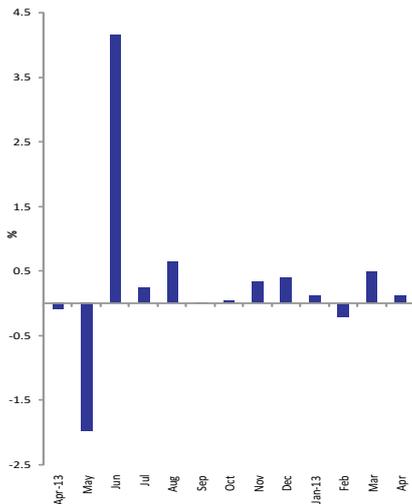


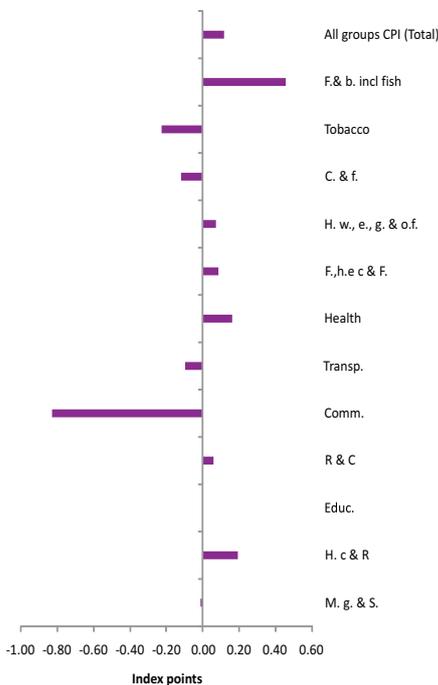
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KEY FIGURES

All groups CPI
Monthly change
(Mar 2013 to Apr 2013)



Contribution to monthly change
(Mar 2013 to Apr 2013)



Inflation rates : Republic

	Mar 2013 to Apr 2013 % change	April 2012 to April 2013 % change
All groups CPI (Total)	0.12	4.38
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.45	7.30
Tobacco and aracanut	-0.23	-2.30
Clothing & footwear	-0.12	4.76
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.07	3.61
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	0.09	0.73
Health	0.16	7.66
Transport	-0.10	2.37
Communication	-0.83	-0.97
Recreation & culture	0.06	-1.47
Education	0.00	5.70
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.19	15.69
Miscellaneous goods & Services	-0.02	-2.39

CPI analytical series

Total excluding fish	-0.10	3.03
Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish	-0.39	3.85
Fish	2.43	16.12
Actual rentals for housing	0.10	3.76

KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

* The Consumer Price Index for all groups CPI rose 0.12% in April 2013, compared to the rise of 0.50% in March 2013.

* The index for all items excluding fish falls 0.10% in April 2013 after increasing 0.30% in March 2013.

* The Consumer Price Index for all groups CPI rose 4.38% through the year to April 2013, compared with 4.17% through the year to March 2013.

OVERVIEW OF THE CPI MOVEMENTS

* The most significant price increases in this month were from fish (+2.43%), fruits (+2.31%), glassware, tableware and household utensils (+1.23%), meat (+0.79%) and pharmaceutical products (+0.38%)

*The most significant price falls recorded in this month were from vegetables (-5.40%), telephone & telefax equipment (-3.47%), passenger transport by air (-1.46%) and small electrical household appliances (-1.34%).

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Any discrepancies between totals and sum of components in this publication are due to rounding.

ABBREVIATIONS

DNP	Department of National Planning
CPI	Consumer Price Index
n.e.c	not elsewhere classified
F & b. incl fish	Food & non-alcoholic beverages including fish
C. & f.	Clothing & footwear
H. w., e., g. & o.f.	Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels
F.,h.e c & F.	Furnishing, household equip. & routine maintenance
Transp.	Transport
Comm.	Communication
R & C	Recreation & culture
Educ.	Education
H. c & R	Hotels, cafes & Restaurants
M. g. & S.	Miscellaneous goods & Services
IMF	International Monetary Fund

