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**INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES 3 CPI**

All published indexes from September 2018 have been rereferenced to Aug 2018 = 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 National Institute of Statistics (NIS) website, see [www.inetl-ip.gov.tl](http://www.inetl-ip.gov.tl)

**March 2025 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.

<b>Timor-Leste Consumer Price Index</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Annual (a)</b>
	Mar - 2025 to Feb-2025	Mar—2025 to Mar—2024
	% change	% change
<b>All groups CPI</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Tradeable CPI</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Non-Tradeable CPI</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
1. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1.1%	1.3%
2. Alcohol and tobacco	0.5%	0.1%
3. Clothing and footwear	0.0%	0.4%
4. Housing	1.3%	0.7%
5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	0.2%	0.5%
6. Health	0.0%	3.0%
7. Transport	0.3%	-1.6%
8. Communication	0.0%	-0.9%
9. Recreation and culture	0.0%	0.0%
10. Education	0.0%	0.4%



## March 2025 Key Points

- The All Groups CPI rose +0.8% in March 2025, compared to a rise +0.1% in February 2025.
- The significant rise of the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages (+1.1%), Alcohol and Tobacco (+0.5%), Housing (+1.3%), Transports (+0.3%) and Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (+0.2%) groups.
- The 12-month Tradeable CPI rate stood at +0.8%, with the Non-Tradeable rate a rise +0.7%

## A brief description of Consumer Price Inflation

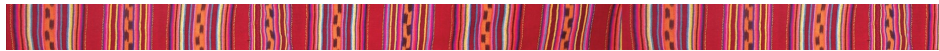
Consumer price inflation is the rate at which the prices of goods and services bought by households rise or fall. Consumer price inflation is estimated by using price indices. A way to understand a price index is to think of a very large shopping basket containing all the goods and services bought by households. The price index estimates changes to the total cost of this basket.

A price index can be used to measure inflation in a number of ways. The most common is to look at how the index has changed over a year. The change is calculated by comparing the price index for the latest month with the same month a year ago, which is known as the 12-month inflation rate. This bulletin measures inflation to March 2025, so the 12-month rate measures changes in prices between March 2025 and March 2024.

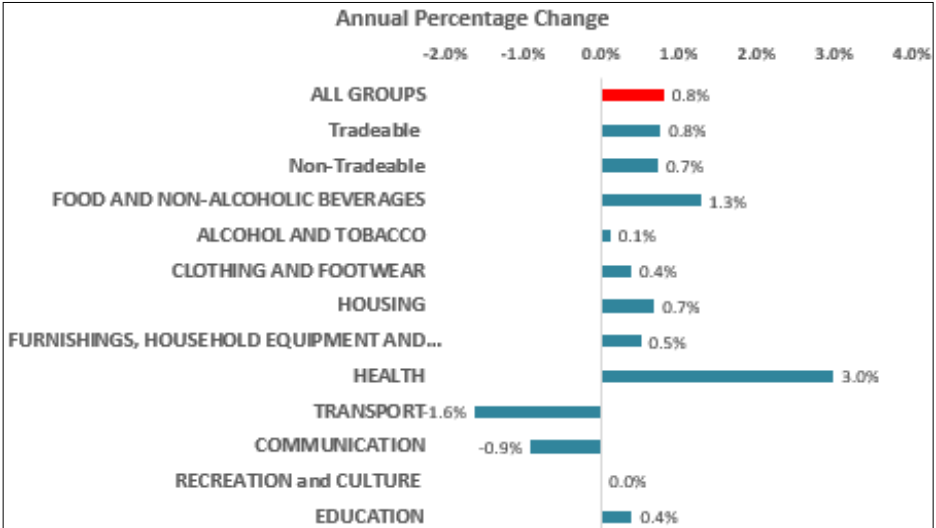
## Latest figure and long-term trend

The CPI 12-month rate between March 2025 and March 2024 stood at +0.8%, meaning that a basket of goods and services that cost \$100.00 in March 2024 would have cost \$100.08 in March 2025. The All Groups CPI (+0.8%) through the year ending of March 2025. The largest driver of the rise in the annual came from Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+1.3%) group, which was driven by Rice (+0.9%), Vegetables (+7.7%), Milk, Cheese and Eggs (+0.5%), and Food Products (+0.5%) sub groups. The largest offsetting movement came from Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (-5.8%), Oil and Fats (-1.4%), Fruits (-0.6%), Bread and Cereals (-0.1%) and Mineral Water, Soft drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices (-1.4%).

