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## SOUTH SUDAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

This Release presents insights into the basic commodities market in the last 12 months in South Sudan's major towns. On average South Sudan's annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) has increased during this period, increasing from 1.3% in March 2023 up to 22.5% in March 2024. This increase is attributed to significant increases in the cost of food and non-alcoholic beverages.

Spatially, the annual CPI increased by 25.6% in Juba, 7.5% in Malakal, and 30.4% in Wau. In 2024 alone, South Sudan's monthly CPI increased by 29% from February 2024 to March 2024, with an increase of 25% in Juba, 32.5% in Malakal, and 49.6 % in Wau.

### Annual CPI

The annual growth in the CPI for South Sudan increased by 22.5% in March 2024, compared to 1.3% in March 2023. Furnishing & Household equipment and transport costs increased by 46.8% and 52.3%, respectively. The higher prices of transport mainly drove the overall rising cost of food and other non-alcoholic beverages. (see Table 1 for further details).

### Monthly CPI

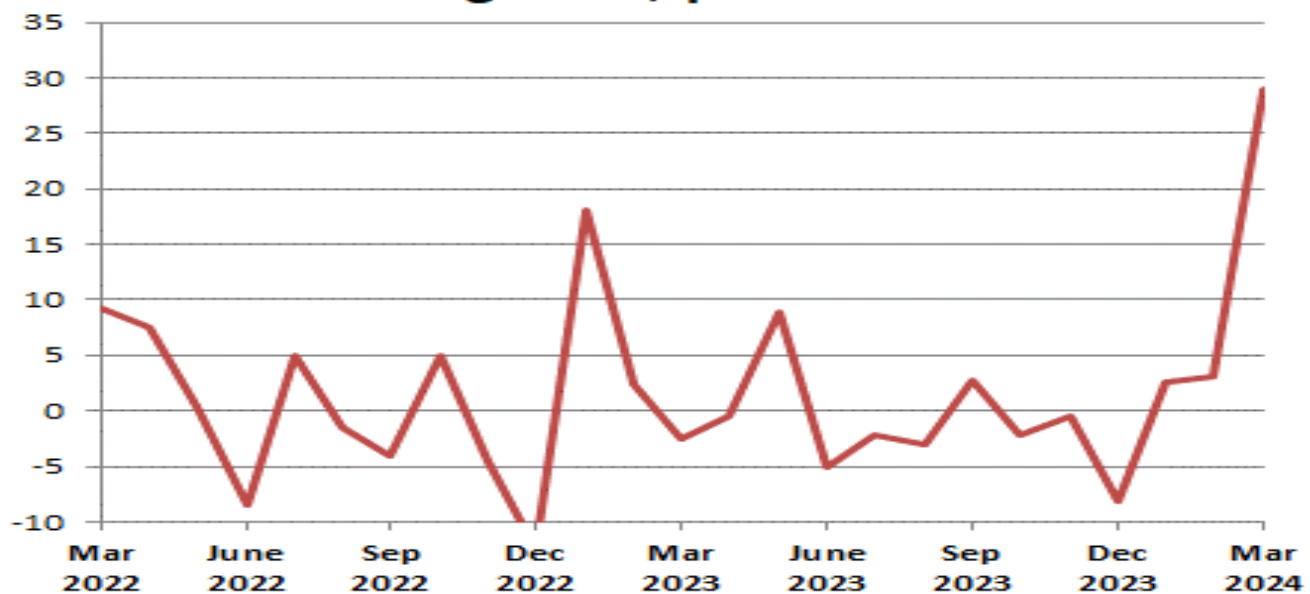
In addition to annual CPIs, the Bureau computes monthly CPIs across sampled markets. These figures are subject to volatility because of seasonal products entering and exiting the markets, suggesting these be used with caution (please see the technical notes for further explanation of how CPI is calculated).

Overall, the monthly CPI increased by 29% between February 2024 and March 2024. Over this period, the average price of food and non-alcoholic beverages increased by 27.5%; health increased by 36.9% (see Table 1 for further details).