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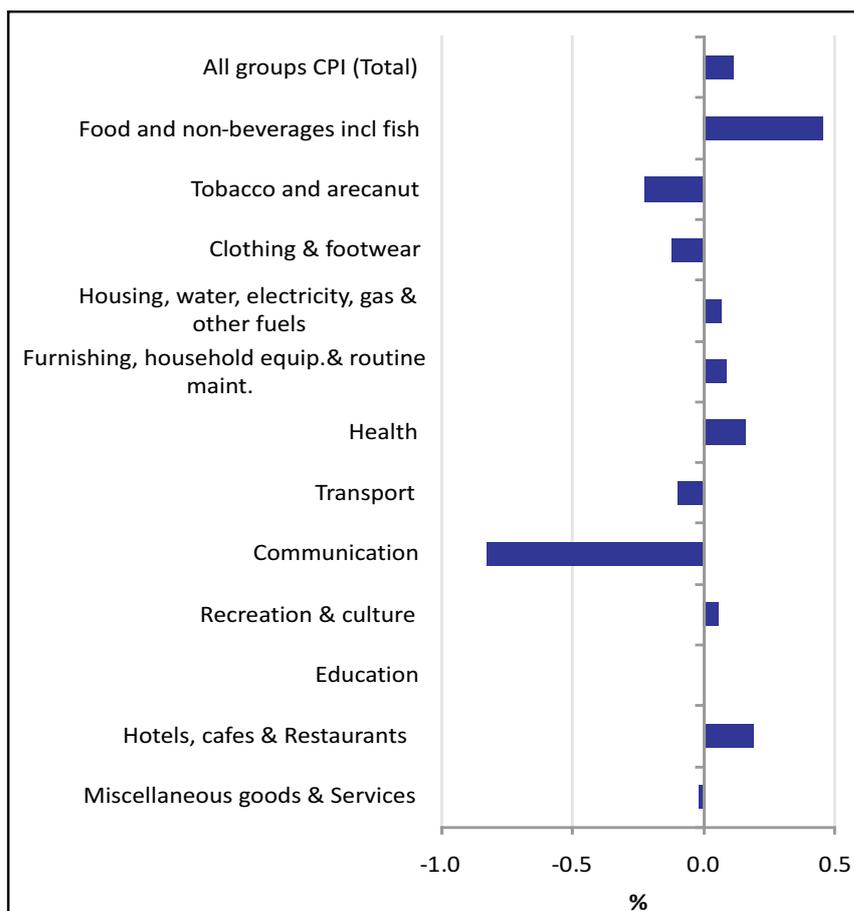
CPI GROUPS

The discussion of the CPI groups below are ordered in terms of their absolute significance to the change in All groups index points for the month (see table 1).

CONTRIBUTION TO MONTHLY CHANGE

CPI GROUPS	Republic
All the groups CPI (Total)	0.12
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.13
Tobacco and arecanut	-0.01
Clothing & footwear	0.00
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.02
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	0.01
Health	0.01
Transport	-0.01
Communication	-0.04
Recreation & culture	0.00
Education	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.01
Miscellaneous goods & Services	0.00

TOTAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, DISPLAYING ALL CPI GROUPS FOR REPUBLIC, (Mar 2013 to Apr 2013)



FISH (+2.43%)

Fish group rose in April 2013. The main contributors to this rise were increase in price of reef fish (+4.86%), skipjack tuna (+4.37%), smoked fish (+2.22%) and yellow fin tuna (+1.83%), mas mirus (+1.27%), and canned fish (+0.91%).

Over the twelve months until April 2013, fish group rose by 16.12%.

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. (+0.45%)

Food and non-alcoholic beverages group rose in April 2013. The main contributors to this rise were increase in price of lemon (+14.35%), orange (+12.65%), papaya (+8.07%), reef fish (+4.86%), cabbages (+4.80%), apple (+4.54%), skipjack tuna (+4.37%), grapes (+3.77%), coconut (+2.78%) and beef (2.67%). This rise was partially offset by fall in carrot (-36.05%), mango (-7.87%), apollo (-5.99%), pumpkin (-3.58%) and onion (-3.53%) prices.

