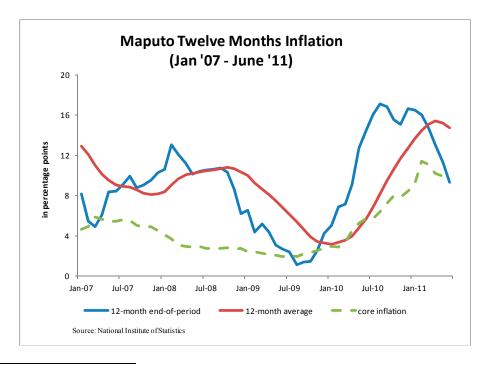


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Maputo inflation – June 2011

Main facts:

- The Maputo headline CPI is now in the single digits (9.3 percent end of period) on account of a negative inflation observed in June (-0.6 percent). The average maintained recent downtrend and stationed at 14.8 percent (after 15.2 percent in May). This result comes not as a surprise as prices in June do not tend to show any upticks and the continued strengthening of the Metical.
- The main downward drivers were food items (especially vegetables such as tomato, lettuce and collard greens), transport items (mainly second hand vehicles and car wash services), IT & telecommunications equipment and accessories (e.g. computers and cell phones). Clearly falling prices of all these items, and to a certain extent foodstuff, seems to be connected to the lingering exchange rate appreciation.
- Core inflation¹ also dropped to 9.5 percent, coming from 9.9 percent the previous month.



¹ This core inflation measures excludes food, energy and fuels consumption from the total inflation.

 Pictured below is the accumulated contribution of product categories to total price increases through June 2011:

Product categories with major contribution to total price increases from January to June 2011

| Item | Contribution (in %) | Trend (month-on-month) |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Food items and non-alcoholic beverages | 1.03 | V |
| Alcoholic beverages and tobbaco | 0.07 | ↓ ↓ |
| Clothing and footwear | 0.21 | |
| Housing and utilities* | 0.59 | ↑ |
| Household goods and services | 0.11 | ↑ |
| Health expenses | -0.01 | - |
| Transport | 0.20 | ↓ ↓ |
| Communications | -0.03 | ↓ ↓ |
| Leisure, entertainment and culture | 0.06 | ↓ ↓ |
| Education expenses | 0.75 | _ |
| Restaurants, hotels and cafes | 0.12 | 1 |
| Miscellaneous goods and services | 0.22 | |
| | | |
| Total | 3.31 | ↓ |

 $[\]ensuremath{^*}$ Water, electricity, gas and other household fuels.