The Education (+0.4%), Alcohol and Tobacco (+0.1%), Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (+0.5%), Housing (+0.7%), Health (+3.0%) and Clothing and Footwear (+0.4%) groups. The largest offsetting movement came from Transports (-1.6%) and Communication (-0.9%) groups.



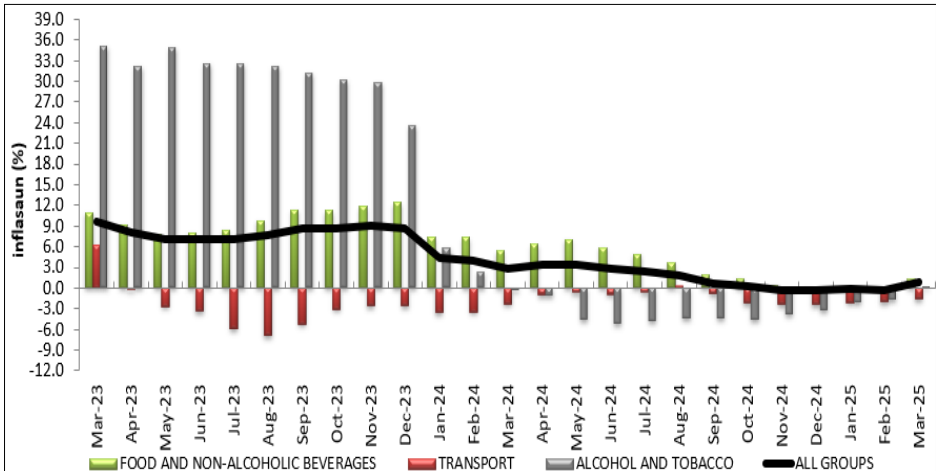
**Figure A: Contributions to the CPI 12-month rate, March 2025**



Source: National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

**Notes:** Individual contributions may not sum to the total due to rounding.

**Figure B: CPI 12-month inflation rate with contributions for the period March 2025—March 2023**



Source: National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

The sustained period of deflation as seen during the period March 2025 to March 2023 was largely driven by the Food and non-alcoholic beverage, Transport and Alcohol and Tobacco groups. The rebound in the 12-month CPI rate is driven by a rise in food and non-alcoholic beverage prices.

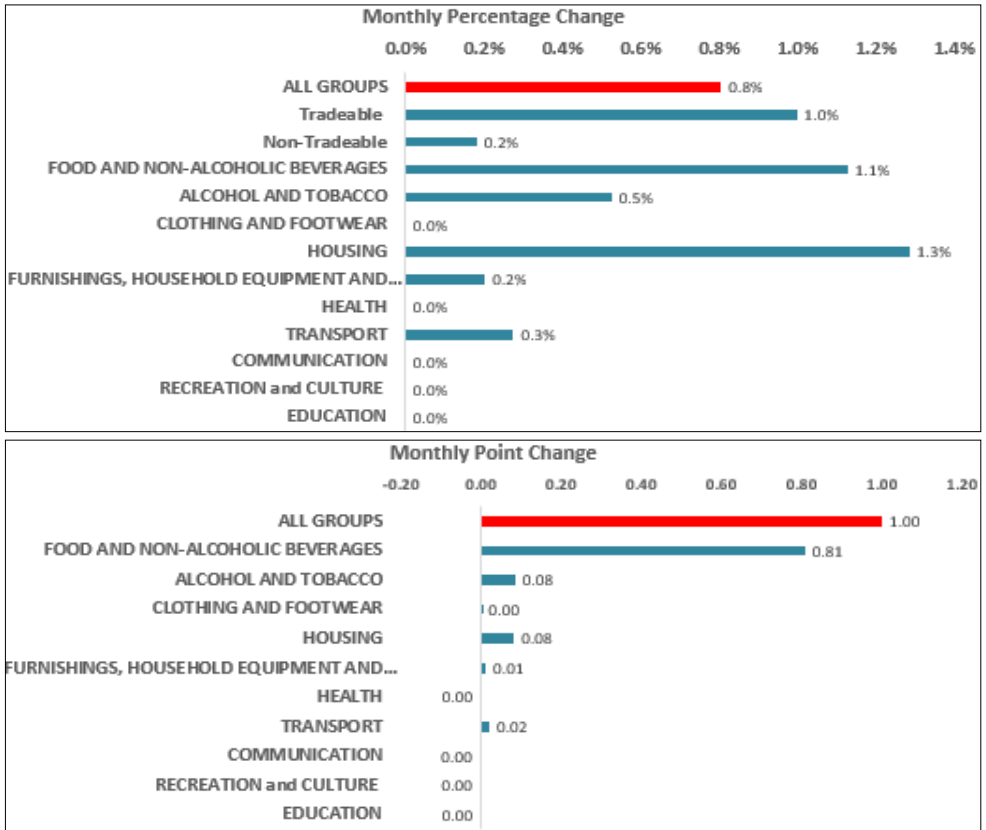
\*Core CPI is equal to All Groups CPI less Food and non-alcoholic beverages and Transport groups