Over the twelve months until April 2013, food and non-alcoholic beverages group rose by 7.30%

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE...*continued*

HOTELS, CAFES & RESTAURANTS (+0.19%)

The hotels, cafes & restaurants group, rose during April 2013. This was mainly due to the increase in price of lunch pack (+2.62%). This increase was partially offset by decrease in price of fish & chips (-0.13%) and pizza (-0.02%).

Over the last twelve months the restaurant and hotel group rose by 15.69%.

HEALTH (+0.16%)

The health group rose in April 2013 and the most significant contributor to this rise was increase in price of some pharmaceutical products such as actified (+2.48%), digene (+2.41%) and band aid (+0.01%).

Over the twelve months until April 2013, the health group rose by 7.66%.

FURNISHING HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENTS & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE (+0.09%)

The group furnishing, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house rose in April 2013. The main contributors to this rise were plate (+2.28%), dish washing liquid (+0.24%), bleach (+0.14%) and both water pump and washing machine (+0.13%). This increase was partially offset by decrease in price of rice cooker (-2.09%), iron (-1.20%) and ceiling fan (-0.90%).

Over the twelve months until April 2013, the group furnishing household equipments and routine maintenance of the house rose by 0.73%.

HOUSING, WATER, ELEC TRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS (+0.07%)

The housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels group rose in April 2013. Main contributors to the rise were increase of price of cooking gas (+0.31%), construction charges (+0.12%), plywood (+0.11%) and actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.10%). This rise was partially offset by fall in electricity charges (-0.06%).

Over the twelve months until April 2013, the Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group rose by 3.61%.

RECREATION & CULTURE (+0.06%)

The recreation and culture group rose in April 2013. The most significant contributors to this rise were some types of books (+2.40%), eraser (+2.33%) and compact set (+0.95%). However this effect was partially offset by decrease in price of changing computer mother board (-0.43%) and pencil (-0.12%).

Over the twelve months until April 2013, the recreation and culture group fell by 1.47%.

EDUCATION (0.00%)

In education group, no change was observed in the rate of inflation during April 2013.

Over the twelve months until April 2013, the education group rose by 5.70%.

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE...continued

MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES (-0.02%)

Miscellaneous goods and services group fell in April 2013. Most significant contributors to this fall were sanitary pad (-1.42%), tooth brush (-0.81%), baby lotion (-0.35%), baby cologne (-0.29%) and shampoo (-0.24%). This decrease was partially offset by increase in price of towel (+1.22%), cologne (+0.90%), tooth paste (+0.64%) and tissue (+0.56%).

Over the twelve months until April 2013, miscellaneous goods and service group fell by -2.39%.

TRANSPORT (-0.10%)

The transport group fell in April 2013. And the main contributor to this fall were decrease in price of International air fare - Male' - Colombo - Male' (-8.00%), petrol (-0.08%) and diesel (-0.07%). This effect was partially offset by the increase in prices of international air fare Male' - Trivandrum - Male' (-1.86%).

Over the twelve months until April 2013, transport group rose by 2.37%.

CLOTHING AND FOOT WEAR (-0.12%)

The clothing and footwear group also fell in April 2013 and the main contributors to this fall were decrease in price of sports shoes - adult (-2.29%), jeans-boys (-2.02%), school shoes - girls (-0.72%), t-shirts-girls (-0.63%) and clothing materials (-0.32%). This fall was partially offset by rise in price of boxer shorts - men (+1.28%), t-shirt-woman (+0.51%) and t-shirts - boys (+0.43%).

Over the twelve months until April 2013, clothing and footwear group rose by 4.76%.

TOBACCO AND ARECANUT (-0.23%)

The tobacco and arecanut group fell in April 2013. Main contributors to this fall were decrease in price of cigarettes (-0.41%) and roasted arecanut packets (-0.07%). This fall was partially offset by rise in price of supari (+0.72%).

Over the twelve months until April 2013, tobacco and arecanut group fell by -2.30%.

