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# STATISTICS UPDATE: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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## LENAKEL INDEXES SUMMARY

In this release, the Consumer Price Index for Lenakel is being published for the first time. From March quarter 2023 to December Quarter 2023 the Lenakel CPI was estimated from the movements of Port Vila and Luganville. In March quarter 2024 the Lenakel CPI has been calculated for the first time from prices collected in Lenakel. The reference base of the Lenakel CPI is December quarter 2022 = 100.0. The inflation rate starting from March, 2023 includes lenakel region.

## MARCH QUARTER 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

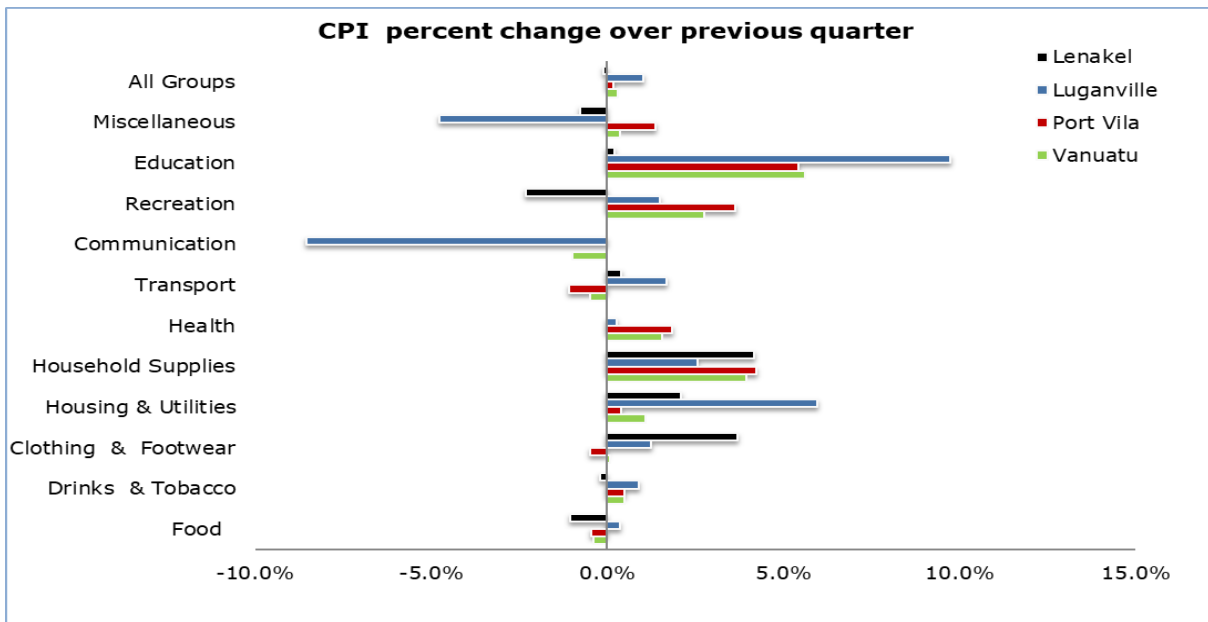


Figure 1: CPI per cent change over previous quarter

## CPI QUARTERLY MOVEMENT

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) of March quarter, 2024 indicated an Increase of (+0.3%). Port Vila increased by (+0.2%) Luganville increased by (+1.0%) and Lenakel decreased by (-0.1%) compared to the previous quarter. The largest contribution to the increased in the CPI was the expenditure group Education (+5.6%), Household Supplies (+4.0%), Recreation (+2.7%), Health (+1.6%), Housing Utilities (+1.1%), Drinks and Tabacco (+0.5%), Miscellaneous (+0.4%), and Clothing and Footwear (+0.1%).

These increased were raised or price change of fees for primary public schools and secondary school private schools, household supplies, accommodation fees, and health services fees.

### CPI ANNUAL MOVEMENT

When compared to the March quarter of 2023, the Vanuatu index increased by (+5.3%). Port Vila index increased by (+5.3%), Luganville index (+5.1%) and Lenakel (+5.8%). At national level, increases in the expenditure groups were Food (+10.1%), Drinks and Tobacco (+4.6%), Clothing and Footwear (+6.5%), Household supplies (+26.0%), Health (+1.7%), Recreation (+5.7%), Education (+7.7%) and Miscellaneous (+1.3%) whereas Housing Utilities decrease by (-9.2%), communication (-5.0%) and Transportation remain constant. The increase were driven by the price movement of Fruits and Vegetables, Dairy and related products, Meat and seafood, beer, spirits and Tobacco, men’s clothing, towels and linen, home appliances, household cleaning agents.