### Consumer Price Index (CPI): What are the main movements?

The largest upward contributions to the change in the one month CPI rate (+0.8%) between March 2025 and February 2025, came from:

- **Food and non-alcoholic beverages (+1.1%):** which was significantly driven by Vegetables (+5.0%), Rice (+0.3%), Bread and Cereals (+0.6%), Oil and Fats (+0.1%) and Food Products (+0.2%) sub groups. The largest offsetting movement came from Milk, Cheese and Eggs (-1.1%), Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery (-0.2%), Fish and Seafood (-0.5%), and Fruits (-0.3%) sub groups.
- **Alcohol and Tobacco (+0.5):** was driven by Tobacco (+0.6%) and Alcohol (+0.1%).
- **Housing (+1.3%):** was driven by Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels (+1.6%)
- **Transports (+0.3%):** was driven by Operation of Personal Transports Equipment (+0.6%) sub group.
- **Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance (+0.2%):** was driven by Household Appliance (+1.9%) sub group

Figure C: Contributions to the change in the CPI monthly rate, March 2025 to February 2025



Source: National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

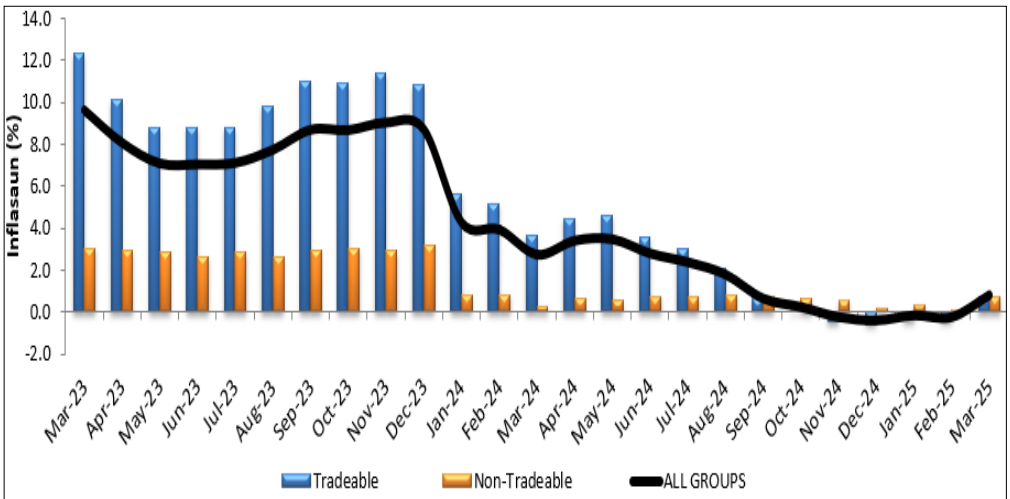
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## Tradeable & Non-Tradable CPI

The CPI Tradable and Non-tradable series, measure the contribution of domestic (non-tradable) and imported (tradable) inflation to overall household inflation. Identifying the source of household inflation supports the understanding of the different drivers of inflation, as well as informing monetary and fiscal policy decisions .

The definition of a tradable good or service is one that is exposed to a high level of international competition, and its price is influenced by such competition. Similarly, a non-tradable good or service is exposed to low level of international competition, and its price is considered not to be affected by such competition. Inflation for non-tradable items should provide a relatively good sense of the extent to which demand exceeds (or falls short) of supply in the domestic economy. Tradable items are much more exposed to international competition, which includes many imported manufactured goods such as televisions and computers, as well as many food items. The prices of these items should be less influenced by conditions in the Timor-Leste economy, and more affected by prices set on world markets and fluctuations in the exchange rate.

**Figure E: Contribution of Tradeable CPI and Non-Tradable CPI to 12-month Inflation rate, Mar-25 to Mar-23**



Source: National Institute of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

Notes: Individual contributions may not sum to the total due to rounding.

In reference to Figure E, the positive 12-month inflation as seen over the period March 2024 to March 2025 has been driven by international factors as indicated by the tradeable CPI rate. The 12-month CPI rate is currently at +0.8%, which was driven by the Tradeable (+0.8%) and Non-Tradeable (+0.7%) showed increased. The analytical series are indicating that the current inflation rate is being driven by international price pressures and fluctuations in exchange rates.