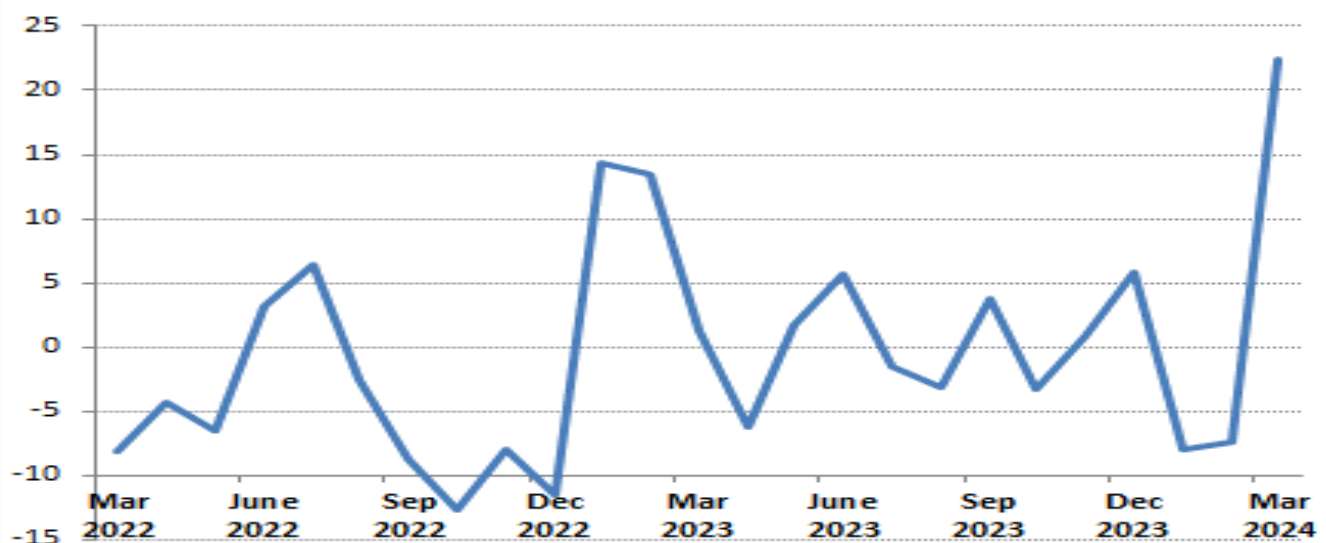
Table 1. Consumer price index of South Sudan. Mar 2024									
	Weights <sub>1</sub>	Monthly changes				Annual changes			
		Mar 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
ALL ITEMS	100.00	-2.5	2.7	3.1	29.0	1.3	-8.1	-7.4	22.5
Food & Non-alcoholic beverages	71.39	-3.4	2.8	4.7	27.5	-7.0	-13.7	-9.2	19.9
Alcoholic beverages & Tobacco	3.12	8.7	0.7	1.8	39.5	-37.0	10.8	-4.0	23.2
Clothing and footwear	2.49	3.7	0.5	-1.1	18.2	31.6	5.3	12.5	28.2
Housing, water, electricity, gas etc	2.59	3.9	-5.5	-1.2	35.3	54.7	-4.6	-12.7	13.7

Furnishing & Household equipments	3.52	1.0	3.9	-0.8	32.7	14.5	17.9	11.8	46.8
Health	4.47	-13.3	-0.9	1.2	36.9	80.7	-17.0	-24.1	19.9
Transport	2.67	2.5	20.5	5.6	23.1	41.9	26.9	26.8	52.3
Communication	1.40	2.3	0.0	-1.2	8.0	36.0	9.5	-4.6	0.8
Recreation & Culture	0.46	4.6	-0.7	0.5	70.2	109.5	42.9	16.4	89.5
Education	1.29	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants & Hotels	4.02	-4.0	0.2	-0.1	28.7	12.2	-3.0	-13.2	16.3
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.58	5.6	0.1	-1.0	32.4	22.7	-9.7	-10.7	12.1

**All item index. Month-on-month growth, per cent**



**All item index. Annual growth, per cent**



## Regional CPI

In June 2011, price collection was expanded from Juba alone to include Wau and Malakal. NBS now publishes an index for all of South Sudan, and three separate regional indices for Juba, Wau, and Malakal. The individual regions have different weights reflecting the different consumption baskets. Annual changes are available for Wau and Malakal from June 2012.

Annual inflation in March 2024 increased by 25.6% in Juba, 7.5% in Malakal, and 30.4% in Wau compared with 22.5% for South Sudan. Prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages increased in Juba by 22.1%, decreased by 0.8% in Malakal, and 17.6% in Wau respectively over this period.

From February 2024 to March 2024, the monthly CPI increased in Juba by 25%, 32.5% in Malakal, and 49.6% in Wau respectively. Over this period the price of food and non-alcoholic beverages increased by 22.8% in Juba, 30.9% in Malakal, and 49.4% in Wau, respectively. (see Table 2, 3 and 4 for further details).

