

Brief on trends in household final consumer prices in Douala in March 2022

Prices of imported food products have increased by 10.1% over one year.

In **March 2022** and compared to last month, the Household Final Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 0.7% after +0.4% in the previous month. This increase was mainly due to the acceleration in the prices of food products (+1.5% after +0.7% last month), transport (+0.7% after +0.2% last month), as well as “miscellaneous goods and services” (+1.0% after +0.9% last month).

Prices of food products increased in particular as a result the acceleration in the prices of breads and cereals (+7.3% after +2.8% in the previous month) and increase in the prices of meat (+2.8% after -0.7% in the previous month). At the same time, the rise in fish and seafood prices (+1.4% after +1.1% the previous month) and “milk, cheese and eggs” (+1.3% after +1.5% last month) slowed down. Fruit prices (+2.4% after -1.7% last month) rose, and the prices of “sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery” (+2.8% after +1.0% the previous month) increased further. In contrast, prices of oils and fats fell by 5.6% after rising by 0.7% last month. The decelerating trend in vegetable prices continued, although the fall in prices was less significant in March (-0.2%) than in February (-1.0%).

The increase in the price of breads and cereals was mainly due to the rise in the price of bread and some other pastry products made from wheat flour. Thus, the price of a 200-gram baguette, which officially cost 125 CFA francs, rose to 150 CFA francs in March 2022.

Vegetable prices fell mainly as a result of the drop in the price of certain tubers and plantains (unripe fresh bananas, sweet potatoes, cocoyams, cassava tubers). Prices of imported food products rose by 0.7% on a monthly basis and those of local food products by 1.7%.

Compared to the same period in 2021, the overall price level increased by 3.7% after +3.3% last month and +1.9% in the same period of 2021. The year-on-year price increase was mainly as result of the increase in the prices of food products (+9.3% after +8.2% last month), as well as those of education (+3.7% after +3.6% last month). It should be noted that the prices of imported food products increased by 10.1% in annual variation and those of local products by 8.9%.

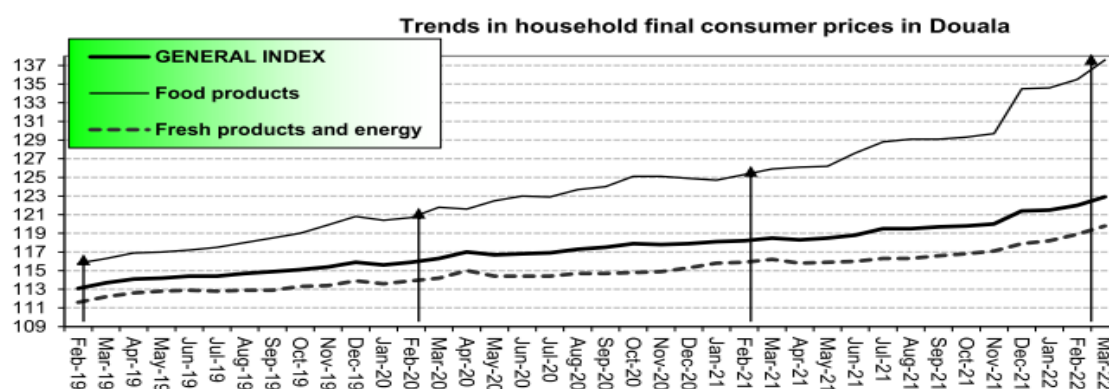
On average over the past twelve months, household final consumer prices rose by 2.2% after +2.1% in January 2022. This increase was mainly as a result of the rise in food product prices (+5.4% after +4, 9% last month), education (+2.8% after +2.6% last month), as well as alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics (+2.3% like last month).

The underlying inflation rate¹ is 1.8%. Inflationary pressures observed in Douala were therefore not only maintained by fresh products (+4.8%). Meanwhile, energy prices rose by 0.1%.

In addition, the rise in the prices of local products stood at 2.3% and that of imported products at 1.7%.

Trends in household final consumer prices

Change (%)	March 2021	January 2022	February 2022	March 2022
Monthly	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.7
Year-on-year	1.9	2.9	3.3	3.7
Over twelve months	2.2	1.9	2.1	2.2



