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INTRODUCTION OF SERIES 2 CPI

All published indexes from January 2013 have been re-referenced to Dec 2012 = 100.0. Time series data, details of new CPI weights, and other information relating to changes to the Timor-Leste CPI are available on the General Directorate Statistics (GDS) website, see www.statistics.gov.tl

August 2016 Key Figures

(a) For March, June, and September 2013, annual percentage changes are calculated on a quarterly basis. For December 2013 onwards annual changes will be calculated on movements between corresponding months of consecutive years.

Timor-Leste Consumer Price Index	Monthly	Annual (a)
	July - 2016 to August - 2016	August - 2015 to August - 2016
	% change	% change
All groups CPI	**-0.1%**	**-1.6%**
All groups excluding Housing	**-0.1%**	**-1.7%**
1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0.0%	-2.4%
2. Alcohol and tobacco	-0.3%	1.5%
3. Clothing and footwear	0.0%	0.9%
4. Housing	0.0%	-2.1%
5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	-0.1%	-4.1%
6. Health	0.0%	1.9%
7. Transport	-0.8%	-5.2%
8. Communication	0.0%	0.7%
9. Recreation and culture	0.0%	1.4%
10. Education	0.0%	6.0%

AUGUST 2016 KEY POINTS

The All Groups CPI fell (-0.1%) in August 2016, following a fall (-0.1%) in July 2016.

Overview of CPI Movements

- The most significant fall in prices this month comes from the Transport (-0.8%) group, which was driven by a fall in Operation of personal transport equipment (-2.1%). The fall within the transport group was partially offset by a rise (+0.3%) in purchase of vehicles. The fall in the transport group is highly accountable to a fall in the price of gasoline and diesel in Dili, which follows a 7 percent fall in the IMF crude oil price index between June 2016 and July 2016.
- The Alcohol and tobacco group (-0.3%) also contributed to the fall in the one month CPI rate, which was drive by the price of Alcohol (-0.8%). The fall is a consequence of a drop in the price of beer in several outlets in Dili.
- The Food and non-alcoholic beverages group showed no movement in August 2016. Falls in Fish and seafood (-1.3%), Meat (-0.3%), Milk, Cheese and Eggs (-0.7%) Vegetables (-0.2%) and Food products n.e.c. (-0.3%), were offset by rises in Rice (+0.3%) and Sugar, jam, honey and confectionary (+1.7%).

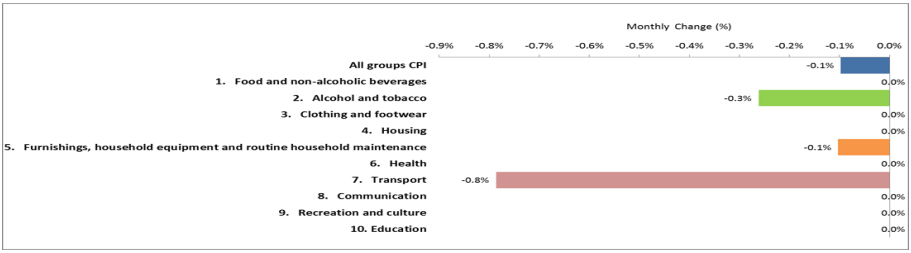
The All Groups CPI decreased (-1.6%) through the year to August 2016, compared with decrease of (-1.7%) through the year to July 2016. The most significant contributor to the annual decrease is the Food and non-alcoholic beverages group (-2.4%), which is largely driven by a fall in the price of Vegetables (-2.8%), Rice (-2.1%) and Meat (-3.3%). Food products n.e.c (+2.3%) displayed the largest offsetting movement to the annual fall within the Food and non-alcoholic beverages group. The significant fall of the Food and non-alcoholic beverages group is acting as the main driver to the annual fall, which is a consequence of the significant weight of this group in the Timor-Leste CPI. Timor-Leste depends heavily on imports for many food related goods, it follows that the IMF Food and beverage price index fell 6% for the year ending March 2016 (allowing for any lagged effects), which is being reflected in the Timor-Leste CPI.

