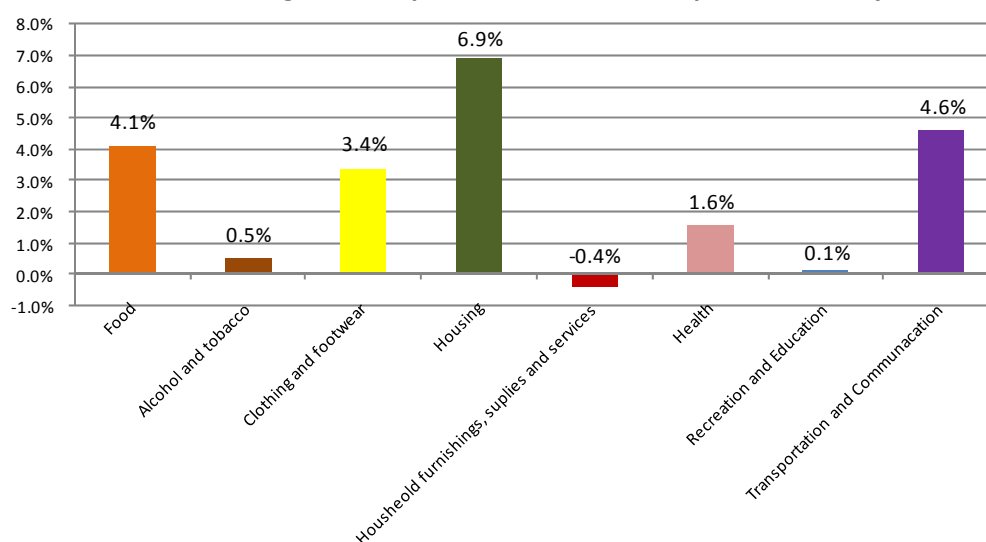
The CPI Timor-Leste for June quarter 2010 will be released on 15 July 2010

## OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS (continued)

**Chart 1 - CPI Timor-Leste: % change December quarter 2009 to March quarter 2010, by Consumption Group**



**Chart 2 - CPI Timor-Leste: % change March quarter 2009 to March quarter 2010, by Consumption Group**



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CPI:

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures changes over time in the price of a 'basket' of goods and services which account for a high proportion of expenditure by resident households. This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following eight groups: 1. Food; 2. Alcohol and tobacco; 3. Clothing and footwear; 4. Housing; 5. Household furnishings, supplies and services; 6. Health; 7. Recreation and education; 8. Transports and communication.

### PRICE COLLECTION - CPI Timor-Leste:

Each month prices are collected at regular intervals for all items in the Dili region. Prices are also collected at regular quarterly intervals for all items from a representative selection of others regions throughout Timor-Leste. The measure of the interim monthly price movements for each item outside Dili region is then estimated using corresponding Dili region item price movement as an indicator series.

### WEIGHTING PATTERN:

There are 30 sub-groups (that is, categories of like items) in the first series CPI and each sub-group has its own weight, or measure of relative importance. In calculating the index, price changes for the various sub-groups are combined using these weights.

For further explanations please refer to the National Statistics Directorate website [www.dne.mof.gov.tl](http://www.dne.mof.gov.tl)



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**Table 1 - CPI Timor – Leste : percentage (%) changes**