COMMUNICATION (-0.83%)

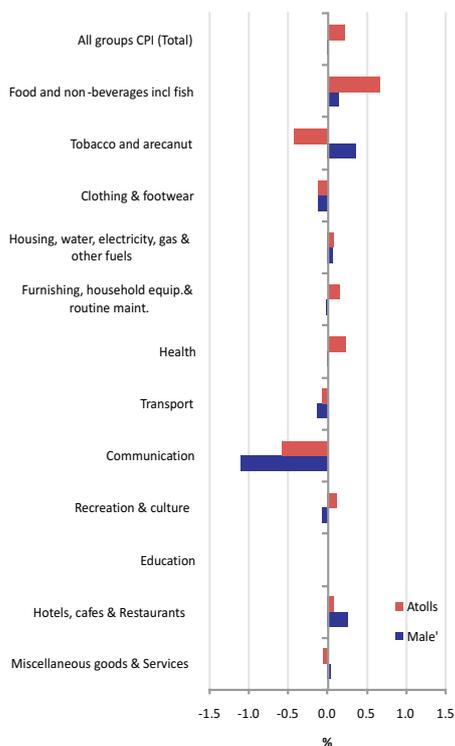
The communication group fell in April 2013. The most significant contributor to this fall was decrease in price of mobile phones (-3.47%).

Over the twelve months until April 2013, the communication group fell by -0.97%.

COMPARISON BETWEEN MALE' AND ATOLLS

ALL GROUPS CPI

Total percentage change from previous month, displaying all CPI groups for Male' and Atolls, (Mar 2013 to Apr 2013)



Inflation rates : Male' & Atolls

Mar 2013 to April 2013

	% change	
	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	0.00	0.21
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.13	0.66
Tobacco and aracanut	0.36	-0.43
Clothing & footwear	-0.12	-0.12
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.07	0.07
Furnishing, household equip. & routine maint.	-0.01	0.15
Health	0.00	0.22
Transport	-0.14	-0.07
Communication	-1.11	-0.58
Recreation & culture	-0.06	0.12
Education	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.25	0.08
Miscellaneous goods & Services	0.03	-0.05
CPI analytical series		
Total excluding fish	-0.17	-0.04
Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish	-0.78	-0.15
Fish	2.10	2.66
Actual rentals for housing	0.11	0.01

At the All Group Level, CPI rose to 0.21% in Atolls while in Male' no change was observed in the rate of inflation during April 2013. (See table 2 & 3).

For Male' the largest contributor to the CPI was fish (+2.10%), tobacco (+0.36%) followed by hotels, cafes & restaurants (+0.25%).

For the Atolls, the largest contributor to the rise in CPI was fish (+2.66%), food and beverages including fish (+0.66%) during the month of April 2013, followed by health (+0.22%).

Fish was the largest positive contributor to the All Groups monthly movement in both Male' and Atolls recording a rise of +2.10% and +2.66% respectively. In Male' this was mainly due to increase in price of reef fish (+5.11%), skipjack tuna (+3.58%) and smoked fish (+2.87%). While in Atolls it was due to the increase in price of skipjack tuna (+5.08%), reef fish (+4.76%) and yellow fin tuna (+2.35%)

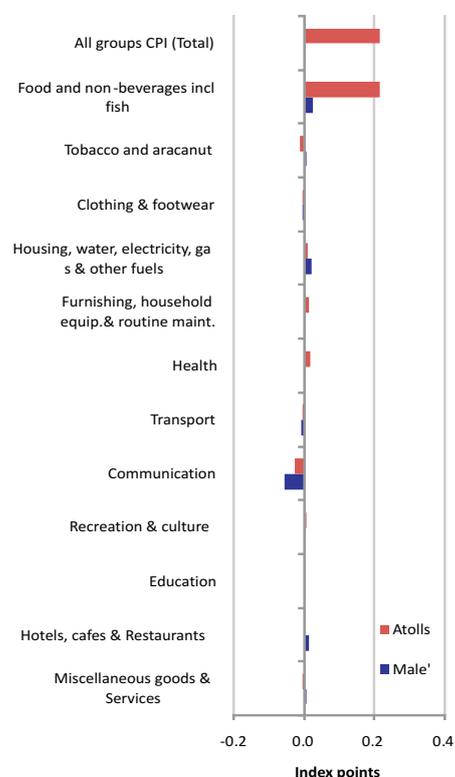
In Male' tobacco was the second largest positive contributor to all groups monthly movement recording a rise of (+0.36%). This was mainly due to the increase in price of arecanut (+2.97%) and supari (+1.06%).