TABLE 1. TIMOR-LESTE CPI

March 2025		INDEX NUMBERS			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		POINTS CONTRIBUTION		POINTS CHANGE
		Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Mar-25 to Feb-25	Mar-25 to Mar-24	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Mar-25 to Feb-25
Groups and Expenditure Class									
<b>a</b>	<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>125.1</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>125.1</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>c</b>	<b>TRADEABLE CPI</b>	<b>130.5</b>	<b>130.2</b>	<b>131.5</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>			
<b>d</b>	<b>NON-TRADEABLE CPI</b>	<b>109.5</b>	<b>110.1</b>	<b>110.3</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>132.7</b>	<b>132.9</b>	<b>134.4</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>71.93</b>	<b>72.73</b>	<b>0.81</b>
1.1	Bread and cereals (excluding rice)	111.1	110.3	111.0	0.6%	-0.1%	2.55	2.56	0.01
1.2	Rice	153.0	154.0	154.4	0.3%	0.9%	19.25	19.37	0.11
1.3	Meat	109.6	109.5	109.6	0.1%	0.0%	8.88	8.87	-0.01
1.4	Fish and seafood	105.0	104.9	104.4	-0.5%	-0.6%	3.25	3.27	0.02
1.5	Milk, cheese and eggs	122.1	124.1	122.7	-1.1%	0.5%	2.69	2.64	-0.05
1.6	Oils and fats	151.9	149.5	149.7	0.1%	-1.4%	5.51	5.53	0.01
1.7	Fruit	105.5	105.2	104.9	-0.3%	-0.6%	1.34	1.37	0.02
1.8	Vegetables	161.4	165.5	173.8	5.0%	7.7%	15.42	16.14	0.72
1.9	Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	125.1	118.0	117.8	-0.2%	-5.8%	5.33	5.29	-0.04
1.10	Food products n.e.c.	107.9	108.2	108.4	0.2%	0.5%	4.20	4.20	0.00
1.11	Coffee, tea and cocoa	106.7	106.7	106.7	0.0%	0.0%	1.94	1.93	-0.01
1.12	Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	117.9	116.4	116.3	-0.1%	-1.4%	0.91	0.91	0.00
1.13	Prepared food/meals	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.64	0.64	0.00
<b>2</b>	<b>ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO</b>	<b>171.9</b>	<b>171.2</b>	<b>172.1</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>11.97</b>	<b>12.05</b>	<b>0.08</b>
2.1	Alcohol	137.7	133.3	133.4	0.1%	-3.1%	2.16	2.20	0.04
2.2	Tobacco	182.4	182.9	184.0	0.6%	0.9%	9.80	9.85	0.05
<b>3</b>	<b>CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>103.4</b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>7.22</b>	<b>7.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>
3.1	Garments for men	102.0	102.6	102.6	0.0%	0.6%	1.26	1.26	0.00
3.2	Garments for women	103.7	105.4	105.4	0.0%	1.6%	1.23	1.23	0.00
3.3	Garments for infants and children	110.1	110.5	110.5	0.0%	0.4%	2.65	2.64	0.00
3.4	Footwear and clothing accessories	96.6	96.2	96.4	0.2%	-0.2%	2.09	2.09	0.00
<b>4</b>	<b>HOUSING</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>6.36</b>	<b>6.44</b>	<b>0.08</b>
4.1	Actual rentals paid by tenants	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.07	0.07	0.00
4.2	Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	107.2	107.0	107.0	0.0%	-0.2%	1.11	1.11	0.00
4.3	Water, electricity, gas and other fuels	100.6	99.9	101.5	1.6%	0.9%	5.18	5.26	0.08
<b>5</b>	<b>FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>7.74</b>	<b>7.75</b>	<b>0.01</b>
5.1	Household furniture and textiles	99.5	102.5	102.4	-0.1%	2.9%	1.09	1.09	0.00
5.2	Household appliances	95.8	93.7	95.5	1.9%	-0.3%	0.98	1.00	0.02
5.3	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	98.4	98.6	98.6	0.0%	0.2%	5.67	5.67	0.00
<b>6</b>	<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
6.1	Medical products, appliances and equipment	100.3	103.7	103.7	0.0%	3.4%	1.75	1.75	0.00
6.2	Medical and Hospital services	100.7	100.7	100.7	0.0%	0.0%	0.25	0.25	0.00
<b>7</b>	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>108.9</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>6.34</b>	<b>6.36</b>	<b>0.02</b>
7.1	Purchase of vehicles	108.2	108.2	108.2	0.0%	0.0%	1.28	1.27	0.00
7.2	Operation of personal transport equipment	114.8	109.7	110.4	0.6%	-3.8%	2.61	2.63	0.02
7.3	Transport services	108.6	108.6	108.6	0.0%	0.0%	2.46	2.45	0.00
<b>8</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>4.73</b>	<b>4.72</b>	<b>0.00</b>
8.1	Telecommunication equipment and services	100.1	99.2	99.2	0.0%	-0.9%	4.73	4.72	0.00
<b>9</b>	<b>RECREATION and CULTURE</b>	<b>102.5</b>	<b>102.5</b>	<b>102.5</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3.57</b>	<b>3.57</b>	<b>0.00</b>
9.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	99.8	100.3	100.3	0.0%	0.5%	0.34	0.34	0.00
9.2	Recreational items and cultural services	100.8	100.8	100.8	0.0%	0.0%	1.89	1.89	0.00
9.3	Newspapers, books and stationery	105.8	105.8	105.8	0.0%	0.0%	1.34	1.34	0.00
<b>10</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>124.9</b>	<b>125.4</b>	<b>125.4</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>
10	Education	124.9	125.4	125.4	0.0%	0.4%	2.25	2.25	0.00