Also contributing to the annual fall is the Transport (-5.2%) group, which is primarily driven by a large fall in the operation of personnel transport equipment (-11.2%) and Purchase of vehicles (-1.9%). The fall within Transport comes off the back of a 2.2% fall in the IMF crude oil index over the period August 2015 to August 2016. The Furnishing, household equipment and routine household maintenance (-4.1%) and Housing (-2.1%) groups were the only other contributor to the fall in the 12 month CPI rate. Education (+6.0%) recorded the largest offsetting rise through the year to August 2016, followed by Alcohol and tobacco (+1.5%). The significant annual rise in education prices is a consequence of an increased cost of school admission fees in Dili in order to improve the quality of facilities and teaching in local schools.

AUGUST 2016 KEY POINTS

The following figures represent the monthly and annual percentage price change for each major group in the CPI.

TIMOR - LESTE CPI - MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE



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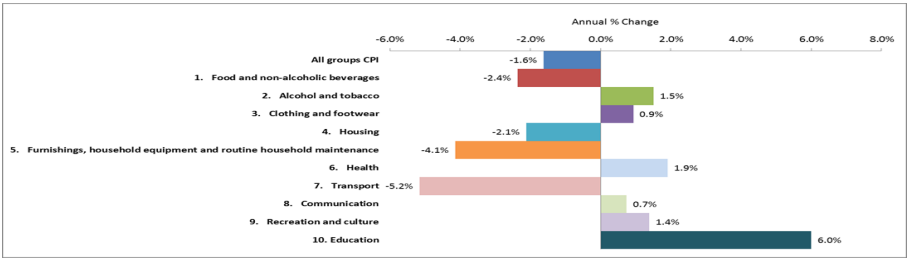
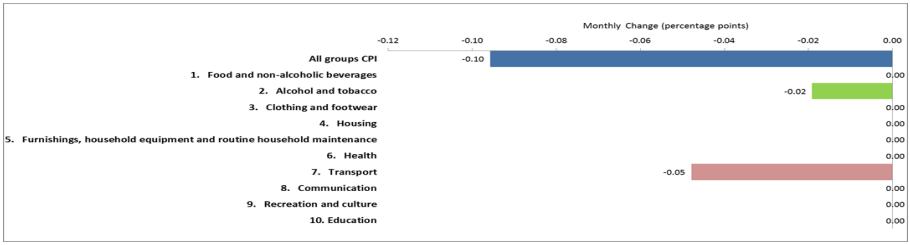


The following figures represent the monthly and annual percentage points change, which accounts for the weight of each major group. As a result, this shows the biggest contributors to the all groups CPI on a monthly and annual basis.

TIMOR - LESTE CPI -



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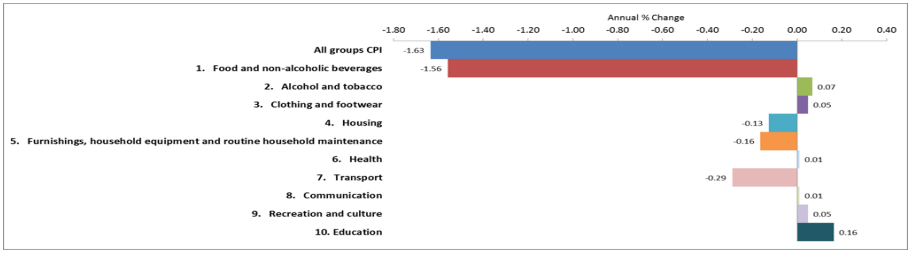

