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## June 2020

The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.2 percent for the month of June 2020, compared to a decrease of 0.1 percent for May 2020 (*See table 3*).

During the month of June 2020, the “All Items” index was recorded at 110.7, compared to 110.5 for May 2020. Four (4) groups recorded increases during the period, “Hotels and Restaurants” (2.0%), “Health” (1.9%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.3%) and “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.2%). Eight (8) groups remained unchanged, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels”, “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance”, “Transport”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture”, “Education” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”. (*See table 3*).

The “Restaurants and Hotels” group index increased by 2.0 percent on account of higher prices for school meals - bakes and chicken (66.7%), school meals - roti (20.0%) and roti - beef (9.6%).

The 1.9 percent rise in the index for “Health” was as a result of increased prices for dermatologist fee (25.0%), drug for diabetes (15.4%) and pain relievers (2.2%).

The upward movement of 0.3 percent in the group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” was due mainly to increases in the price of several food items which included; jack fish (25.0%), limes (10.1%), frozen pig foot (9.2%), apple juice (7.9%), tomatoes (7.0%), carrots (6.7%), watermelon (6.8%), peanut punch (4.7%) and chicken drumsticks (1.3%).

Similarly, the 0.2 percent increase in the group index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” was on account of an increase in the price of imported wine (13.4%), ginger wine (3.4%) and white rum - local (1.5%).

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at negative 0.8 percent for the month of June 2020 compared to 0.9 percent for June 2019. The groups that accounted for the decreases during the period were, “Housing, Electricity Gas and Other Fuels” (3.7%), “Transport” (3.3%) and “Clothing and Footwear” (0.5)(See table 3).

**The consumer price index increased by 0.2 percent for June 2020. The point-to-point inflation rate was recorded at negative 0.8 percent due to relative price changes during the month of June 2020 compared with the same period in the previous year.**

**Table 1**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average Price EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		June 2020	June 2019		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Pig foot - frozen	Lb	4.76	4.36	0.40	9.2
Fish - jack	Lb	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.0
Chicken - drumstick	Lb	3.09	3.05	0.04	1.3
Peanut punch	250ml, Box	3.76	3.59	0.17	4.7
Limes	Lb	3.70	3.36	0.34	10.1
Watermelon	Lb	3.76	3.52	0.24	6.8
Tomatoes	Lb	5.21	4.87	0.34	7.0
Carrots	Lb	4.61	4.32	0.29	6.7
Apple juice	1L, Box	6.80	6.30	0.50	7.9
White rum - local	750ml, Bottle	32.85	32.38	0.47	1.5
Ginger wine	750ml, Bottle	25.40	24.57	0.83	3.4
Wine - Imported	750ml, Bottle	22.05	19.45	2.60	13.4
Drugs for Diabetes	Month's Supply	6.00	5.20	0.80	15.4
Pain relievers	24 tablets per bottle	15.42	15.09	0.33	2.2
Dermatologist Fee	Per visit	50.00	40.00	10.00	25.0
Roti - beef	Each	12.37	11.29	1.08	9.6
School meals - bakes and chicken	Each	5.00	3.00	2.00	66.7
School meals - roti	Each	3.00	2.50	0.50	20.0
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Chicken - wings	Lb	4.72	4.90	-0.18	-3.7
Chicken - necks	Lb	1.54	1.59	-0.05	-3.1
Powdered milk - full cream	Lb	7.03	7.11	-0.08	-1.1
Electricity Consumption Charge	140KWH	107.84	107.44	0.40	0.4