	<i>Weights</i>	<i>Monthly changes</i>				<i>Annual changes</i>			
		<i>Mar 2023</i>	<i>Jan 2024</i>	<i>Feb 2024</i>	<i>Mar 2024</i>	<i>Mar 2023</i>	<i>Jan 2024</i>	<i>Feb 2024</i>	<i>Mar 2024</i>
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>25.6</b>
Food & Non alcoholic beverages	54.57	-4.2	5.4	5.2	22.8	18.8	6.7	-4.7	22.1
Alcoholic beverages & Tobacco	3.05	6.9	3.2	2.0	44.6	24.6	33.3	31.3	77.5
Clothing and footwear	3.53	5.3	1.3	-1.0	12.0	28.6	18.8	20.2	27.9
Housing, water, electricity, gas etc	5.04	4.6	-8.8	-3.5	31.6	65.4	6.2	-15.9	5.7
Furnishing & Household equipments	5.71	1.6	5.3	-0.9	25.2	12.4	29.6	16.4	43.4
Health	7.03	0.0	0.0	2.3	31.4	102.5	-13.5	-12.1	15.5
Transport	5.02	0.7	29.4	7.5	18.1	29.8	28.8	38.8	62.8
Communication	3.22	2.8	0.0	-1.3	6.6	15.9	13.2	7.0	11.0
Recreation & Culture	0.95	4.0	-3.1	0.3	95.8	82.5	34.0	28.6	142.1
Education	3.11	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants & Hotels	4.42	-5.7	0.4	0.0	24.1	34.9	-4.3	-14.4	12.6
Miscellaneous goods & services	4.37	7.6	2.9	-0.6	25.0	22.5	-8.7	-5.1	10.2

