



### Monthly Inflation Review • August, 2020

For the past 4 months (May-August, 2020), a continued stable price trend was observed and the inflation rate in August of this year amounted 0,2%, having decreased by 0,7 percentage points (p.p.) against the same period of last year.

The prevailing inflation was mainly due to an increase in prices for non-food products by 0,9% (share in the inflation of 0,3 p.p.) and the cost of paid services to population by 0,7% (0.1 p.p.). At the same time, this month a decline in food prices by -0,3% (-0,2 pp) was observed.

In the structure of non-food products in August of this year, a rise in prices for combustible materials by 4,6% (especially prices for liquefied gas by 6,9% and AI-92 gasoline by 5,0%), detergents by 1,6%, clothing and shoes 0,9% was observed.

Also for the reporting month, prices and tariffs for paid services to the population increased by 0,7%, caused mainly by a decrease in cost of educational services by 1,2% and housing and communal services by 1,4%.

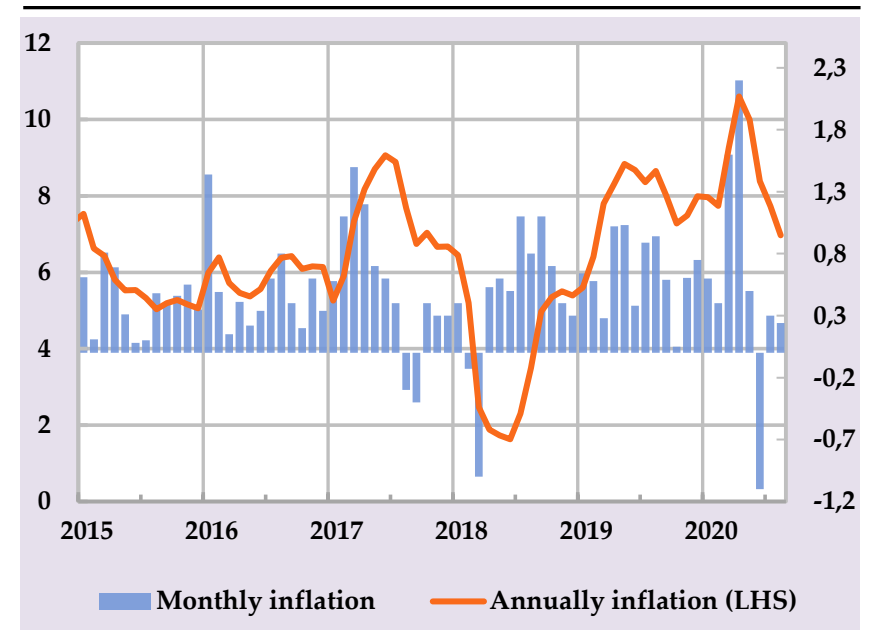
In the structure of food products a drop in prices for such consumer products of the population was observed, which have a significant share in the consumer basket, as potatoes – 11,6%, tomatoes- 8%, cucumbers -4,1%, carrots – 1,1%, etc.

This decrease is mainly due to the increase in supply of a number of food products in connection with new spring and summer harvesting, which promoted the stabilization of supply and demand.

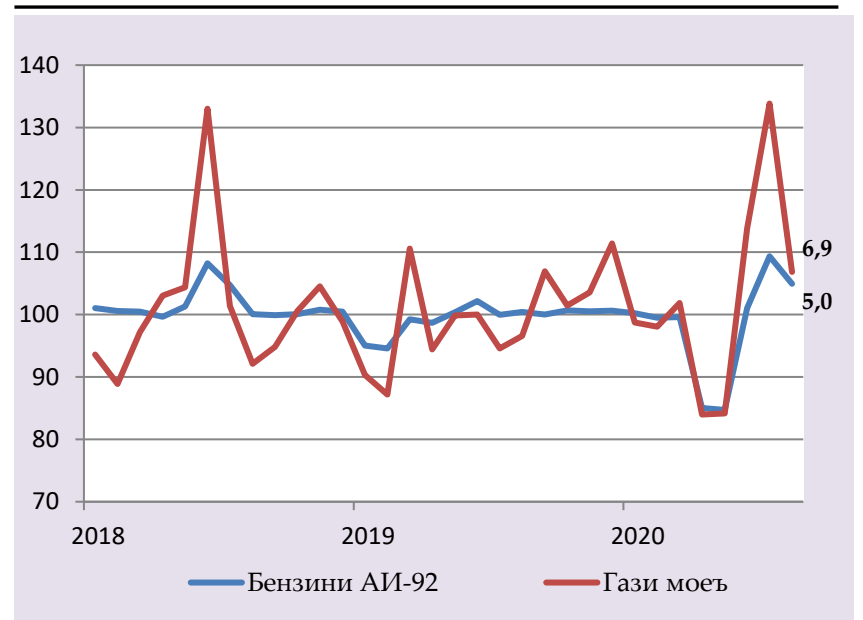
According to the agricultural statistics for 8 months of this year, more than 1,5 million tons of vegetables were produced in the country, which is more by 10,2% compared to the same period of the last year.