**Table 2.1**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**June 2020 Compared With June 2019**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		June 2020	June 2019		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.91	6.68	0.23	3.44
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.87	2.85	0.02	0.70
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.68	1.62	0.06	3.70
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.72	4.66	0.06	1.29
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.47	3.23	0.24	7.43
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	Lb.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	6.28	6.08	0.20	3.29
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.24	8.36	-0.12	-1.44
Codfish	Lb.	16.09	15.20	0.89	5.86
Cornflakes	12 oz	14.16	13.69	0.47	3.43
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.67	4.66	0.01	0.21
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.31	3.27	0.04	1.22
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.89	1.89	0.00	0.00
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.19	4.19	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	7.74	9.54	-1.80	-18.87
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.25	8.90	0.35	3.93
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	Lb.	1.61	1.63	-0.02	-1.23
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	1.78	1.79	-0.01	-0.56
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.35	1.35	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.83	6.82	0.01	0.15
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.18	7.18	0.00	0.00
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.89	1.91	-0.02	-1.05
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.76	10.55	0.21	1.99
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.44	1.42	0.02	1.41
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.43	2.38	0.05	2.10
Eddoes	Lb.	2.85	2.75	0.10	3.64
Dasheens	Lb.	1.99	1.89	0.10	5.29
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.54	2.45	0.09	3.67
Oranges	Each	0.88	0.88	0.00	0.00
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.21	4.21	1.00	23.75
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	9.54	9.15	0.39	4.26
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.41	12.40	0.01	0.08
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.59	10.81	-0.22	-2.04
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.90	2.80	0.10	3.57
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.78	5.73	0.05	0.87

**Table 2.2**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**June 2020 Compared With June 2019**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		June 2020	June 2019		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	32.85	31.74	1.11	3.50
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.09	5.09	0.00	0.00
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.48	4.00	-0.52	-13.00
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	23.44	21.33	2.11	9.89
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	47.95	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	17.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	69.95	69.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Pair	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	78.81	79.79	-0.98	-1.23
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	88.67	89.77	-1.10	-1.23
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	102.48	102.48	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	29.95	29.95	0.00	0.00
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY</b>					
<b>GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>					
Rent :					
Unfurnished House - 2 Bedrooms	Month	567.86	567.86	0.00	0.00
Unfurnished House - 3 Bedrooms	Month	612.50	612.50	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment - 2 Bedrooms	Month	791.67	791.67	0.00	0.00
Cement - Portland ( grey)	94 Lbs	20.66	20.66	0.00	0.00
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	96.68	96.68	0.00	0.00
Oil Paint	Gallon	134.43	134.43	0.00	0.00
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	74.68	69.30	5.38	7.76
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gallon	6.61	6.61	0.00	0.00
Charcoal	Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	35.49	37.66	-2.17	-5.76
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	107.84	132.94	-25.10	-18.88
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1167.61	1181.73	-14.12	-1.19
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.11	105.00	0.11	0.10
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	55.98	55.98	0.00	0.00
Laundry Soap	Each	1.24	1.24	0.00	0.00
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.37	6.40	-0.03	-0.47

**Table 2.3**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**June 2020 Compared With June 2019**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		June 2020	June 2019		
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	Visit	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
Eye Care	Test	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitalisation (Private Ward)	Day	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
Drugs for Hypertension	Month supply	3.37	3.50	-0.13	-3.71
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	10.49	11.71	-1.22	-10.42
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.18	15.28	-0.10	-0.65
Dental Care	Visit	145.83	132.50	13.33	10.06
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	10.47	12.02	-1.55	-12.90
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	Year	590.00	590.00	0.00	0.00
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>					
Telephone Service - rental of line- domestic	Month	23.66	23.66	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet Charge	Month	104.00	104.00	0.00	0.00
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	1.00	0.98	0.02	2.04
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2011.54	1991.19	20.35	1.02
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	79.33	79.33	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3886.08	3846.77	39.31	1.02
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2100.55	2079.30	21.25	1.02
Remote Control Car	Each	262.64	250.22	12.42	4.96
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.90	3.84	0.06	1.56
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	375.00	375.00	0.00	0.00