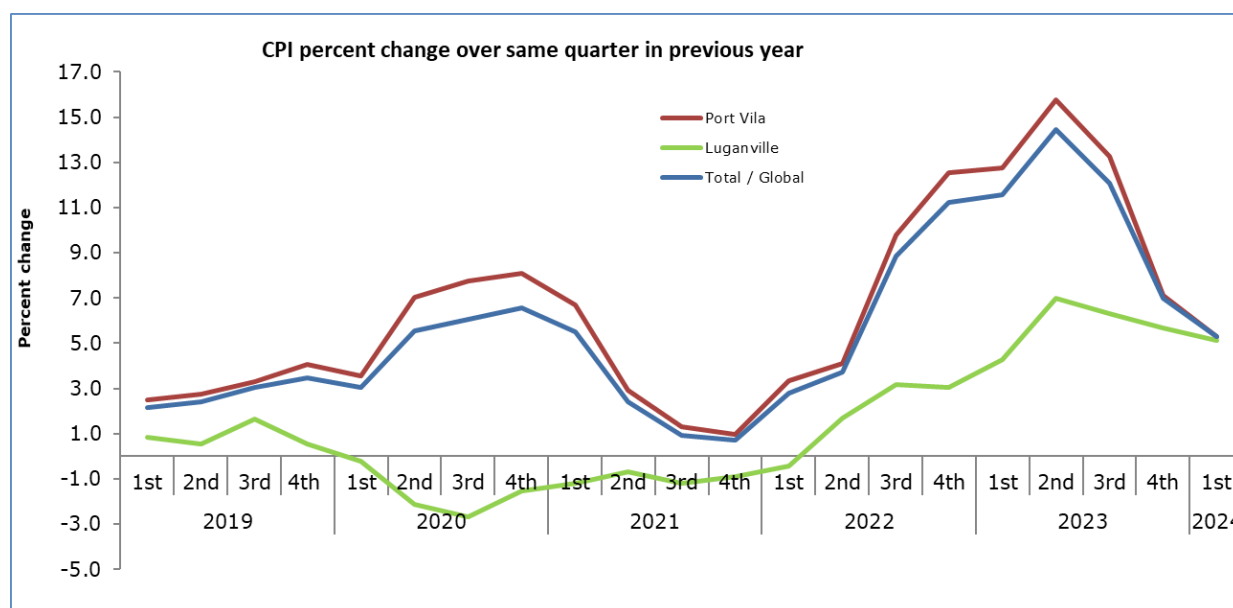


Figure 2: CPI per cent change over same quarter in previous year

### ANALYTICAL INFORMATION

‘Underlying inflation’ is a measure derived from the CPI excluding items which typically have unstable or volatile prices; because of things like seasonal variation or policy decisions. In March quarter 2024 underlying inflation increased by (+0.7%) over the previous quarter and increased by (+7.4%) over the same quarter of 2023.

### CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is used to measure the changes in the prices of goods and services purchased by households in Port Vila, Luganville and Lenakel over a period of time. The separate indices for these three major commercial centres are then combined to create the Vanuatu CPI.

This change in prices is sometimes called inflation. Retail stores, supermarkets, liquor outlets, transport operators, service stations and other providers of goods and services help supply the Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics with the information to calculate the CPI. Prices are collected for exactly

the same goods and services each quarter. This ensures that changes in the cost of goods and services over time are not due to changes in the quantity or quality of the goods and services purchased.

## ATTACHMENT

Table 1 Consumer Price Index: All Items

Table 2 Consumer Price Index: Expenditure Groups

NEXT UPDATE (QUARTERLY)

June 2024

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## MORE INFORMATION

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**Table 1 Consumer Price Index** **Base: 1st Quarter 2000 = 100**  
**Tableau 1 Indice des prix à la consommation** **Base: 1<sup>er</sup> Trimestre 2000 = 100**