The annual inflation (for past 12 months) in August of this year showed a downward trend and reached 7,0%, which is less by 0,7 and 1,6 percentage points than in the previous month and the same period of last year respectively.

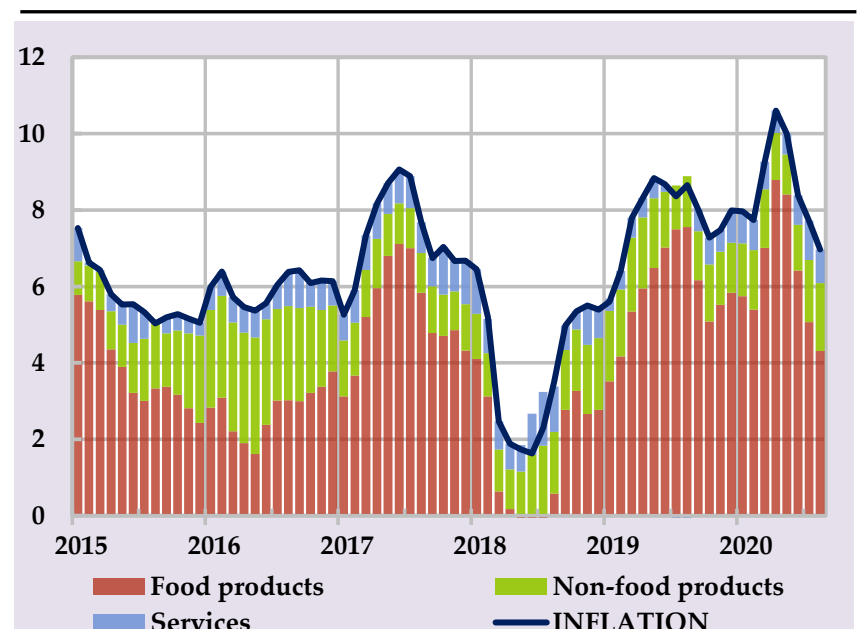
Monthly and annual inflation, in %  
(Source: Agency on Statistic, NBT estimations)



Contribution of Components to Inflation, in %, annual  
(Source: Statistical Agency, NBT calculations)



Influence of seasonal and external factors on inflation, in %  
(Source: Agency on Statistic, NBT estimations)

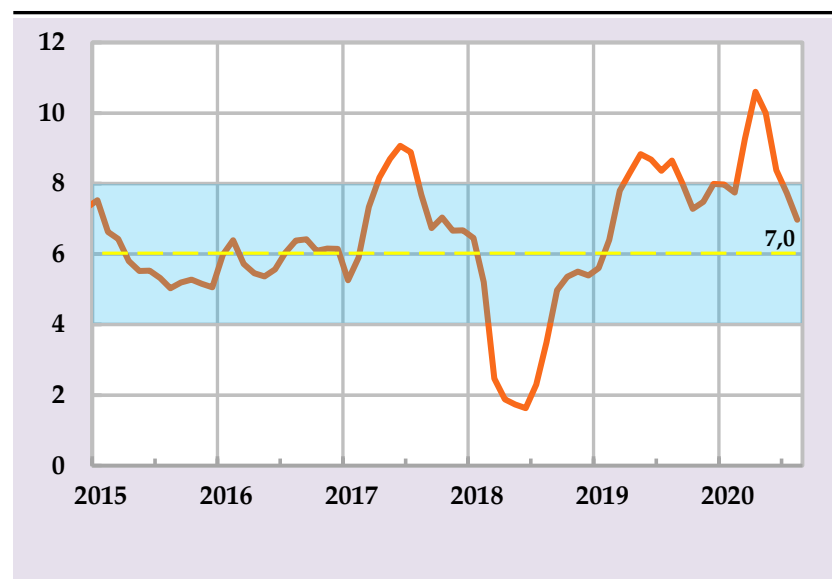


According to the analysis, inflation reaching beyond the projected target in March - June of this year, first of all, was caused by the influence of supply factors associated with the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which led to a reduction in supply for a number of basic food products, restriction of international trade, reduced competitiveness in the domestic market as well as the influence of seasonal factors.