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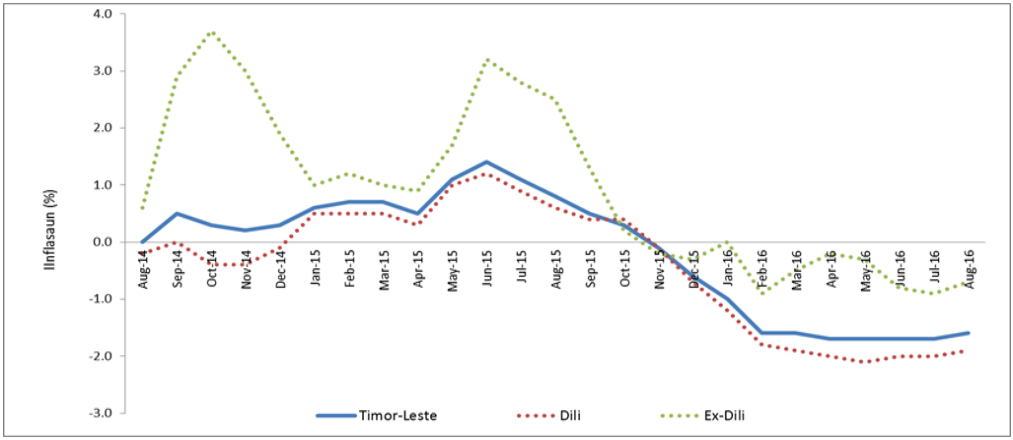
The following figure represents the CPI 12-month inflation rate for the last 2 years, August 2014 to August 2016. The figure includes the rates for Dili, Ex-Dili and Timor-Leste.



It is clear that from this figure, the low rate of inflation as seen over the past 2 years is continuing into 2016. The low rate of inflation is a possible consequence of the following factors:

- The recent appreciation of the Us dollar against Timor-Leste main trading prices (NEER index)
- Declining international commodity prices, namely food products such as rice
- Declining oil prices

The government has set a target of 4%-6% inflation under the Strategic Development Plan (SDP); currently Timor-Leste is operating well below this target. The result of deflation for the year ending April 2016 has been largely driven by a fall in food and transport costs, these two categories combined currently makes up 71% of the CPI basket (64.5% food), therefore small downward movements in the prices of food and transport related goods and services will have a significant downward contribution to the overall CPI rate.

