**Consumer Price Index, March 2021**

In March 2021, the Rwandan urban consumer price index increased by 1.4% month-on-month from 0.4% increase achieved in the previous month. Year-on-year, inflation stood at 2.0% higher than 1.6% reached in February 2021. Compared to the previous month, prices of local goods and services increased by 0.8% y-o-y which is higher than an increase of 0.3% y-o-y reached in February 2021 and prices for imported goods increased by 5.9 % y-o-y slightly higher than 5.8% y-o-y in February 2021.

On monthly basis the inflation increased by 1.4% due to Food and non-alcoholic beverages whose prices increased by 2.9 % in March 2021 from an increase of 0.4% of the previous month and Education whose prices increased by 10.6% higher than 0.1% increase of the previous month.

Year-on-year, consumer price index rose by 2.0% in March 2021 higher than an increase of 1.6% in February 2021 due to inflationary pressures of Alcoholic beverages tobacco and narcotics which increased by 11.9% higher than an increase of 11.0% of February 2021, Education with increase of 10.7 % higher than 0.1% increase of February 2021 and transport which increased by 4.5% higher than 3.5% of February 2021.

Excluding fresh food products and energy, consumer price index increased by 3.3% in March 2021 slightly higher than an increase of 3.0% achieved in February 2021. Fresh products decreased by 2.5 % in March compared to a decrease of 3.4% in February 2021. Energy prices increased by 0.8% in March 2021, which is higher than a decrease of 0.5% in February 2021.

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