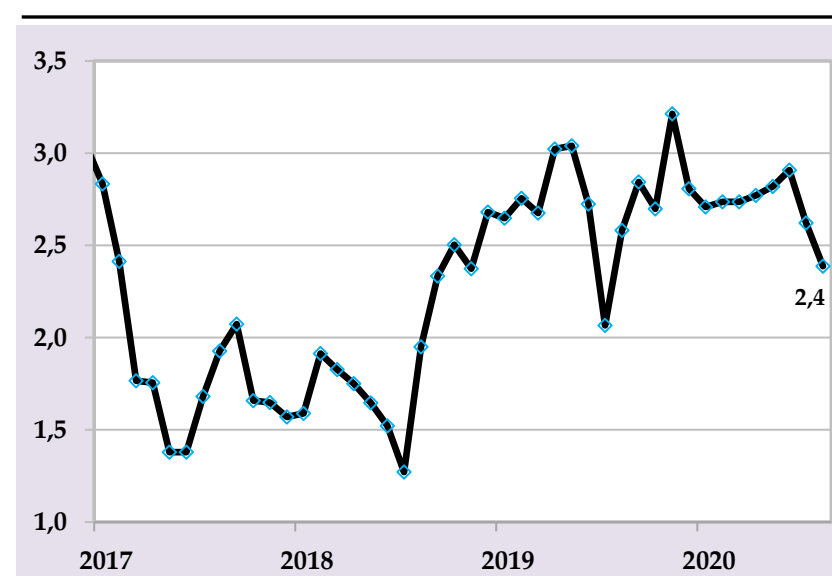
The core inflation rate, reflecting monetary factors, amounted 0,2% in August this year and reached 2,4% on the annual basis. This process was mainly influenced by the rise in prices for non-food items such as clothing, shoes, detergents and medicines.

**In order to prevent additional pressures on the inflation rate, the National Bank of Tajikistan will continue to implement a balanced monetary policy through the use of the monetary instruments.**