TABLE 1. TIMOR-LESTE CPI

August 2016

	Groups and Expenditure Class	INDEX NUMBERS Aug 2015	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	PERCENTAGE CHANGE Jul-16 to Aug-16	Aug-15 to Aug-16	POINTS CONTRIBUTION Jul 2016	Aug 2016	POINTS CHANGE Jul-16 to Aug-16
a	**ALL GROUPS**	**104.5**	**102.9**	**102.8**	**-0.1%**	**-1.6%**	**102.9**	**102.8**	**-0.1**
b	**ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING HOUSING**	**104.8**	**103.1**	**103.0**	**-0.1%**	**-1.7%**			
1	**FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**	**105.5**	**103.0**	**103.0**	**0.0%**	**-2.4%**	**66.09**	**66.09**	**0.00**
1.1	Bread and cereals (excluding rice)	119.3	118.6	118.6	0.0%	-0.6%	5.28	5.28	0.00
1.2	Rice	103.5	101.0	101.3	0.3%	-2.1%	17.37	17.42	0.05
1.3	Meat	107.0	103.8	103.5	-0.3%	-3.3%	8.31	8.28	-0.03
1.4	Fish and seafood	91.8	89.9	88.7	-1.3%	-3.4%	2.40	2.37	-0.03
1.5	Milk, cheese and eggs	119.8	118.8	118.0	-0.7%	-1.5%	1.89	1.87	-0.02
1.6	Oils and fats	113.6	106.8	106.9	0.1%	-5.9%	3.48	3.49	0.01
1.7	Fruit	109.3	110.3	110.3	0.0%	0.9%	2.50	2.50	0.00
1.8	Vegetables	104.3	101.6	101.4	-0.2%	-2.8%	15.71	15.69	-0.02
1.9	Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	95.4	88.6	90.1	1.7%	-5.6%	2.84	2.88	0.04
1.10	Food products n.e.c.	101.0	104.3	104.0	-0.3%	3.0%	3.09	3.08	-0.01
1.11	Coffee, tea and cocoa	102.5	100.2	100.2	0.0%	-2.2%	2.08	2.08	0.00
1.12	Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	99.4	94.5	94.5	0.0%	-4.9%	0.63	0.63	0.00
1.13	Prepared food/meals	93.1	92.2	92.2	0.0%	-1.0%	0.50	0.50	0.00
2	**ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO**	**112.6**	**114.6**	**114.3**	**-0.3%**	**1.5%**	**5.59**	**5.57**	**-0.02**
2.1	Alcohol	140.3	151.5	150.3	-0.8%	7.1%	2.05	2.03	-0.02
2.2	Tobacco	102.4	100.6	100.6	0.0%	-1.8%	3.54	3.54	0.00
3	**CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR**	**107.5**	**108.5**	**108.5**	**0.0%**	**0.9%**	**6.33**	**6.33**	**0.00**
3.1	Garments for men	107.4	108.2	108.2	0.0%	0.7%	1.29	1.29	0.00
3.2	Garments for women	103.2	103.9	103.9	0.0%	0.7%	0.92	0.92	0.00
3.3	Garments for infants and children	110.1	111.8	111.8	0.0%	1.5%	2.19	2.19	0.00