In Atolls, food and beverages including fish was the second largest positive contributor to all groups monthly movement recording a rise of (+0.66%). This was mainly due to the increase in price of lemon (+20.65%), papaya (+11.27%) orange (+10.18%) and apple (+7.08%).

In Male' most significant negative contributor is communication (-1.11%), due to decrease in price of mobile phone (-4.23%).

And also communication was the most significant negative contributor recorded in Atolls (-0.58%), due to fall in price of mobile phone (-2.63%).

Contribution to monthly change, Male' & Atolls (Mar 2013 to Apr 2013)



COMPARISON BETWEEN MALE' AND ATOLLS

ALL GROUPS CPI

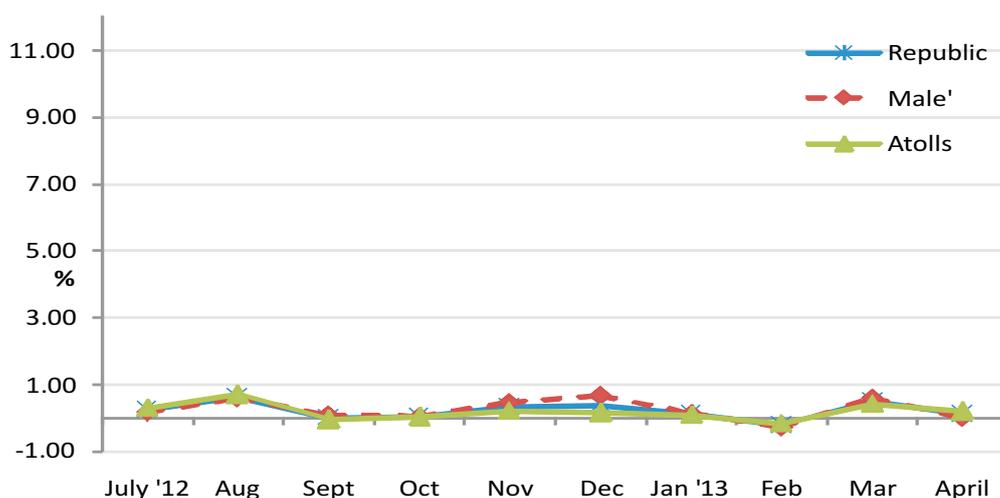
ALL GROUPS CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	Index number (a)	Percentage change	
	April 2013	Mar 2013 to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013
Maldives	102.24	0.12	4.38
Male'	102.52	0.00	4.66
Atolls	102.01	0.21	na

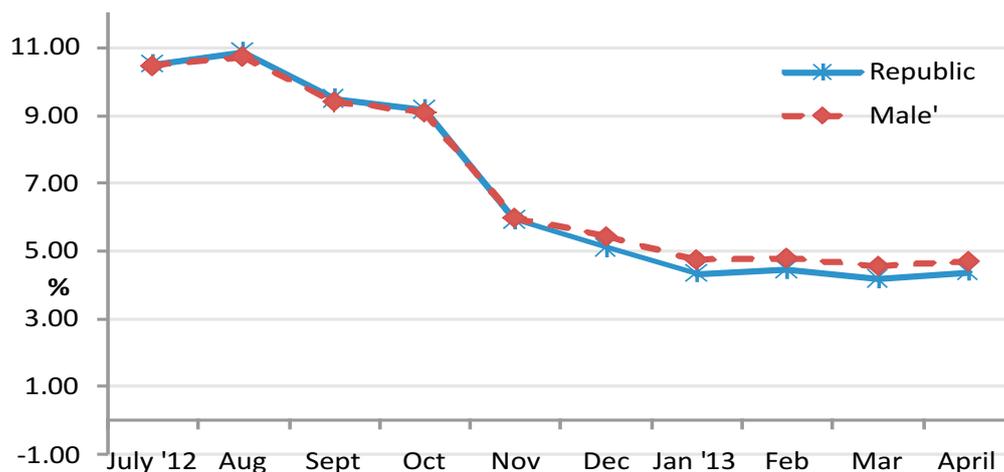
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