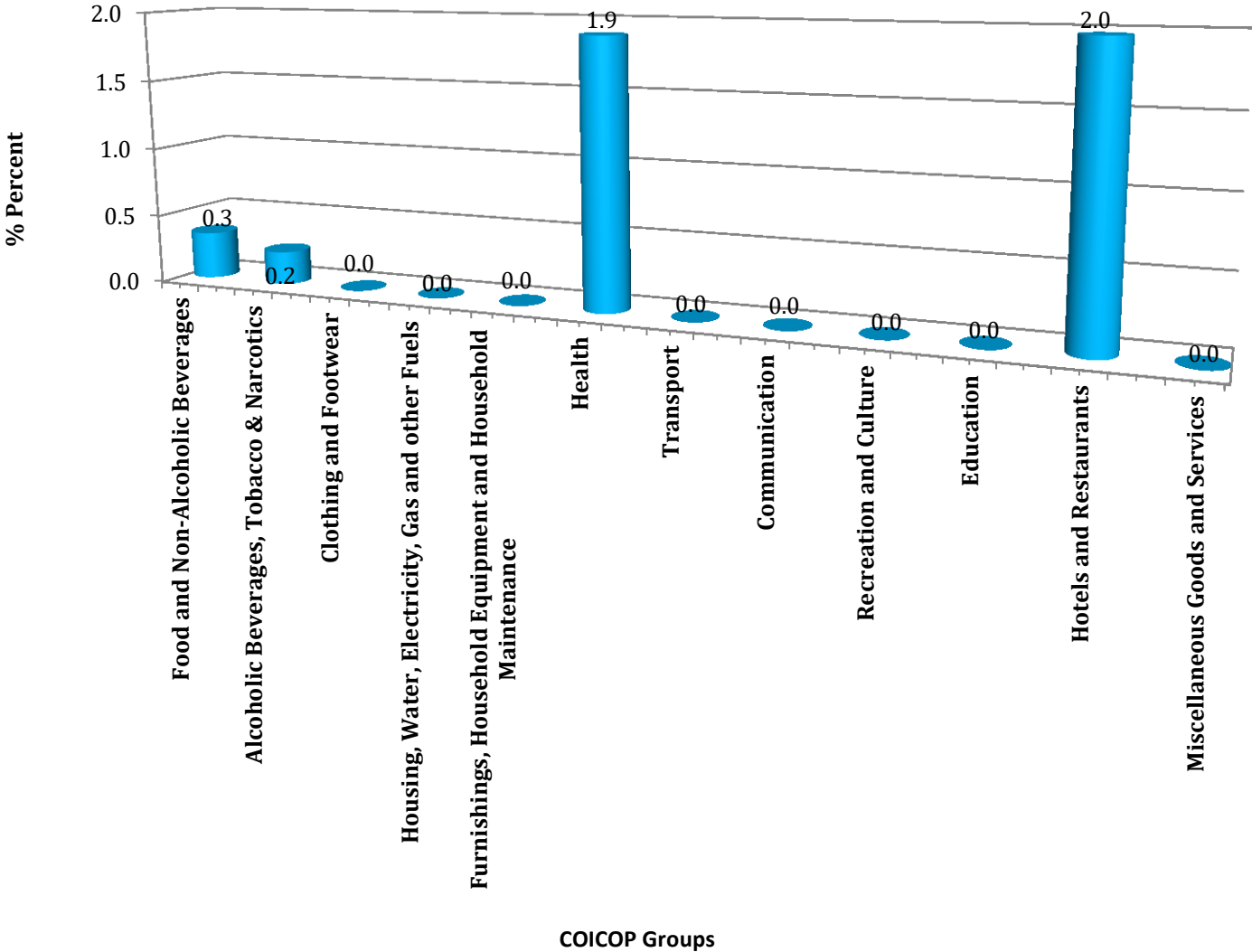
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**June 2020 Compared With June 2019**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		June 2020	June 2019		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	217.50	217.50	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	850.00	850.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary School Fee - Private	Term	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.78	0.78	0.00	0.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.75	1.00	-0.25	-25.00
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	75.12	75.12	0.00	0.00
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS</b>					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.49	14.39	0.10	0.69
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	17.32	15.51	1.81	11.67
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	17.05	17.05	0.00	0.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.61	3.52	0.09	2.56
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.71	9.29	0.42	4.52
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing ( Relaxer )	Visit	69.82	67.08	2.74	4.08
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	13.84	13.22	0.62	4.69
Health Insurance - Group (family)	≥3 Persons	307.00	307.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Expenses (Affidavit)	Fee	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00