3.4	Footwear and clothing accessories	106.4	106.3	106.3	0.0%	-0.1%	1.94	1.94	0.00
4	**HOUSING**	**103.6**	**101.4**	**101.4**	**0.0%**	**-2.1%**	**5.76**	**5.76**	**0.00**
4.1	Actual rentals paid by tenants	97.9	97.9	97.9	0.0%	0.0%	0.67	0.67	0.00
4.2	Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	100.1	93.8	93.8	0.0%	-6.3%	1.32	1.32	0.00
4.3	Water, electricity, gas and other fuels	106.4	105.1	105.1	0.0%	-1.2%	3.77	3.77	0.00
5	**FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE**	**101.6**	**97.5**	**97.4**	**-0.1%**	**-4.1%**	**4.05**	**4.05**	**0.00**
5.1	Household furniture and textiles	105.9	105.5	104.9	-0.6%	-0.9%	0.33	0.33	0.00
5.2	Household appliances	108.7	109.3	109.3	0.0%	0.6%	0.40	0.40	0.00
5.3	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	100.8	95.8	95.8	0.0%	-5.0%	3.32	3.32	0.00
6	**HEALTH**	**104.6**	**106.6**	**106.6**	**0.0%**	**1.9%**	**0.79**	**0.79**	**0.00**
6.1	Medical products, appliances and equipment	107.1	107.1	107.1	0.0%	0.0%	0.51	0.51	0.00
6.2	Medical and Hospital services	100.0	105.5	105.5	0.0%	5.5%	0.28	0.28	0.00
7	**TRANSPORT**	**93.1**	**89.0**	**88.3**	**-0.8%**	**-5.2%**	**5.72**	**5.67**	**-0.05**
7.1	Purchase of vehicles	100.1	97.9	98.2	0.3%	-1.9%	0.57	0.58	0.01
7.2	Operation of personal transport equipment	83.7	75.9	74.3	-2.1%	-11.2%	2.33	2.28	-0.05
7.3	Transport services	102.0	102.0	102.0	0.0%	0.0%	2.81	2.81	0.00
8	**COMMUNICATION**	**82.2**	**82.8**	**82.8**	**0.0%**	**0.7%**	**1.91**	**1.91**	**0.00**
8.1	Telecommunication equipment and services	82.2	82.8	82.8	0.0%	0.7%	1.91	1.91	0.00
9	**RECREATION and CULTURE**	**108.7**	**110.2**	**110.2**	**0.0%**	**1.4%**	**3.66**	**3.66**	**0.00**
9.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	99.7	99.2	99.1	-0.1%	-0.6%	0.02	0.02	0.00
9.2	Recreational items and cultural services	108.4	108.4	108.4	0.0%	0.0%	2.32	2.32	0.00
9.3	Newspapers, books and stationery	109.3	113.7	113.7	0.0%	4.0%	1.32	1.32	0.00
10	**EDUCATION**	**120.0**	**127.2**	**127.2**	**0.0%**	**6.0%**	**2.97**	**2.97**	**0.00**
10	Education	120.0	127.2	127.2	0.0%	6.0%	2.97	2.97	0.00