TABLE 2. DILI - analytical index

March 2025		INDEX NUMBERS			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		POINTS CONTRIBUTION		POINTS CHANGE
		Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Mar-25 to Feb-25	Mar-25 to Mar-24	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Mar-25 to Feb-25
Groups and Expenditure Class									
<b>a</b>	<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>119.9</b>	<b>121.5</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>119.9</b>	<b>121.5</b>	<b>1.60</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>128.9</b>	<b>129.2</b>	<b>131.7</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>66.03</b>	<b>67.25</b>	<b>1.22</b>
1.1	Bread and cereals (excluding rice)	108.6	107.4	107.9	0.5%	-0.6%	2.89	2.90	0.01
1.2	Rice	130.6	127.2	127.3	0.1%	-2.5%	10.01	10.02	0.01
1.3	Meat	109.1	108.8	108.9	0.1%	-0.2%	9.53	9.52	0.00
1.4	Fish and seafood	102.0	102.1	101.5	-0.6%	-0.5%	3.92	3.96	0.04
1.5	Milk, cheese and eggs	122.6	126.8	125.1	-1.3%	2.0%	3.49	3.44	-0.06
1.6	Oils and fats	120.6	121.3	122.2	0.7%	1.3%	3.20	3.25	0.05
1.7	Fruit	105.2	104.4	103.9	-0.5%	-1.2%	2.09	2.13	0.04
1.8	Vegetables	185.7	190.8	203.5	6.7%	9.6%	19.36	20.50	1.14
1.9	Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	124.9	121.6	121.6	0.0%	-2.6%	3.69	3.68	0.00
1.10	Food products n.e.c.	111.7	111.7	111.7	0.0%	0.0%	4.16	4.15	0.00
1.11	Coffee, tea and cocoa	104.5	100.4	100.4	0.0%	-3.9%	1.32	1.32	0.00
1.12	Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	111.7	109.6	109.5	-0.1%	-2.0%	1.07	1.07	0.00
1.13	Prepared food/meals	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	1.30	1.30	0.00
<b>2</b>	<b>ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO</b>	<b>166.3</b>	<b>163.3</b>	<b>165.4</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>8.65</b>	<b>8.80</b>	<b>0.15</b>
2.1	Alcohol	133.9	129.2	129.3	0.1%	-3.4%	2.10	2.13	0.04
2.2	Tobacco	180.9	178.6	181.7	1.7%	0.4%	6.56	6.67	0.11
<b>3</b>	<b>CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>105.6</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>6.61</b>	<b>6.62</b>	<b>0.00</b>
3.1	Garments for men	98.8	99.5	99.5	0.0%	0.7%	0.90	0.90	0.00
3.2	Garments for women	104.8	107.3	107.3	0.0%	2.4%	1.02	1.02	0.00
3.3	Garments for infants and children	113.7	114.0	114.0	0.0%	0.3%	2.91	2.91	0.00
3.4	Footwear and clothing accessories	98.1	97.7	98.0	0.3%	-0.1%	1.78	1.78	0.01
<b>4</b>	<b>HOUSING</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>7.30</b>	<b>7.47</b>	<b>0.17</b>
4.1	Actual rentals paid by tenants	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.17	0.17	0.00
4.2	Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	111.0	110.6	110.6	0.0%	-0.4%	0.25	0.26	0.00
4.3	Water, electricity, gas and other fuels	99.7	98.8	101.3	2.5%	1.6%	6.88	7.04	0.17
<b>5</b>	<b>FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>7.12</b>	<b>7.14</b>	<b>0.01</b>
5.1	Household furniture and textiles	99.1	102.1	102.0	-0.1%	2.9%	1.31	1.31	0.00
5.2	Household appliances	95.5	93.2	95.0	1.9%	-0.5%	0.93	0.94	0.02
5.3	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	99.2	99.9	99.9	0.0%	0.7%	4.89	4.88	0.00
<b>6</b>	<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>2.28</b>	<b>2.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>
6.1	Medical products, appliances and equipment	100.0	103.7	103.7	0.0%	3.7%	2.01	2.01	0.00
6.2	Medical and Hospital services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.28	0.28	0.00
<b>7</b>	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>8.72</b>	<b>8.77</b>	<b>0.06</b>
7.1	Purchase of vehicles	109.1	109.1	109.1	0.0%	0.0%	1.79	1.78	0.00
7.2	Operation of personal transport equipment	109.8	104.3	105.3	1.0%	-4.1%	4.00	4.06	0.06
7.3	Transport services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	2.93	2.93	0.00
<b>8</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>4.83</b>	<b>4.83</b>	<b>0.00</b>
8.1	Telecommunication equipment and services	100.1	98.9	98.9	0.0%	-1.2%	4.83	4.83	0.00
<b>9</b>	<b>RECREATION and CULTURE</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>4.34</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>
9.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	100.1	100.6	100.6	0.0%	0.5%	0.50	0.50	0.00
9.2	Recreational items and cultural services	100.9	100.9	100.9	0.0%	0.0%	2.03	2.03	0.00
9.3	Newspapers, books and stationery	105.7	105.7	105.7	0.0%	0.0%	1.81	1.81	0.00
<b>10</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>127.2</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>4.01</b>	<b>4.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>
10	Education	127.2	128.0	128.0	0.0%	0.6%	4.01	4.01	0.00

