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0.2% the Average Increase of the Inflation Rate for Feb 2019 compared with the same month of 2018 (100=2010)

The monthly report on inflation in Jordan issued by the Department of Statistics indicates that the Consumer Price Average (Inflation) reached 123.7 in Feb 2019 against 123.5 during the same month of 2018 recorded an increase by 0.2%. The main commodities groups, which contributed to this increase, were “Vegetables, Dried and Canned Legumes” by 0.58 percentage points “ Rents” 0.23 percentage points, “ Education” 0.12 percentage points, “Cereals and its products” by 0.09 percentage points and “fuel and lighting” by 0.05% percentage points. Meanwhile, the main commodities groups which witnessed a decrease in their prices were “Meat & poultry” by 0.39 percentage points, “ Transport” by 0.30 percentage points, “Dairy and its products and eggs” by 0.14 percentage points and “ clothes” 0.09 percentage points.

On the monthly level, the Consumer Price index for Feb 2019 has decreased by 0.3% compared with the previous month (Jan) 2019. The main commodities groups which contributed to this decrease were “Vegetables, Dried and Canned Legumes” by 0.17 percentage points, “Meat & poultry” and “clothes” by 0.08 percentage points for each, “Dairy and its products and eggs” by 0.05 percentage points “Fuel & Lighting” by 0.03 percentage points. Meanwhile, the main groups which witnessed an increase in their prices were “Fruits and Nuts” by 0.12 percentage points, “Other services” by 0.01 percentage points, “Personal belongings” by 0.004 percentage points and “Fish and sea products” by 0.003 percentage points.

The report also shows that the Consumer Price Average for the first two months of 2019 has increased by 1.1% compared with the same period of 2018. The main commodities groups which contributed to this increase were “Vegetables, Dried and Canned Legumes” by 0.68

percentage points, “Cereals and their products” 0.56 percentage points , “ Rents” 0.28 percentage points “ Educations” 0.15 percentage points and “fuel and lighting” 0.11 percentage points. Meanwhile, the main commodities groups which witnessed a decrease in their prices were “Meat & Poultry” 0.50 percentage points and “Transports” 0.16 percentage points and “Clothes” by 0.08 percentage points and “ Fruits & Nuts” by 0.07 percentage points.

As for the core inflation of the consumer Price index for Feb 2019 (which is calculated after excluding the most fluctuating commodities’ prices of food, fuel , lighting and transport group) it has reached 129.2 against 127.8 recording an increase of 1.1% during the same month of 2018.On the accumulative level the consumer price index for the first two months of 2019 reached 129.3 against 127.5 compared with 2018 representing an increase by 1.4%.

Fig 1:General Monthly CPI for 2018 & 2019