	Mar-08	Jun-08	Sep-08	Dec-08	Mar-09	Jun-09	Sep-09	Dec-09	Mar-10
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>									
% change from previous quarter	2.6	5.8	-0.9	-1.3	-0.6	0.0	0.2	1.5	2.0
% change from corresponding quarter of previous year	3.7	10.7	9.1	6.1	2.8	-2.8	-1.7	1.1	3.7
<b>ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING HOUSING</b>									
% change from previous quarter	2.3	6.1	-1.0	-1.6	-0.8	0.0	0.3	1.5	1.5
% change from corresponding quarter of previous year	3.2	10.8	9.0	5.7	2.5	-3.3	-2.1	1.0	3.4
<b>1. FOOD</b>									
% change from previous quarter	3.2	7.6	-1.5	-2.2	-0.5	-0.1	0.3	2.0	1.9
% change from corresponding quarter of previous year	3.2	13.7	10.9	7.0	3.2	-4.2	-2.5	1.6	4.1
<b>2. ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO</b>									
% change from previous quarter	0.2	1.1	1.7	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
% change from corresponding quarter of previous year	3.4	2.3	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.1	0.5	0.2	0.5
<b>3. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>									
% change from previous quarter	0.4	0.0	0.7	1.0	-0.4	0.2	0.6	1.7	0.8
% change from corresponding quarter of previous year	4.7	4.1	4.4	2.2	1.3	1.5	1.5	2.1	3.4
<b>4. HOUSING</b>									
% change from previous quarter	5.3	2.9	0.0	1.3	1.0	0.1	-0.4	1.2	6.0
% change from corresponding quarter of previous year	7.7	9.8	9.7	9.7	5.2	2.3	1.9	1.9	6.9
<b>5. HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES</b>									
% change from previous quarter	0.7	0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.7	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
% change from corresponding quarter of previous year	1.1	-0.4	0.7	0.8	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.7	-0.4
<b>6. HEALTH</b>									
% change from previous quarter	0.1	1.0	0.3	-0.2	4.8	-0.4	0.2	0.3	1.5
% change from corresponding quarter of previous year	3.7	1.7	2.7	1.2	5.9	4.5	4.4	5.0	1.6
<b>7. RECREATION AND EDUCATION</b>									
% change from previous quarter	0.0	0.7	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
% change from corresponding quarter of previous year	1.1	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	-0.6	-0.4	-0.3	0.1
<b>8. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION</b>									
% change from previous quarter	1.5	18.8	-1.6	-5.3	-11.3	1.7	1.1	0.0	1.7
% change from corresponding quarter of previous year	4.3	24.2	22.4	12.4	-1.7	-15.8	-13.5	-8.7	4.6