Reference period of index: December 2012 = 100.0

TABLE 2. DILI - analytical index

August 2016

	Groups and Expenditure Class	INDEX NUMBERS Aug 2015	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	PERCENTAGE CHANGE Jul-16 to Aug-16	Aug-15 to Aug-16	POINTS CONTRIBUTION Jul 2016	Aug 2016	POINTS CHANGE Jul-16 to Aug-16
a	**ALL GROUPS**	104.2	102.3	102.2	-0.1%	-1.9%	102.3	102.2	-0.1
b	**ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING HOUSING**	104.7	102.8	102.7	-0.1%	-1.9%			
1	**FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**	105.9	102.9	102.9	0.0%	-2.8%	63.46	63.44	-0.02
1.1	Bread and cereals (excluding rice)	119.8	118.9	118.9	0.0%	-0.8%	5.11	5.11	0.00
1.2	Rice	108.0	103.9	104.2	0.3%	-3.5%	15.66	15.70	0.04
1.3	Meat	107.3	103.1	102.8	-0.3%	-4.2%	8.60	8.58	-0.02
1.4	Fish and seafood	91.2	88.9	87.6	-1.5%	-3.9%	2.67	2.64	-0.03
1.5	Milk, cheese and eggs	120.0	119.0	118.1	-0.8%	-1.6%	2.12	2.10	-0.02
1.6	Oils and fats	113.6	107.4	107.5	0.1%	-5.4%	3.27	3.28	0.01
1.7	Fruit	110.9	112.0	112.0	0.0%	1.0%	2.70	2.70	0.00
1.8	Vegetables	104.2	101.4	101.2	-0.2%	-2.9%	14.94	14.91	-0.03
1.9	Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	90.9	82.2	84.0	2.2%	-7.6%	2.56	2.62	0.06
1.10	Food products n.e.c.	93.8	98.1	97.7	-0.4%	4.2%	2.70	2.69	-0.01
1.11	Coffee, tea and cocoa	98.4	95.6	95.6	0.0%	-2.8%	1.81	1.81	0.00
1.12	Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	99.6	94.4	94.4	0.0%	-5.2%	0.72	0.72	0.00
1.13	Prepared food/meals	93.1	92.0	92.0	0.0%	-1.2%	0.59	0.59	0.00
2	**ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO**	115.4	119.0	118.6	-0.3%	2.8%	5.29	5.27	-0.02
2.1	Alcohol	145.1	159.3	157.8	-0.9%	8.8%	2.07	2.05	-0.02
2.2	Tobacco	103.0	102.6	102.6	0.0%	-0.4%	3.22	3.22	0.00
3	**CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR**	106.4	107.3	107.3	0.0%	0.8%	6.80	6.80	0.00
3.1	Garments for men	106.5	107.2	107.2	0.0%	0.7%	1.36	1.36	0.00
3.2	Garments for women	100.0	100.8	100.8	0.0%	0.8%	0.94	0.94	0.00
3.3	Garments for infants and children	109.0	111.0	111.0	0.0%	1.8%	2.35	2.35	0.00
3.4	Footwear and clothing accessories	106.6	106.5	106.5	0.0%	-0.1%	2.15	2.15	0.00
4	**HOUSING**	103.1	101.0	101.0	0.0%	-2.0%	6.46	6.46	0.00
4.1	Actual rentals paid by tenants	97.9	97.9	97.9	0.0%	0.0%	0.82	0.82	0.00
4.2	Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	99.4	93.1	93.1	0.0%	-6.3%	1.45	1.45	0.00
4.3	Water, electricity, gas and other fuels	105.6	104.8	104.8	0.0%	-0.8%	4.19	4.19	0.00
5	**FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE**	99.5	94.9	94.8	-0.1%	-4.7%	4.24	4.23	-0.01
5.1	Household furniture and textiles	105.7	105.5	104.9	-0.6%	-0.8%	0.39	0.38	-0.01
5.2	Household appliances	106.8	106.8	106.8	0.0%	0.0%	0.43	0.43	0.00
5.3	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	98.2	92.5	92.5	0.0%	-5.8%	3.42	3.42	0.00
6	**HEALTH**	103.1	105.3	105.3	0.0%	2.1%	0.88	0.88	0.00
6.1	Medical products, appliances and equipment	104.9	104.9	104.9	0.0%	0.0%	0.55	0.55	0.00
6.2	Medical and Hospital services	100.0	105.7	105.7	0.0%	5.7%	0.33	0.33	0.00
7	**TRANSPORT**	91.7	87.9	87.1	-0.9%	-5.0%	6.22	6.16	-0.06
7.1	Purchase of vehicles	100.6	98.5	98.7	0.2%	-1.9%	0.64	0.64	0.00
7.2	Operation of personal transport equipment	82.8	75.0	73.3	-2.3%	-11.5%	2.58	2.52	-0.06
7.3	Transport services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	3.00	3.00	0.00
8	**COMMUNICATION**	80.6	80.6	80.6	0.0%	0.0%	2.02	2.02	0.00
8.1	Telecommunication equipment and services	80.6	80.6	80.6	0.0%	0.0%	2.02	2.02	0.00
9	**RECREATION and CULTURE**	108.7	110.5	110.5	0.0%	1.7%	3.75	3.75	0.00
9.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	99.4	98.8	98.6	-0.2%	-0.8%	0.02	0.02	0.00
9.2	Recreational items and cultural services	108.4	108.4	108.4	0.0%	0.0%	2.30	2.30	0.00
9.3	Newspapers, books and stationery	109.3	114.3	114.3	0.0%	4.6%	1.42	1.42	0.00
10	**EDUCATION**	117.7	125.5	125.5	0.0%	6.6%	3.33	3.33	0.00
10	Education	117.7	125.5	125.5	0.0%	6.6%	3.33	3.33	0.00