**TABLE 3. BAUCAU - analytical index**

March 2025		INDEX NUMBERS			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		POINTS CONTRIBUTION		POINTS CHANGE
		Mar	Feb	Mar	Mar-25	Mar-25	Feb	Mar	Mar-25
		2024	2025	2025	to	to	2025	2025	to
Groups and Expenditure Class					Feb-25	Mar-24			Feb-25
<b>a</b>	<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>112.7</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>117.7</b>	<b>117.7</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>66.87</b>	<b>66.85</b>	<b>-0.02</b>
1.1	Bread and cereals (excluding rice)	112.4	119.7	119.7	0.0%	6.5%	2.36	2.36	0.00
1.2	Rice	137.4	138.1	138.1	0.0%	0.5%	18.30	18.30	0.01
1.3	Meat	112.6	112.0	112.0	0.0%	-0.5%	10.50	10.48	-0.02
1.4	Fish and seafood	122.2	121.6	121.6	0.0%	-0.5%	3.83	3.83	0.00
1.5	Milk, cheese and eggs	101.7	102.9	102.9	0.0%	1.2%	1.85	1.84	-0.02
1.6	Oils and fats	121.1	121.3	121.3	0.0%	0.2%	4.02	4.03	0.00
1.7	Fruit	87.8	87.9	87.9	0.0%	0.1%	1.11	1.11	0.00
1.8	Vegetables	110.8	111.8	111.8	0.0%	0.9%	11.92	11.93	0.01
1.9	Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	120.3	109.5	109.5	0.0%	-9.0%	5.09	5.09	0.00
1.10	Food products n.e.c.	104.1	104.1	104.1	0.0%	0.0%	4.12	4.12	0.00
1.11	Coffee, tea and cocoa	110.0	110.7	110.7	0.0%	0.6%	2.80	2.80	0.00
1.12	Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	109.5	109.5	109.5	0.0%	0.0%	0.92	0.92	0.00
1.13	Prepared food/meals	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.05	0.05	0.00
<b>2</b>	<b>ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO</b>	<b>136.5</b>	<b>136.5</b>	<b>136.5</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>9.89</b>	<b>9.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>
2.1	Alcohol	128.1	128.1	128.1	0.0%	0.0%	3.38	3.38	0.00
2.2	Tobacco	141.3	141.3	141.3	0.0%	0.0%	6.51	6.51	0.00
<b>3</b>	<b>CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>14.26</b>	<b>14.27</b>	<b>0.01</b>
3.1	Garments for men	110.4	110.4	110.4	0.0%	0.0%	3.22	3.22	0.00
3.2	Garments for women	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	2.52	2.52	0.00
3.3	Garments for infants and children	102.5	102.5	102.5	0.0%	0.0%	3.81	3.81	0.00
3.4	Footwear and clothing accessories	93.8	93.8	93.8	0.0%	0.0%	4.71	4.71	0.00
<b>4</b>	<b>HOUSING</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>0.00</b>
4.2	Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	103.4	103.4	103.4	0.0%	0.0%	0.90	0.90	0.00
4.3	Water, electricity, gas and other fuels	109.2	109.2	109.2	0.0%	0.0%	1.89	1.89	0.00
<b>5</b>	<b>FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>92.2</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>8.07</b>	<b>8.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>
5.1	Household furniture and textiles	94.2	94.2	94.2	0.0%	0.0%	0.12	0.12	0.00
5.2	Household appliances	101.3	105.9	105.9	0.0%	4.5%	0.31	0.31	0.00
5.3	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	91.9	91.4	91.4	0.0%	-0.5%	7.65	7.65	0.00
<b>6</b>	<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>0.00</b>
6.1	Medical products, appliances and equipment	103.9	103.9	103.9	0.0%	0.0%	1.13	1.13	0.00
6.2	Medical and Hospital services	108.9	108.9	108.9	0.0%	0.0%	0.17	0.17	0.00
<b>7</b>	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>107.5</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>0.00</b>
7.1	Purchase of vehicles	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.01	0.01	0.00
7.2	Operation of personal transport equipment	127.0	121.8	121.5	-0.2%	-4.3%	0.52	0.51	0.00
7.3	Transport services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	1.09	1.09	0.00
<b>8</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>4.73</b>	<b>4.73</b>	<b>0.00</b>
8.1	Telecommunication equipment and services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	4.73	4.73	0.00
<b>9</b>	<b>RECREATION and CULTURE</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>0.00</b>
9.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	72.0	72.0	72.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.02	0.02	0.00
9.2	Recreational items and cultural services	102.5	102.6	102.6	0.0%	0.1%	0.99	0.99	0.00
9.3	Newspapers, books and stationery	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.78	0.78	0.00
<b>10</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1.08</b>	<b>1.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>
10	Education	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	1.08	1.08	0.00