**Annual inflation, in %**  
(Source: Agency on Statistic, NBT estimations)



**Core inflation, in %, annual**  
(Source: Agency on Statistic, NBT estimations)



<sup>1</sup> - according to data of Statistics Agency

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Consumer price index*														
	Weight, %	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019				2020				August monthly change, %
						March	June	September	December	March	June	July	August	
<b>Inflation</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>6,1</b>	<b>6,7</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>7,8</b>	<b>8,7</b>	<b>8,1</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>8,4</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>7,0</b>	<b>0,2</b>
<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	<b>50,4</b>	<b>3,8</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>10,2</b>	<b>13,5</b>	<b>11,9</b>	<b>11,4</b>	<b>13,5</b>	<b>12,4</b>	<b>9,7</b>	<b>8,2</b>	<b>-0,3</b>
Bread and bread products	15,3	9,1	-2,5	-0,8	8,9	19,7	18,8	16,1	16,5	13,5	25,3	23,9	23,2	-0,1
Rise	2,6	11,6	-9,2	-6,9	19,5	22,1	24,8	15,3	7,6	4,0	-0,5	0,6	1,3	0,7
Flour	9,0	7,8	-3,0	0,3	9,9	25,3	22,1	19,7	21,0	17,3	36,7	33,1	32,1	-0,1
Meat and meat products	8,4	-10,2	3,7	13,8	8,6	10,4	18,0	22,9	21,8	20,6	12,3	9,2	6,0	1,0
Beef	5,3	-14,3	3,2	14,7	8,9	11,4	21,8	27,2	25,9	25,2	14,0	9,8	5,5	1,0
Eggs	1,4	5,5	12,0	1,0	3,9	6,6	6,0	3,1	6,3	-5,1	-0,1	12,8	-0,7	-1,4
Milk and dairy products	1,7	7,3	0,4	4,4	4,1	3,1	4,8	4,3	6,4	6,7	8,1	7,6	8,3	0,8
Milk	0,5	16,1	-7,2	6,3	1,3	0,0	2,7	6,7	7,3	11,0	13,0	12,8	12,6	0,0
Plant and Animal Oil	5,1	12,7	11,3	1,3	9,2	10,4	5,2	0,6	-1,7	0,5	6,4	5,9	5,1	-0,4
Fruit	3,8	12,3	16,7	-1,8	4,0	-4,0	-15,5	-5,4	-2,2	12,1	18,6	9,9	9,8	-1,1
Vegetables	7,6	-12,4	16,5	40,2	-10,7	3,7	33,1	15,0	15,4	29,9	3,0	-3,2	-5,3	-2,2
Sugar	2,2	19,3	15,0	-6,7	2,7	5,7	-0,6	3,4	-5,1	-0,2	-2,0	-3,9	-2,4	0,5
Soft drinks	1,3	13,7	19,9	1,6	2,8	5,1	6,2	6,7	8,1	-0,8	-0,2	-0,3	-0,3	0,0
<b>Catering**</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>14,9</b>	<b>19,9</b>	<b>2,7</b>	<b>8,0</b>	<b>6,7</b>	<b>8,1</b>	<b>7,3</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>2,8</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>
<b>Alcoholic beverages and tobacco</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>15,9</b>	<b>11,8</b>	<b>6,2</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>3,8</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>4,3</b>	<b>0,7</b>
<b>Non-food products</b>	<b>30,6</b>	<b>7,9</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>6,3</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>4,1</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>3,9</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>5,8</b>	<b>0,9</b>
Clothes and shoes	10,4	9,2	14,5	9,2	5,6	14,7	13,5	14,4	13,4	4,2	3,8	3,7	3,7	0,9
Repair and construction materials	4,5	2,2	-0,9	2,4	7,3	6,0	5,2	4,9	4,9	5,5	6,5	7,6	7,2	0,8
Detergents	1,7	15,5	1,2	4,0	6,2	7,0	9,0	6,3	3,3	2,9	5,0	6,4	7,9	1,6
Medicine	2,9	24,7	14,1	1,0	10,4	6,4	18,1	10,8	13,0	16,5	11,9	13,7	13,1	0,2
Petrol vehicles lubrication products	2,1	-7,0	2,9	27,7	12,2	5,4	-10,6	-9,1	-5,7	4,2	-16,5	-3,1	2,1	4,6
Other Heating Products	1,2	19,0	3,0	0,9	-8,4	-5,0	-12,7	-18,0	-9,9	-2,1	-2,7	4,4	9,1	0,5
Vehicle	1,1	-2,0	0,0	0,0	5,2	8,1	0,4	1,5	0,8	-0,7	2,7	2,4	2,0	0,0
Other personal effects	1,6	7,6	7,1	8,6	8,3	8,5	4,9	4,1	3,8	2,9	8,4	9,1	7,6	0,0
<b>Services</b>	<b>15,4</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>4,5</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>4,9</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>6,6</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>0,7</b>
Housing and communal	5,4	3,2	9,8	17,5	10,8	12,3	3,2	15,7	9,1	11,0	7,5	14,6	16,7	1,4
Rental of property	0,2	14,3	0,0	0,0	5,0	6,5	3,3	2,9	2,8	1,3	1,3	1,7	1,7	0,0
Water and garbage collection fee	0,7	20,1	5,1	9,1	9,4	8,7	8,2	8,2	4,3	1,1	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,0
Electricity	3,0	0,0	16,3	14,7	14,9	14,6	14,4	32,9	16,2	16,2	16,2	16,2	16,2	0,0
Hot water	0,0	14,6	0,0	0,0	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,0
Gas	1,1	-6,3	3,4	40,1	6,2	14,1	-23,3	-15,8	-5,9	5,9	-9,3	26,8	39,6	6,6
Transport	4,1	-2,3	-1,4	2,8	2,9	-2,4	-0,2	-8,8	3,7	-1,4	0,9	1,5	-3,7	0,0
communication	1,6	0,8	0,0	1,3	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,2	8,5	8,6	8,6	0,2
Education	1,7	2,6	11,3	5,3	0,3	0,7	0,7	2,0	1,5	1,6	1,6	1,7	2,3	1,2
Health	0,9	14,0	1,9	1,7	1,3	0,0	0,0	15,4	15,6	15,6	16,0	1,9	0,7	0,0
Household	1,6	12,3	5,2	1,1	3,3	3,2	3,2	5,3	3,8	4,4	3,1	2,6	2,3	0,4

\*The given name of goods. Products and services in general form or consumer goods. Detailed information about name of goods (on consumer basket from 546 types) which is available on the website of the Statistics Agency under the President of the RT.

\*\* - The dining room, café and restaurant