Reference period of index: December 2012 = 100.0

TABLE 3. EX-DILI - analytical index

August 2016

	Groups and Expenditure Class	INDEX NUMBERS Aug 2015	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	PERCENTAGE CHANGE Jul-16 to Aug-16	Aug-15 to Aug-16	POINTS CONTRIBUTION Jul 2016	Aug 2016	POINTS CHANGE Jul-16 to Aug-16
a	**ALL GROUPS**	105.8	105.0	105.1	0.1%	-0.7%	105.0	105.1	0.1
b	**ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING HOUSING**	105.5	104.9	105.0	0.1%	-0.5%			
1	**FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**	104.2	103.8	104.0	0.2%	-0.2%	78.09	78.21	0.12
1.1	Bread and cereals (excluding rice)	116.3	116.3	116.3	0.0%	0.0%	6.07	6.07	0.00
1.2	Rice	92.9	94.1	94.5	0.4%	1.7%	25.20	25.31	0.11
1.3	Meat	106.0	109.4	109.4	0.0%	3.2%	6.94	6.94	0.00
1.4	Fish and seafood	99.8	100.9	100.9	0.0%	1.1%	1.16	1.16	0.00
1.5	Milk, cheese and eggs	118.7	118.7	118.7	0.0%	0.0%	0.82	0.82	0.00
1.6	Oils and fats	114.3	104.6	104.6	0.0%	-8.5%	4.44	4.44	0.00
1.7	Fruit	100.2	99.7	99.7	0.0%	-0.5%	1.61	1.61	0.00
1.8	Vegetables	105.3	103.1	103.1	0.0%	-2.1%	19.24	19.24	0.00
1.9	Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	114.6	114.6	114.6	0.0%	0.0%	4.11	4.11	0.00
1.10	Food products n.e.c.	124.7	125.3	125.3	0.0%	0.5%	4.88	4.88	0.00
1.11	Coffee, tea and cocoa	115.4	114.8	114.8	0.0%	-0.5%	3.30	3.30	0.00
1.12	Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	99.3	97.7	97.7	0.0%	-1.6%	0.23	0.23	0.00
1.13	Prepared food/meals	91.5	95.3	95.3	0.0%	4.2%	0.08	0.08	0.00
2	**ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO**	105.0	101.2	101.2	0.0%	-3.6%	6.97	6.97	0.00
2.1	Alcohol	121.6	121.5	121.5	0.0%	-0.1%	1.95	1.95	0.00
2.2	Tobacco	100.3	95.3	95.3	0.0%	-5.0%	5.02	5.02	0.00
3	**CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR**	114.2	114.6	114.6	0.0%	0.4%	4.21	4.21	0.00
3.1	Garments for men	111.9	113.0	113.0	0.0%	1.0%	1.00	1.00	0.00
3.2	Garments for women	125.4	125.4	125.4	0.0%	0.0%	0.78	0.78	0.00
3.3	Garments for infants and children	119.1	119.7	119.7	0.0%	0.5%	1.44	1.44	0.00
3.4	Footwear and clothing accessories	102.9	102.9	102.9	0.0%	0.0%	0.99	0.99	0.00
4	**HOUSING**	111.1	104.9	105.0	0.1%	-5.5%	2.58	2.58	0.00
4.1	Actual rentals paid by tenants	97.9	97.9	97.9	0.0%	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.2	Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	105.5	102.4	102.7	0.3%	-2.7%	0.71	0.71	0.00
4.3	Water, electricity, gas and other fuels	113.3	105.9	105.9	0.0%	-6.5%	1.86	1.86	0.00
5	**FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE**	118.8	120.3	120.3	0.0%	1.3%	3.19	3.19	0.00
5.1	Household furniture and textiles	109.9	108.7	108.6	-0.1%	-1.2%	0.08	0.08	0.00
5.2	Household appliances	125.0	131.4	131.4	0.0%	5.1%	0.26	0.26	0.00
5.3	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	118.9	120.0	120.0	0.0%	0.9%	2.85	2.85	0.00
6	**HEALTH**	122.0	122.0	122.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.40	0.40	0.00
6.1	Medical products, appliances and equipment	126.5	126.5	126.5	0.0%	0.0%	0.34	0.34	0.00
6.2	Medical and Hospital services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.06	0.06	0.00
7	**TRANSPORT**	106.4	101.9	101.9	0.0%	-4.2%	3.41	3.41	0.00
7.1	Purchase of vehicles	94.2	90.8	91.2	0.4%	-3.2%	0.27	0.28	0.01
7.2	Operation of personal transport equipment	93.7	84.1	84.1	0.0%	-10.2%	1.18	1.18	0.00
7.3	Transport services	118.8	118.8	118.8	0.0%	0.0%	1.96	1.96	0.00
8	**COMMUNICATION**	95.7	101.2	101.2	0.0%	5.7%	1.41	1.41	0.00
8.1	Telecommunication equipment and services	95.7	101.2	101.2	0.0%	5.7%	1.41	1.41	0.00
9	**RECREATION and CULTURE**	108.8	108.8	108.8	0.0%	0.0%	3.24	3.24	0.00
9.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	109.2	109.2	109.2	0.0%	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00
9.2	Recreational items and cultural services	108.5	108.5	108.5	0.0%	0.0%	2.41	2.41	0.00
9.3	Newspapers, books and stationery	109.4	109.4	109.4	0.0%	0.0%	0.83	0.83	0.00
10	**EDUCATION**	152.7	152.7	152.7	0.0%	0.0%	1.34	1.34	0.00
10	Education	152.7	152.7	152.7	0.0%	0.0%	1.34	1.34	0.00