¹= excluding products with high price variability

CONSUMPTION FUNCTION (Indexes Base 100 Year 2011)	March -21	Apr -21	May -21	Jun -21	Jul -21	Aug -21	Sept -21	Oct -21	Nov -21	Dec -21	Jan -22	Feb -22	March -22	March -22/Feb -22	March -22/March -21	Apr -21 to March -22/ Apr -20 to March -21
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	125.7	125.9	126.0	127.3	128.5	128.8	128.8	129.1	129.4	134.1	134.2	135.1	137.2	1.5%	9.1%	5.3%
Food products	125.9	126.1	126.2	127.6	128.8	129.1	129.1	129.3	129.7	134.5	134.6	135.5	137.6	1.5%	9.3%	5.4%
<i>Bread and cereals</i>	117.7	117.0	115.4	117.8	117.9	117.4	118.5	119.6	121.1	123.6	125.3	128.8	138.2	7.3%	17.4%	6.7%
<i>Meat</i>	109.0	108.7	110.0	109.6	109.3	108.8	106.5	109.8	110.3	112.4	111.6	110.8	113.9	2.8%	4.5%	3.2%
<i>Fish and seafood</i>	139.2	137.8	132.5	135.4	135.0	140.9	142.8	142.0	146.4	146.8	149.8	151.5	153.6	1.4%	10.4%	6.9%
<i>Milk, cheese and eggs</i>	117.9	118.2	116.2	113.5	113.8	114.4	114.7	113.8	114.0	115.8	115.4	117.1	118.6	1.3%	0.6%	1.3%
<i>Oils and fats</i>	107.1	105.0	103.3	104.4	104.0	104.2	106.4	104.9	109.7	121.2	124.7	125.5	118.5	-5.6%	10.7%	10.4%
<i>Fruits</i>	156.1	158.3	144.4	156.3	150.5	136.4	136.6	136.5	136.5	149.5	149.0	146.5	150.1	2.4%	-3.9%	-4.2%
<i>Vegetables</i>	142.1	142.7	150.2	151.6	156.3	154.8	152.3	151.7	148.6	155.7	153.4	151.8	151.4	-0.2%	6.5%	3.9%
<i>Sugar and confectionery</i>	109.1	110.5	110.6	111.1	111.2	111.8	111.6	111.6	112.0	112.2	111.5	112.6	115.7	2.8%	6.0%	3.1%
<i>Food products n.e.c.</i>	112.6	118.5	113.4	110.9	112.5	115.9	117.4	119.5	116.4	123.4	119.6	123.1	122.3	-0.7%	8.6%	7.8%
Non-alcoholic drinks	119.3	119.4	119.6	119.9	119.7	119.8	120.2	120.2	120.0	121.4	121.4	123.4	125.0	1.3%	4.8%	2.0%
Alcoholic drinks, tobacco and narcotics	134.7	135.0	134.8	134.9	135.3	135.2	135.1	135.1	135.0	136.4	137.6	137.8	139.4	1.1%	3.5%	2.3%
Clothing and footwear	114.6	114.0	114.2	114.1	114.1	114.5	114.8	115.0	115.3	114.1	114.6	115.6	115.7	0.1%	1.0%	1.4%
Housing, water, gas, electricity and other fuels	114.7	113.5	113.9	113.8	115.4	114.4	115.4	114.7	115.2	115.0	114.8	115.0	115.4	0.4%	0.7%	0.9%
Furniture, household goods and routine household maintenance items	112.8	112.6	112.5	112.6	112.7	112.7	112.6	112.7	113.0	112.9	113.7	115.3	115.9	0.5%	2.7%	0.9%
Health	101.4	101.3	101.4	101.4	101.3	101.4	101.5	101.5	101.6	101.6	101.6	101.6	101.8	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%
Transport	125.5	125.3	125.5	125.6	126.1	126.2	126.2	126.0	125.8	126.5	126.5	126.7	127.5	0.7%	1.6%	0.5%
Communications	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.5	90.3	90.4	90.4	90.4	90.4	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Leisure and culture	110.6	111.0	110.5	110.6	111.0	111.4	111.4	111.5	111.5	112.6	112.4	112.3	112.2	-0.1%	1.4%	1.1%
Education	125.9	125.9	125.9	125.9	126.9	127.9	128.2	128.8	130.2	130.3	130.3	130.5	130.6	0.1%	3.7%	2.8%
Restaurants and hotels	124.2	124.6	125.3	125.1	125.1	125.2	125.1	126.1	126.1	128.2	128.2	128.2	128.2	0.0%	3.2%	2.1%
Miscellaneous goods and services	119.9	120.1	120.2	120.0	120.2	120.4	120.5	120.5	120.6	120.5	120.5	121.6	123.0	1.1%	2.6%	0.8%
GENERAL INDEX	118.5	118.3	118.5	118.8	119.5	119.5	119.7	119.8	120.0	121.4	121.5	122.0	122.9	0.7%	3.7%	2.2%
SECONDARY NOMENCLATURE																
Imported goods	112.5	112.2	112.3	112.2	112.6	112.6	113.1	112.9	113.8	113.7	114.1	115.1	115.6	0.4%	2.8%	1.7%
Local goods and services	120.3	120.2	120.4	120.9	121.6	121.7	121.8	121.9	121.9	123.8	123.8	124.2	125.1	0.8%	4.0%	2.3%
Energy	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.7	103.7	103.7	103.7	103.7	103.7	103.7	103.7	103.9	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%
Fresh products	137.5	138.5	139.4	141.0	143.7	144.0	143.5	143.3	142.9	148.4	147.4	147.3	147.8	0.3%	7.5%	4.8%
Excluding fresh products and energy	116.2	115.8	115.9	116.0	116.3	116.3	116.6	116.8	117.1	117.9	118.2	118.9	119.8	0.8%	3.1%	1.8%
Primary Sector	131.9	131.5	132.2	134.0	136.7	136.1	136.2	136.0	136.5	141.1	140.5	140.8	141.9	0.8%	7.6%	5.2%
Secondary Sector	111.3	111.0	110.9	110.8	110.8	111.1	111.6	111.7	111.8	112.5	113.1	114.3	115.7	1.2%	3.9%	2.0%
Tertiary Sector	117.9	118.0	118.2	118.2	118.4	118.6	118.6	118.8	118.9	119.5	119.5	119.6	119.9	0.3%	1.7%	1.0%
Durable goods	110.7	110.3	109.7	109.7	109.9	109.7	109.8	109.9	110.1	110.5	110.3	110.4	111.0	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%
Non-durable goods	121.3	121.0	121.2	122.0	123.4	123.2	123.5	123.5	123.8	126.9	127.0	128.0	129.7	1.3%	7.0%	3.9%
Semi-durable goods	113.5	113.1	113.3	113.3	113.3	113.9	114.1	114.3	114.5	113.9	114.3	115.0	115.2	0.2%	1.4%	1.6%
Services	118.1	118.2	118.3	118.3	118.6	118.7	118.8	118.9	119.1	119.7	119.7	119.8	120.1	0.3%	1.7%	1.0%