**Table 3**  
**The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups**  
**January 2010 = 100**

	Groups	Weight	May 2020	June 2020	June 2019	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month May	Year June
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	118.4	118.8	116.9	0.3	1.6
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	126.2	126.5	124.2	0.2	1.9
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.5	104.5	105.0	0.0	-0.5
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	100.2	100.2	104.0	0.0	-3.7
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.6	113.6	113.4	0.0	0.2
06.	Health	1.79	110.6	112.7	109.9	1.9	2.5
07.	Transport	11.84	119.1	119.1	123.2	0.0	-3.3
08.	Communication	9.41	113.3	113.3	113.3	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	107.9	107.9	107.2	0.0	0.7
10.	Education	1.32	112.3	112.3	110.3	0.0	1.8
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	111.6	113.8	108.6	2.0	4.8
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	106.0	106.0	104.0	0.0	1.9
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>110.5</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>111.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.8</b>

**Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for June 2020**



**Table 4**  
**The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups**  
**January 2010 = 100**  
**Contribution to Change**

	Groups	Weight	May 2020	June 2020	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						May 2020	June 2020		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	118.4	118.8	0.3	2,594.14	2,602.91	8.8	43.8
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	126.2	126.5	0.2	488.39	489.56	1.2	5.8
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.5	104.5	0.0	336.49	336.49	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	100.2	100.2	0.0	3,012.01	3,012.01	0.0	0.0
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.6	113.6	0.0	748.62	748.62	0.0	0.0
6.	Health	1.79	110.6	112.7	1.9	197.97	201.73	3.8	18.8
7.	Transport	11.84	119.1	119.1	0.0	1,410.14	1,410.14	0.0	0.0
8.	Communication	9.41	113.3	113.3	0.0	1,066.15	1,066.15	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	107.9	107.9	0.0	411.10	411.10	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	112.3	112.3	0.0	148.24	148.24	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	111.6	113.8	2.0	208.69	212.81	4.1	20.6
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	106.0	106.0	0.0	456.86	456.86	0.0	0.0
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>110.5</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>11,050.00</b>	<b>11,070.00</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 5**  
**Monthly Index - 2020**  
**January 2010 = 100**

<b>Groups</b>	<b>All Items</b>	<b>Food &amp; Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco &amp; Narcotics</b>	<b>Clothing &amp; Footwear</b>	<b>Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels</b>	<b>Furnishings Household Equipment &amp; Household Maintenance</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Communi-cation</b>	<b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Hotels &amp; Restaurants</b>	<b>Miscell-aneous Goods and Services</b>
<b>WEIGHT</b>	100.00	21.91	3.87	3.22	30.06	6.59	1.79	11.84	9.41	3.81	1.32	1.87	4.31
<b>MONTH</b>													
January	111.7	117.7	126.2	105.0	102.9	113.6	109.4	123.7	113.3	107.4	112.3	110.2	105.6
February	111.8	118.0	126.3	105.0	102.5	113.6	109.6	125.4	113.3	107.4	112.3	110.2	106.1
March	111.5	118.5	126.3	105.0	102.1	113.3	109.6	122.9	113.3	107.5	112.3	111.6	106.1
April	111.6	118.1	126.3	104.5	102.4	113.7	110.6	123.3	113.3	107.9	112.3	111.6	106.0
May	110.5	118.4	126.2	104.5	100.2	113.6	110.6	119.1	113.3	107.9	112.3	111.6	106.0
June	110.7	118.8	126.5	104.5	100.2	113.6	112.7	119.1	113.3	107.9	112.3	113.8	106.0