

Inflation Report, April 2018

A. Domestic Inflation

Phnom Penh Consumer Price Index in April increased by 0.5% compared to the previous month and 2.4% compared to the previous year. In April 2018, most of consumer price indices significantly increased compared to previous month due to high demand during Khmer New Year.

Noticably, most of consume goods such as food and nonalcoholic beverages, alcoholic beverages and tobacco, clothing and footwear, housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels, transportation and restaurant increased compared to those in April 2017. Even price index was on upward trend, the index of the 4 months average growth in 2018 was lower than that in 2017 due to lower food and nonalcoholic beverage price level which was 2.0% compared the same period 2017 at 5.4%.

According to the current situation, Cambodian Inflation rate in 2018 is manageable even though gasoline price index tends to reverse slightly.

| Table 1: Changes of price index of 12 product groups in April 2018 | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Compared with last month | Compared with last year |
| Item of goods & service | 0.5% | 2.4% |
| 1. Foods and Nonalcoholic beverages | 0.7% | 2.3% |
| 2. Alcoholic beverages, and Tobacco | 1.6% | 0.9% |
| 3. Clothing and Footwear | 0.4% | 1.3% |
| 4. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 0.1% | 1.3% |
| 5. Furnishings, Household Maintenance | 0.3% | -0.2% |
| 6. Health | 0.3% | 1.8% |
| 7. Transport | 0.5% | 3.0% |
| 8. Communication | 0.1% | -1.0% |
| 9. Recreation and Culture | 0.2% | -0.8% |
| 10. Education | 0.4% | -0.4% |
| 11. Restaurants | 0.0% | 6.7% |
| 12. Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 0.5% | 3.6% |

| Table 2: Price level changes of some food items (%) | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|------|-------|----------------------|------|-------|
| Food items | Compare to last month | | | Compare to last year | | |
| | 2018 | | | 2018 | | |
| | Feb | Mar | April | Feb | Mar | April |
| Rice | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Beef | 0.7 | -0.1 | 0.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.5 |
| Chicken | 1.1 | -0.8 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| Duck | -0.2 | -0.1 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.4 |
| Pork | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| Freshwater and sea fish | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.0 |
| Fresh fish | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.3 |
| Fruit | 1.7 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 3.5 |
| Fresh fruit | 1.8 | -0.1 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 2.7 |
| Vegetable | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.3 | -0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| Leaf vegetable | 0.1 | 0.9 | 1.4 | -0.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Fruit vegetable | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.8 | -1.6 | -0.3 | 0.5 |

A. Annual Inflation of Neighbor Countries:

| Table 3: Year on Year inflation rate (%) | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|-----|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| Country | 2017 | | | | 2018 | | | |
| | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | Jan | Feb | Mar | April |
| Cambodia | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Vietnam | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 2.8 |
| Thailand | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.76 | 0.4 | 0.68 | 0.42 | 0.79 | 1.07 |
| Malaysia | 3.2 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Indonesia | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| Philippine | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| China | 2.5 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| South Korea | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| Japan | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.6 |

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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