Source: Direção Nacional de Estatística

**Table 2 - Consumer Price Index (CPI), Timor-Leste**

	Mar-08	Jun-08	Sep-08	Dec-08	Mar-09	Jun-09	Sep-09	Dec-09	Mar-10
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>138.7</b>	<b>146.7</b>	<b>145.5</b>	<b>143.5</b>	<b>142.6</b>	<b>142.7</b>	<b>143.0</b>	<b>145.1</b>	<b>147.9</b>
<b>ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING HOUSING</b>	<b>138.7</b>	<b>147.1</b>	<b>145.7</b>	<b>143.4</b>	<b>142.2</b>	<b>142.2</b>	<b>142.7</b>	<b>144.8</b>	<b>147.0</b>
<b>1 FOOD</b>	<b>143.6</b>	<b>154.5</b>	<b>152.2</b>	<b>148.9</b>	<b>148.1</b>	<b>147.9</b>	<b>148.3</b>	<b>151.3</b>	<b>154.1</b>
1.1 Cereals, roots and their products	166.4	201.3	191.6	175.9	174.5	174.4	174.4	176.4	186.6
1.2 Meat and meat products	131.4	139.9	135.9	144.3	145.4	144.9	144.9	155.6	155.1
1.3 Fresh fish	138.9	139.3	141.1	139.2	140.4	140.3	140.9	140.4	142.2
1.4 Preserved fish	113.4	118.2	121.8	121.8	121.8	121.8	121.7	124.0	127.4
1.5 Eggs, milk and their products	127.1	197.9	196.0	203.1	202.4	201.0	203.8	204.0	204.3
1.6 Vegetables	192.1	132.9	134.3	131.0	129.5	129.7	131.6	133.3	133.7
1.7 Nuts	193.6	198.0	197.7	199.0	197.9	197.9	197.9	202.8	200.1
1.8 Fruits	125.4	125.0	125.7	123.5	122.1	123.6	123.5	123.7	126.5
1.9 Herbs and Spices	143.1	143.0	146.1	146.1	144.0	143.2	144.8	150.8	156.7
1.10 Fats and oils	199.9	212.5	211.7	192.0	186.3	186.4	185.9	192.6	187.0
1.11 Bread, cakes and biscuits	94.9	95.1	95.3	95.4	95.4	95.3	95.4	95.4	95.3
1.12 Prepared food/meals	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.1	98.9	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.0
1.13 Non-alcoholic drinks	158.4	157.4	158.6	158.5	155.8	155.6	152.7	154.7	154.3
<b>2 ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO</b>	<b>137.6</b>	<b>139.0</b>	<b>141.4</b>	<b>142.0</b>	<b>141.9</b>	<b>142.0</b>	<b>142.0</b>	<b>142.2</b>	<b>142.5</b>
2.1 Alcohol	115.8	115.0	117.5	117.9	117.6	117.8	118.0	118.4	118.3
2.2 Tobacco	142.2	145.4	147.3	148.1	148.1	148.1	148.1	148.1	148.6
<b>3 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>145.0</b>	<b>145.1</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>147.6</b>	<b>147.0</b>	<b>147.3</b>	<b>148.3</b>	<b>150.7</b>	<b>152.0</b>
3.1 Men's clothing	121.8	123.1	123.5	124.3	124.2	124.2	124.4	126.4	125.2
3.2 Women's clothing	106.8	108.3	108.3	108.8	108.1	108.1	108.1	110.1	108.8
3.3 Children's and infants' clothing	149.9	149.9	149.9	149.9	148.1	148.1	147.6	147.9	149.3
3.4 Footwear and personal effects	173.4	171.6	173.9	176.6	176.3	177.2	179.5	183.3	186.6
<b>4 HOUSING</b>	<b>138.2</b>	<b>142.3</b>	<b>142.2</b>	<b>144.1</b>	<b>145.4</b>	<b>145.6</b>	<b>145.0</b>	<b>146.7</b>	<b>155.1</b>
4.1 House rental	113.3	116.4	116.4	116.4	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.8	117.6
4.2 House building costs	144.8	151.1	151.1	153.9	156.6	156.8	156.2	159.4	171.4
4.3 Household fuel and utilities	138.0	137.9	137.9	138.9	138.9	138.9	138.0	138.0	142.8
<b>5 HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>105.3</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>105.3</b>	<b>105.0</b>
5.1 Household furnishings	101.0	101.3	100.9	101.1	100.0	100.3	100.3	100.1	99.5
5.2 Household supplies and services	113.9	114.1	114.1	114.1	113.9	114.0	113.9	113.8	113.8
<b>6 HEALTH</b>	<b>137.3</b>	<b>138.7</b>	<b>139.0</b>	<b>138.8</b>	<b>145.4</b>	<b>144.9</b>	<b>145.2</b>	<b>145.6</b>	<b>147.8</b>
6.1 Health services and pharmaceuticals	155.1	159.6	159.6	159.6	160.0	160.0	160.0	160.0	160.0
6.2 Personal care	131.9	132.3	132.8	132.4	141.1	140.4	140.7	141.3	144.2
<b>7 RECREATION AND EDUCATION</b>	<b>114.9</b>	<b>115.6</b>	<b>115.5</b>	<b>115.3</b>	<b>115.1</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>115.2</b>
7.1 Recreation	121.4	123.0	122.6	122.2	121.8	121.8	121.8	121.8	122.3
7.2 Education	106.4	106.4	106.4	106.6	106.5	106.2	106.2	106.2	106.2
<b>8 TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>135.2</b>	<b>160.6</b>	<b>158.1</b>	<b>149.8</b>	<b>132.9</b>	<b>135.2</b>	<b>136.8</b>	<b>136.7</b>	<b>139.0</b>
8.1 Transport	146.6	180.4	177.0	166.0	143.6	146.7	148.7	148.6	151.7
8.2 Communication	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9

Base of the Index: Dec 2001 = 100.0  
Source: Direcção Nacional de Estatística