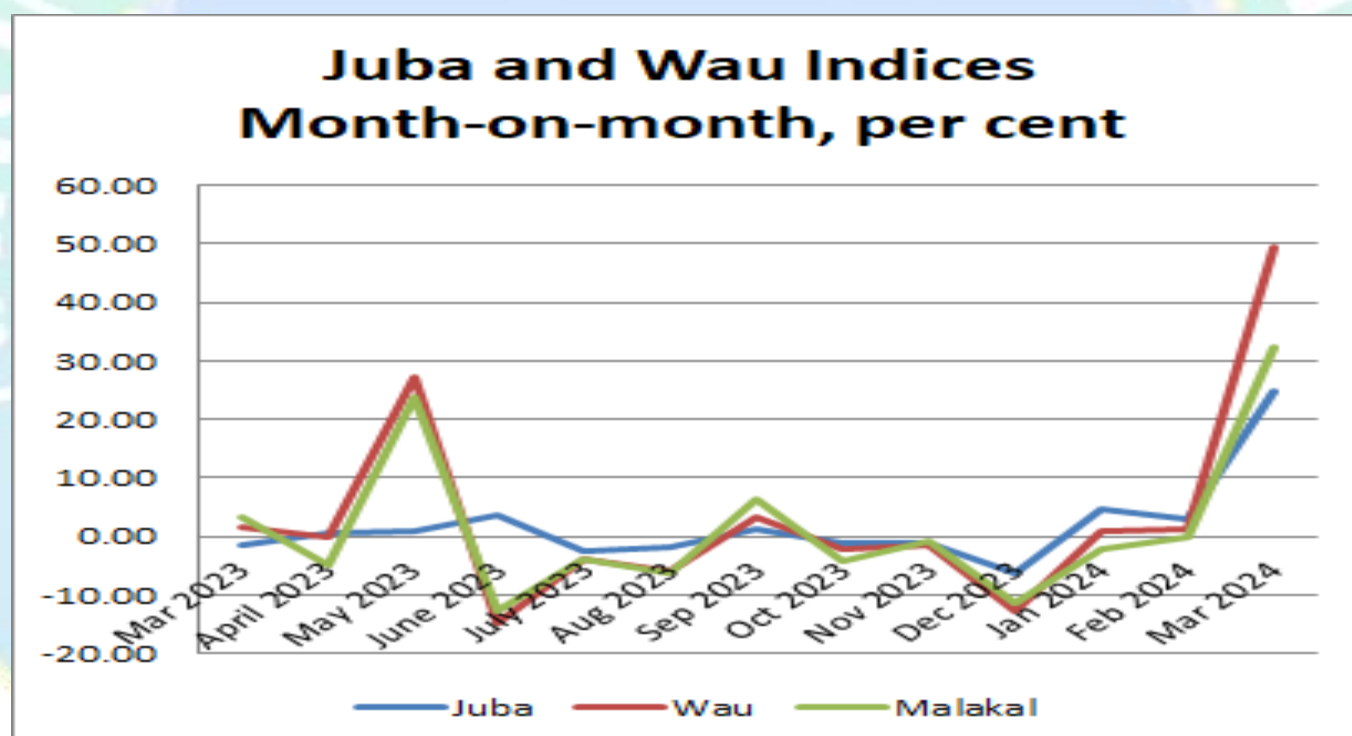
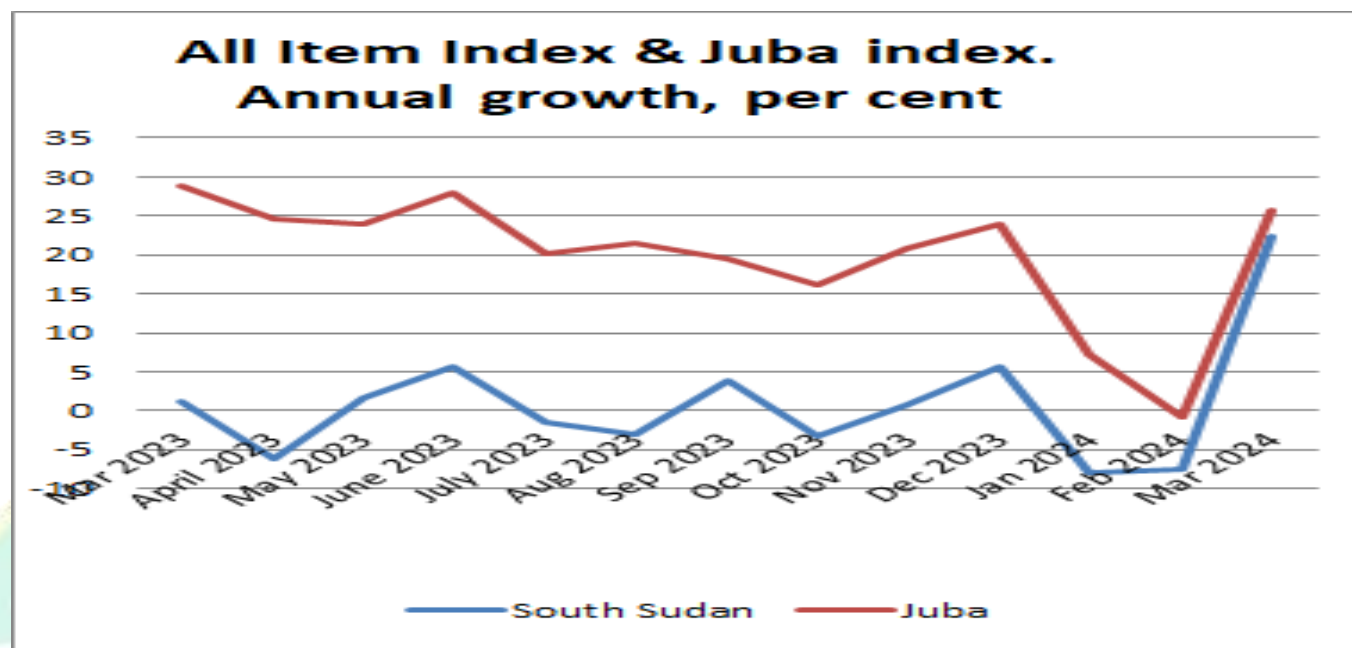
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<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>-58.2</b>	<b>-25.4</b>	<b>-16.1</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Food & Non-alcoholic beverages	65.42	8.5	-1.4	0.4	30.9	-71.9	-31.6	-17.7	-0.8
Alcoholic beverages &	2.81	4.9	-11.0	-0.1	57.2	-67.0	-17.0	-29.7	5.4

Tobacco									
Clothing and footwear	3.44	5.4	0.0	0.0	24.9	38.2	-6.2	4.4	23.8
Housing, water, electricity, gas etc	4.90	6.1	-1.6	-0.8	38.9	35.6	-31.7	-20.2	4.5
Furnishing & Household equipments	5.38	0.8	-0.9	-0.2	44.8	10.6	-7.4	-0.2	43.2
Health	6.23	-27.8	-6.2	-2.8	36.8	63.2	-34.9	-39.5	14.5
Transport	3.23	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.9	52.0	24.7	24.2	53.9
Communication	1.49	6.3	0.0	-1.9	11.5	41.7	-8.6	-18.8	-14.7
Recreation & Culture	0.25	2.0	-2.9	1.2	2.1	257.2	81.6	-6.7	-6.6
Education	1.08	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants & Hotels	2.14	1.1	-0.1	0.0	3.6	45.2	-6.9	-16.5	-14.5
Miscellaneous goods & services	3.60	5.2	-5.7	-0.3	8.6	-9.0	-41.3	-28.8	-26.5

