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# Inflation rate for April 2020

- Monthly percentage change between March 2020 and April 2020
  - Monthly inflation: -3.23%
    - Monthly inflation excluding fish: -3.43%
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. April 2019 to April 2020)
  - Annual inflation (month on month): +3.62%

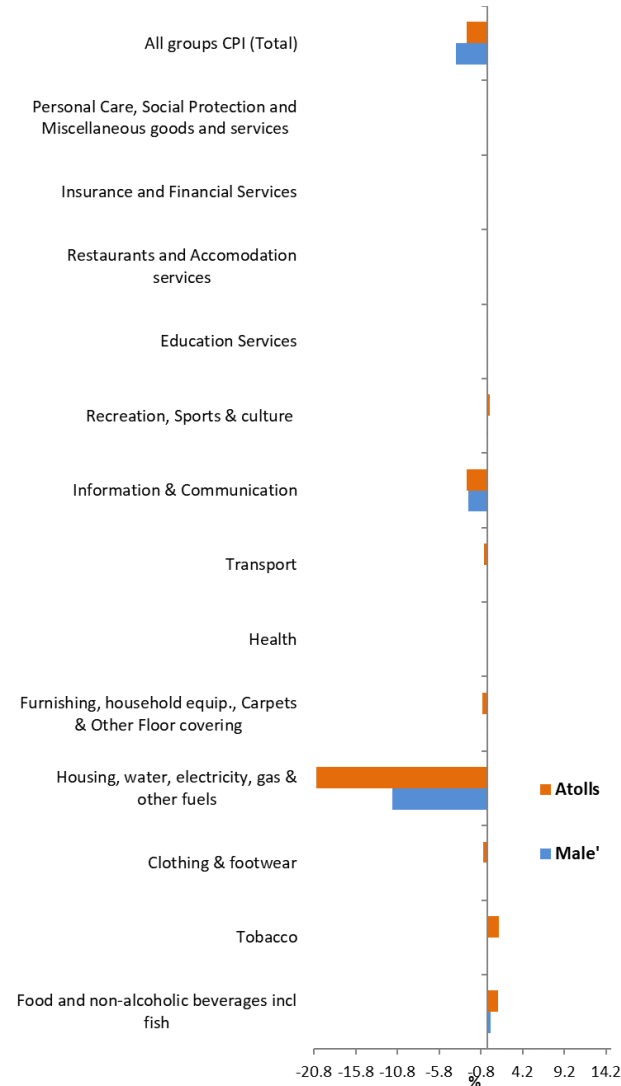
# Overview of the CPI movements

- CPI groups below are ordered in terms of their absolute significance to the change in All groups index points for the month
- The most significant price decrease in this month were for;
- Electricity (-40.00%),
- Actual rentals paid by tenants for main residence (-5.01%),
- Water supply (-30.00%),
- Mobile communication services (-4.76%),
- Milk, other dairy products and eggs (-0.44%),
- Meat (-1.14%),
- Internet access provision services and net storage service (-1.07%),
- Major household appliances, whether electric or not (-0.62 %),
- Shoes and other footwear (-0.85%),
- Motorcycles (-0.21%),
- Passenger transport by road (-1.00%) and
- Glassware, tableware and household utensils(-1.64%).