EXPLANATORY NOTES

NOTE TO USERS

The Series 2 index incorporates the outcomes of a major review and reweighting of the Timor-Leste CPI. The new weights are based on the results of the 2011 Household Income and Expenditure Survey. Two Information Papers were published about the review. The first – '*Review of Timor-Leste Consumer Price Index (CPI) 2012: Issues for Consideration*' was published in November 2012 and sought the views of users on a range of issues under consideration in the review and reweighting exercise. The second '*Introduction of the Series 2 Timor-Leste Consumer Price Index*' was published on May 17 2013 and set out the results of the user consultation phase and the final decisions that had been taken in respect of the new CPI, together with information on the new weighting pattern and the new classification that has been introduced into the Series 2 CPI. Both information papers can be found on the website of the General Directorate Statistics (GDS) at papers can be found on the website of the General Directorate of Statistics at www.statistics.gov.tl

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 private households. This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following ten groups:
1. *Food and non-alcoholic beverages*; 2. *Alcohol and tobacco*; 3. *Clothing and footwear*; 4. *Housing*; 5. *Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance*; 6. *Health*; 7. *Transport*, 8. *Communication*; 9. *Recreation and culture*; 10. *Education.*
Further information about the Timor-Leste CPI is contained in *A Guide to the Timor-Leste CPI* which can be downloaded from the DGE website *at www.statistics.gov.tl*

INDEXES PUBLISHED

CPI figures are produced by the General Directorate Statistics (GDS) for each month and are released within one month of the end of the reference period.
The primary index published by GDS is the Timor-Leste Consumer Price Index. The data for this national index are presented in Key Figures and Table 1 of the publication.
NDS also publishes two secondary indexes for analytical purposes – one representing Dili price movements and the other representing price movements for other Timor-Leste districts (termed 'Ex-Dili'). These analytical series are compiled by taking subsets of the CPI basket, and are presented in Tables 2 and 3 in the publication.

COLLECTING PRICES FOR THE CPI

The collection of prices is largely carried out by trained field staff operating from Head office in Dili. The collection of prices in districts beyond Dili is carried out by GDS staff operating out of various offices of the DGE, while some prices are collected by special surveys.

WEIGHTING PATTERN

There are 35 expenditure classes (that is, categories of like items) in the Series 2 CPI and each expenditure class has its own weight, or measure of relative importance. In calculating the index, price changes for the various expenditure classes are combined using these weights. The Series 2 CPI weighting pattern is also available on the DGE website *at www.statistics.gov.tl*

ANALYSIS OF CPI CHANGES

Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as changes in index points or as percentage changes. Percentage changes are calculated to illustrate two different kinds of movements in index numbers:

- movements between corresponding months of consecutive years
- movements between consecutive months

The following example illustrates the method of calculating changes in index points and percentage changes between any two periods:

All groups CPI: Dili index numbers:

January 2013		101.4
less January 2012		90.7
Change in index points		10.7
Percentage change 10.7 / 90.7 x 100	=	11.8%

Each table in this publication provides a detailed analysis of movements in the CPI since the previous period, including information on movements for groups and expenditure classes. It also shows the contribution which each makes to the total CPI. For instance, with the Timor-Leste 2013 the Rice expenditure class contributed 17.85 index points to the total all groups index number of 101.3 for January 2013. The final column shows contributions to the change in All Groups index points by each group and expenditure class.

ROUNDING

The published index numbers have been rounded to one decimal place, and the percentage changes (also rounded to one decimal place) are calculated from the rounded index numbers. In some cases, this can result in the percentage change for the total level of a group of indexes being outside the range of the percentage changes for the component level indexes.

REVISIONS

CPI original indexes are revised only in exceptional circumstances, such as to correct a significant error. As is the case with all price indexes, the index reference period (i.e. the period in which the index is set equal to 100.0) will be changed periodically.

DATA AVAILABLE

As well as the statistics included in this publication, there are more detailed data (in time series format) for each index available for downloading from the DGE website.

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