**Table 4. Consumer price index of South Sudan; Wau. Mar 2024**

	<i>Weights</i>	<i>Monthly changes</i>				<i>Annual changes</i>			
		<i>Mar 2023</i>	<i>Jan 2024</i>	<i>Feb 2024</i>	<i>Mar 2024</i>	<i>Mar 2023</i>	<i>Jan 2024</i>	<i>Feb 2024</i>	<i>Mar 2024</i>
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>-19.3</b>	<b>-11.4</b>	<b>30.4</b>
Food & Non alcoholic beverages	66.91	7.1	-0.9	3.4	49.4	15.7	-37.4	-16.3	16.7
Alcoholic beverages & Tobacco	3.65	25.1	16.3	0.0	21.1	68.2	70.7	55.3	50.3
Clothing and footwear	2.56	-0.2	-0.5	-2.6	40.1	47.6	-26.2	-5.6	32.5
Housing, water, electricity, gas etc	3.95	-16.3	20.2	2.2	37.7	5.5	35.3	26.9	108.8
Furnishing & Household equipments	4.26	5.6	1.2	-0.1	56.7	36.0	2.1	7.4	59.5
Health	4.38	-40.8	0.0	-2.6	40.9	84.9	-4.2	-51.7	15.0
Transport	2.59	12.7	0.3	0.0	58.8	103.1	29.5	-10.9	25.5
Communication	1.44	-2.7	0.0	0.0	11.1	176.9	14.9	-27.0	-16.7
Recreation & Culture	0.52	-8.6	15.8	0.0	6.1	100.5	66.1	-20.5	-7.6
Education	1.08	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants & Hotels	6.01	4.9	-0.2	-0.7	70.8	-57.7	18.1	12.3	82.8
Miscellaneous goods & services	2.64	2.4	-13.4	-1.8	79.8	63.7	13.9	-22.1	36.8





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## TECHNICAL NOTE

### National Consumer Price Index (CPI) for South Sudan

Since October 2011, a national CPI has been published for South Sudan. The index has been rebased to June 2011=100 and is directly chained to the previous Juba index which got a time series back to May 2007. The national CPI has weights calculated from the 2009 National Baseline Household Survey (NBHS) and includes all twelve major consumption groups in the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP). The item basket has been revised and updated according to the results from the NBHS. With price collection in the major three cities of Juba, Malakal, and Wau, the price collection covers all three regions of South Sudan.

The Consumer Price Index is an index which tracks the price of a representative basket of goods and services consumed by households in South Sudan. The composition of the goods and services in the basket reflects consumption of the average household in South Sudan. The change in the CPI over time indicates how much more expensive it is for the average household to continue consuming the same basket of goods and services. The percentage change in the CPI is consumer price inflation. It is an important tool to measure both development of the economy and the welfare of households.

### Republic of South Sudan National Basket

Until May 2011, the consumption basket contained eight COICOP groups. Since May 2011, the South Sudan National Basket has contained the following twelve COICOP groups.

No/S	Group	Number of items
1.	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	53
2.	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	5
3.	Clothing and footwear	7
4.	Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other	6
5.	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	7
6.	Health	4
7.	Transport	3
8.	Communication	1
9.	Recreation and culture	3
10.	Education	3
11.	Restaurants and hotels	7
12.	Miscellaneous goods and services	10

### Annual Consumer Price Inflation Rate

Annual consumer price inflation is the percentage change in the CPI over the course of one year. It is the most commonly used measure of consumer price inflation.

### Monthly Consumer Price Inflation Rate:

Monthly consumer price inflation is the percentage change in the CPI over the course of one month. Monthly consumer price index does not consider the variations in the population's consumption pattern caused by entry and exit of seasonal products in the market. Seasonal products are those which are only available part of the year, such as mango, fresh okra, papaya, or cassava and whose supply is significantly affected by seasonal changes. Monthly CPI should, therefore, be interpreted and used with caution.

On an annual basis, CPI is less affected by the entry and exit of seasonal products in the market. The full index series for South Sudan and the regional indices for Juba, Wau, and Malakal, are available online at [www.nbs.gov.ss](http://www.nbs.gov.ss).

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