Consumer Price Indices					Underlying Inflation Index	Rate of Change (%)				Rate of Change (%)				Année	Trimestre	
Year	Quarter	Indice des prix à la consommation			Inflation sous-jacente	Variation par rapport				Variation						
		Total / Global	Port Vila	Luganville	Lenakel	Total / Global	Port Vila	Luganville	Lenakel	Total / Global	Port Vila	Luganville	Lenakel			
						<b>Over Previous Year / à l'année précédente</b>				<b>4th Quarter over 4th Quarter of previous year / du 4ème trimestre au 4ème trimestre de l'année précédente</b>						
2018		154.8	157.0	144.1	135.2	2.3	2.9	-0.4		1.9	2.3	0.2		2018		
2019		159.0	162.0	145.4	136.3	2.8	3.2	0.9		3.5	4.1	0.6		2019		
2020		167.5	172.7	143.1	135.8	5.3	6.6	-1.6		6.6	8.1	-1.5		2020		
2021		171.4	177.7	141.6	134.4	2.3	2.9	-1.0		0.7	1.0	-0.9		2021		
2022		182.9	191.0	144.3	137.1	6.7	7.5	1.9		11.2	12.5	3.0		2022		
2023		203.3	214.2	152.7	149.6	11.2	12.1	5.8		7.0	7.1	5.7		2023		
						<b>Over Previous Quarter / au trimestre précédent</b>				<b>Over Same Quarter of previous year / au même trimestre de l'année précédente</b>						
2018	1st	153.7	155.9	143.6	134.8	0.7	0.9	-0.3		3.3	4.0	-0.1		2018	1er	
	2nd	154.4	156.6	144.2	134.9	0.5	0.4	0.4		2.4	3.0	-0.7			2ème	
	3rd	155.3	157.6	144.3	135.2	0.6	0.6	0.1		1.8	2.3	-1.0			3ème	
	4th	155.6	158.0	144.4	135.9	0.2	0.3	0.1		1.9	2.3	0.2			4ème	
2019	1st	157.0	159.8	144.8	136.3	0.9	1.1	0.3		2.1	2.5	0.8		2019	1er	
	2nd	158.1	160.9	145.0	135.9	0.7	0.7	0.1		2.4	2.7	0.6			2ème	
	3rd	160.0	162.8	146.7	136.5	1.2	1.2	1.2		3.0	3.3	1.7			3ème	
	4th	161.0	164.4	145.2	136.6	0.6	1.0	-1.0		3.5	4.1	0.6			4ème	
2020	1st	161.8	165.5	144.5	137.1	0.5	0.7	-0.5		3.1	3.6	-0.2		2020	1er	
	2nd	166.9	172.2	141.9	135.3	3.2	4.0	-1.8		5.6	7.0	-2.1			2ème	
	3rd	169.7	175.4	142.8	135.2	1.7	1.9	0.6		6.1	7.7	-2.7			3ème	
	4th	171.6	177.7	143.0	135.4	1.1	1.3	0.1		6.6	8.1	-1.5			4ème	
2021	1st	170.7	176.6	142.8	134.8	-0.5	-0.6	-0.1		5.5	6.7	-1.2		2021	1er	
	2nd	170.9	177.2	140.9	133.8	0.1	0.3	-1.3		2.4	2.9	-0.7			2ème	
	3rd	171.3	177.7	141.1	134.2	0.2	0.3	0.1		0.9	1.3	-1.2			3ème	
	4th	172.8	179.4	141.7	134.8	0.9	1.0	0.4		0.7	1.0	-0.9			4ème	
2022	1st	175.5	182.5	142.2	135.0	1.6	1.7	0.4		2.8	3.3	-0.4		2022	1 er	
	2nd	177.3	184.5	143.3	135.1	1.0	1.1	0.8		3.7	4.1	1.7			2ème	
	3rd	186.5	195.1	145.6	135.7	5.2	5.7	1.6		8.9	9.8	3.2			3ème	
	4th	192.2	201.9	146.0	100.0	142.7	3.1	3.5	0.3	11.2	12.5	3.0			4ème	
2023	1st	195.8	205.8	148.3	101.8	145.0	1.9	1.9	1.6	na	11.6	12.8	4.3	na	2023	1 er
	2nd	202.9	213.6	153.3	103.4	147.7	3.6	3.8	3.4	1.6	14.4	15.8	7.0	na		2ème
	3rd	209.0	221.0	154.8	105.8	150.9	3.0	3.5	1.0	2.3	12.1	13.3	6.3	na		3ème
	4th	205.6	216.3	154.3	107.8	154.7	-1.6	-2.1	-0.3	1.9	7.0	7.1	5.7	na		4ème
2024	1st	206.2	216.7	155.9	107.7	155.8	0.3	0.2	1.0	-0.1	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.8	2024	1 er

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