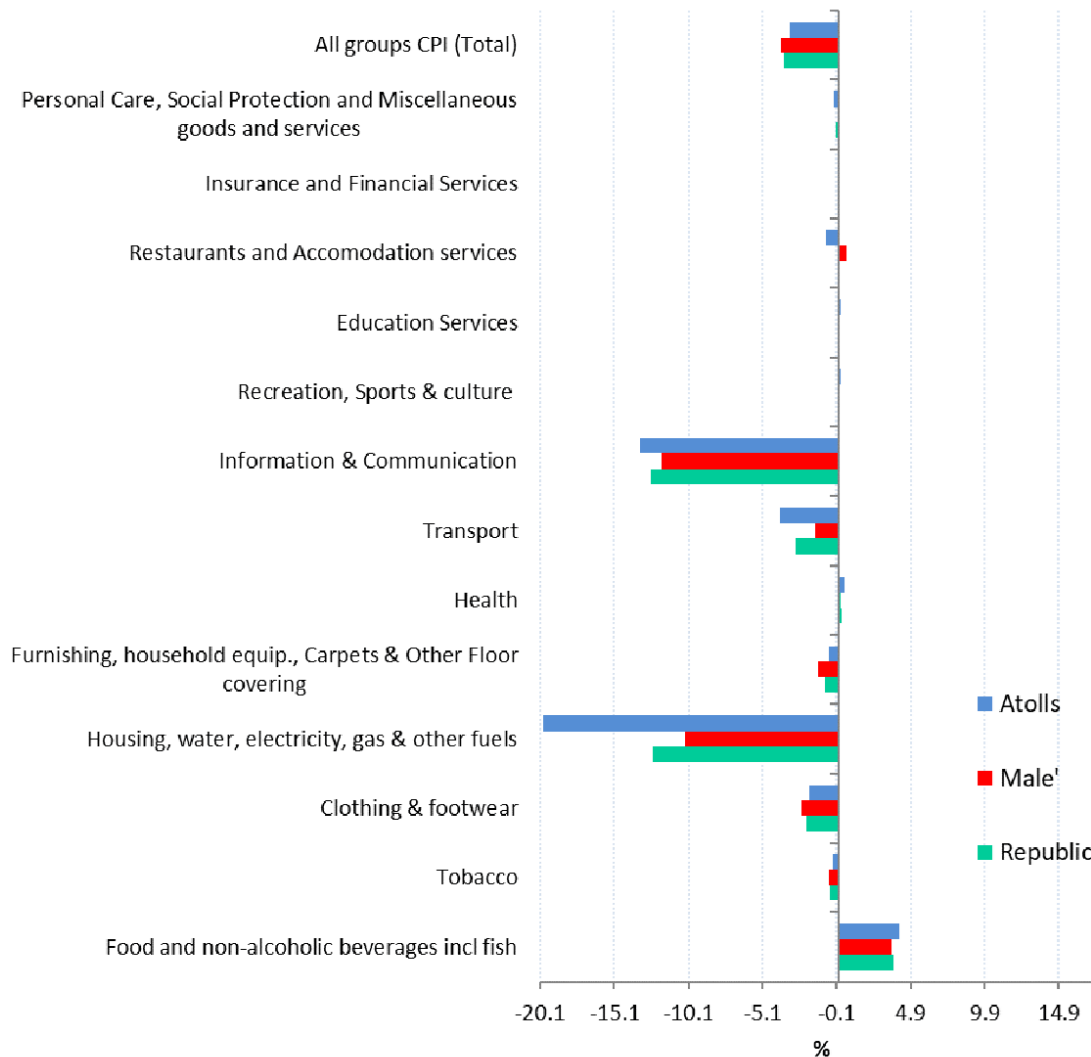
# Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price increase in this month were for;
- Vegetables (+6.39%),
- Fish (+1.16%),
- Aracanuts (+3.62%),
- Fruit (+0.54%) and
- Other Food products (+0.65%).

# Monthly Inflation (March 2020 to April 2020)



# Month on Month Inflation (April 2019 to April 2020)



# Percentage change and change in index points used

- ▣ Movements in CPI from one period to the other period are expressed in index points as well as percentage changes.
- ▣ Information on points contribution and points contribution change (or points change) is of immense value when analyzing sources of price change

# Contribution to monthly change (March 2020 to April 2020)

<b>CPI GROUPS</b>	<b>Republic</b>	<b>Male<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Atolls</b>
<b>ALL GROUPS CPI (Total)</b>	<b>-3.21</b>	<b>-3.75</b>	<b>-2.48</b>
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INCL FISH</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.34</b>
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<b>CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.02</b>
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>	<b>-3.14</b>	<b>-3.63</b>	<b>-2.49</b>
<b>FURNISHING HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENTS, CARPETS, AND OTHER FLOOR COVERINGS</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-0.05</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.04</b>
<b>INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>-0.22</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>-0.25</b>
<b>RECREATION, SPORT AND CULTURE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>EDUCATION SERVICES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>RESTAURANTS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.01</b>
<b>INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>PERSONAL CARE, SOCIAL PROTECTION AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>



# Up-coming CPI releases

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- Monthly CPI is targeted to be released on the last Monday of the month at 10.00 am local time
- Next release
  - ▣ May CPI : 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

# Documents available

- A guide to the Consumer Price Index, Maldives 2012

## GUIDE

- Index reference period is September 2019 = 100, weight reference period and Base period = August 2019

## REVIEW

[http://statisticsmaldives.gov.mv/nbs/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/GuideToCPI\\_Maldives2019-Publication.pdf](http://statisticsmaldives.gov.mv/nbs/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/GuideToCPI_Maldives2019-Publication.pdf)

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Website: [www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv](http://www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv)
- National Accounts and Economic Statistics Section of the National Bureau of Statistics can assist in understanding better the methodology of CPI and inflation.
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