TABLE 2. OTHERS - analytical index

March 2025		INDEX NUMBERS			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		POINTS CONTRIBUTION		POINTS CHANGE
		Mar 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Mar-25 to Feb-25	Mar-25 to Mar-24	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Mar-25 to Feb-25
Groups and Expenditure Class									
<b>a</b>	<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>129.3</b>	<b>129.4</b>	<b>130.1</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>129.4</b>	<b>130.1</b>	<b>0.70</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>138.1</b>	<b>138.3</b>	<b>139.4</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>77.27</b>	<b>77.88</b>	<b>0.62</b>
1.1	Bread and cereals (excluding rice)	113.2	111.5	112.3	0.7%	-0.8%	2.33	2.34	0.01
1.2	Rice	163.8	166.5	167.1	0.4%	2.0%	26.36	26.57	0.21
1.3	Meat	109.3	109.3	109.4	0.1%	0.1%	8.07	8.06	-0.01
1.4	Fish and seafood	104.4	104.1	103.6	-0.5%	-0.8%	2.63	2.65	0.02
1.5	Milk, cheese and eggs	125.4	125.1	123.6	-1.2%	-1.4%	2.24	2.20	-0.04
1.6	Oils and fats	169.9	165.8	165.8	0.0%	-2.4%	7.53	7.52	-0.01
1.7	Fruit	111.7	112.4	112.2	-0.2%	0.4%	0.83	0.84	0.01
1.8	Vegetables	151.9	155.3	161.7	4.1%	6.5%	13.12	13.63	0.51
1.9	Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	125.8	117.8	117.4	-0.3%	-6.7%	6.61	6.53	-0.08
1.10	Food products n.e.c.	106.0	106.6	107.0	0.4%	0.9%	4.24	4.25	0.01
1.11	Coffee, tea and cocoa	107.1	108.7	108.7	0.0%	1.5%	2.24	2.23	-0.02
1.12	Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices	127.3	126.2	126.0	-0.2%	-1.0%	0.79	0.79	0.00
1.13	Prepared food/meals	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.26	0.26	0.00
<b>2</b>	<b>ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO</b>	<b>180.5</b>	<b>180.8</b>	<b>181.3</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>14.84</b>	<b>14.89</b>	<b>0.05</b>
2.1	Alcohol	144.0	138.3	138.3	0.0%	-4.0%	1.97	2.02	0.05
2.2	Tobacco	188.5	190.0	190.6	0.3%	1.1%	12.86	12.87	0.00
<b>3</b>	<b>CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>103.4</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>6.33</b>	<b>6.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>
3.1	Garments for men	99.9	100.6	100.6	0.0%	0.7%	1.16	1.16	0.00
3.2	Garments for women	104.5	106.6	106.6	0.0%	2.0%	1.13	1.13	0.00
3.3	Garments for infants and children	109.3	109.9	109.9	0.0%	0.5%	2.22	2.22	0.00
3.4	Footwear and clothing accessories	96.8	96.3	96.6	0.3%	-0.2%	1.82	1.82	0.00
<b>4</b>	<b>HOUSING</b>	<b>102.5</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>6.33</b>	<b>6.36</b>	<b>0.03</b>
4.1	Actual rentals paid by tenants	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.2	Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	107.2	106.9	106.9	0.0%	-0.3%	1.79	1.79	0.01
4.3	Water, electricity, gas and other fuels	100.8	100.4	101.1	0.7%	0.3%	4.53	4.56	0.03
<b>5</b>	<b>FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>8.14</b>	<b>8.15</b>	<b>0.01</b>
5.1	Household furniture and textiles	100.0	103.0	102.9	-0.1%	2.9%	1.11	1.11	0.00
5.2	Household appliances	95.7	93.5	95.3	1.9%	-0.4%	1.15	1.18	0.02
5.3	Goods and services for routine household maintenance	99.7	99.8	99.8	0.0%	0.1%	5.88	5.87	-0.01
<b>6</b>	<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>0.00</b>
6.1	Medical products, appliances and equipment	100.1	103.7	103.7	0.0%	3.6%	1.68	1.68	0.00
6.2	Medical and Hospital services	100.3	100.3	100.3	0.0%	0.0%	0.24	0.24	0.00
