

Headline Inflation Increased by 12.56% in June 2020; 0.16% higher than May 2020 (12.40%) Rate

Dear Client/Reader,

The National Bureau of Statistics just reported that the consumer price index, (CPI) which measures inflation increased by 12.56% (year-on-year) in June 2020. This is 16 basis points higher than the rate recorded in May 2020 (12.40%).

The percentage change in the average composite CPI for the twelve months period ending June 2020 over the average of the CPI for the previous twelve months period was 11.90%, indicating 0.11 points increase from 11.79% recorded in May 2020.

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Core Index stood at 10.13%

Price movements recorded by the Core index stood at 10.13% (year -on-year) in June 2020, up by 1 basis point as against 10.12% recorded in May 2020. The highest increases were recorded in prices of Medical services, Hospital services, Passenger transport by road, Pharmaceutical products, Motor cars, Paramedical services, Maintenance and repair of personal transport equipment, Bicycles, Motorcycles, Vehicle spare parts and Other services in respect of personal transport equipment. On month-on-month basis, the core sub-index increased by 0.86% in June 2020, down by 0.02% points from 0.88% recorded in May 2020.

Urban Index increased by 13.18%

The Urban index increased by 13.18% (year-on-year) in June 2020 compared to 13.03% recorded in May 2020, while the Rural index increased by 11.99% (year -on-year) in June 2020 as against 11.83% in May 2020. On a month-on-month basis, the urban index rose by 1.23% in June 2020, up by 0.05% from 1.18% recorded in May 2020, while the rural index also rose by 1.19% in June 2020, up by 0.03% from the rate recorded in May 2020 (0.26%).

Regards,