<b>7</b>	<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>117.8</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>116.3</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>5.45</b>	<b>5.45</b>	<b>0.00</b>
7.1	Purchase of vehicles	107.1	107.1	107.1	0.0%	0.0%	1.13	1.13	0.00
7.2	Operation of personal transport equipment	123.2	118.6	119.0	0.3%	-3.4%	1.96	1.96	0.00
7.3	Transport services	119.0	119.0	119.0	0.0%	0.0%	2.36	2.36	0.00
<b>8</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>4.65</b>	<b>4.64</b>	<b>0.00</b>
8.1	Telecommunication equipment and services	100.1	99.3	99.3	0.0%	-0.8%	4.65	4.64	0.00
<b>9</b>	<b>RECREATION and CULTURE</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>
9.1	Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment	100.0	100.5	100.5	0.0%	0.5%	0.28	0.28	0.00
9.2	Recreational items and cultural services	100.5	100.5	100.5	0.0%	0.0%	1.97	1.96	0.00
9.3	Newspapers, books and stationery	106.6	106.6	106.6	0.0%	0.0%	1.09	1.08	0.00
<b>10</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>124.4</b>	<b>124.7</b>	<b>124.7</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>0.00</b>
10	Education	124.4	124.7	124.7	0.0%	0.2%	1.14	1.14	0.00



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### **NOTE TO USERS**

The Series 3 index incorporate the outcomes of a major review and reweighting of the Timor-Leste CPI. The new weights are based on the results of the 2014-15 Living Standard Survey. Two information papers were published about the review. The first— *‘Timor-Leste Consumer Price Index (CPI), Series 3 2018: Issues for Consideration’* was published in 2017 and sought the views of users on a range of issues under consideration in the review and reweighting exercise. The second *‘Technical Note of Timor-Leste Consumer Price Index Series 3 Reweight’* was published on October 2018 and set out the methodology and result of CPI Series 3. Both information papers can be found on the website of the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) at [www.inetl-ip.gov.tl](http://www.inetl-ip.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 NIS website at [www.inetl-ip.gov.tl](http://www.inetl-ip.gov.tl)

### **INDEXES PUBLISHED**

CPI figures are produced by the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) for each month and are released within one month of the end of the reference period.

The primary index published by NIS is the Timor-Leste Consumer Price Index. The data for this national index are presented in Key Figures and Table 1 of the publication.

NIS also publishes three secondary indexes for analytical purposes – the first, representing Dili price movements, the second, representing price movements in Baucau and the third represents price movements for other Timor-Leste municipalities (termed ‘Others’). These analytical series are compiled by taking subsets of the CPI basket, and are presented in Tables 2,3 and 4 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 municipalities beyond Dili is carried out by NIS staff operating out of various offices of the NIS, while some prices are collected by special surveys.

### **WEIGHTING PATTERN**

There are 35 expenditure classes (that is, categories of like items) in the Series 3 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 3 CPI weighting pattern is also available on the NIS website at [www.inetl-ip.gov.tl](http://www.inetl-ip.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	$10.7 / 90.7 \times 100 = 11.8\%$

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 NIS website.



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