

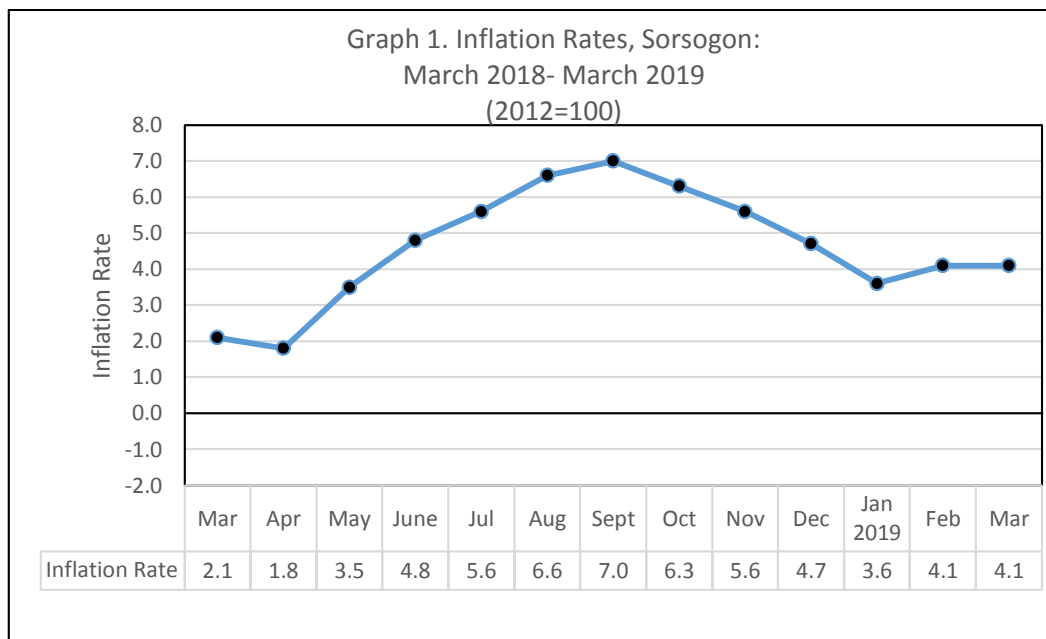
# SPECIAL RELEASE

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: March 2019 (2012=100)

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### PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

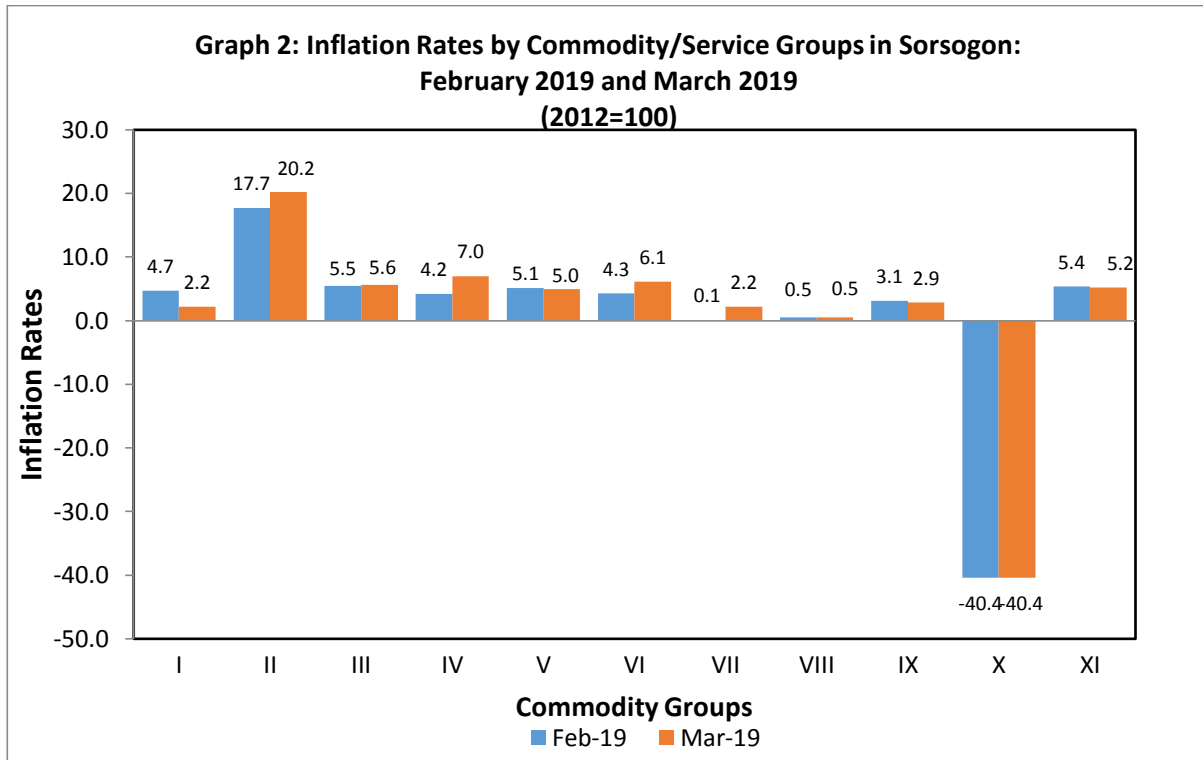
The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon registered at 4.1% in March 2019 with 2012 as base year which was also at the same rate as last month. The IR a year ago was 2.1%. (Refer to Graph 1)



The current IR movement could be attributed to the opposite movement of prices for Food, Beverages and Tobacco and Non-Food. Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages and Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco both decreased by 2.5 percentage points while Non-Food items increased by 1.8 percentage points.

Among commodity group I, most of the items decreased significantly except for some slight increase on Vegetables and Food Products n.e.c. with 0.1 and 0.7 percentage points increase respectively. Top three significant decrease were recorded on Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery, Fish and Corn with 7.8, 7.6 and 5.2 percentage points marked down. It was also noted that Rice for this month also decreased by 2.6 percentage points.

Non-Food items registered opposite movement to Food, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco. This group registered at an average of 5.0 inflation rate with 1.8 percentage points higher than last month's IR. Commodity groups with major increments were IV, VII and VI with 2.8, 2.1 and 1.8 percentage points consecutively. Other commodity groups registered less than one percentage points change except for commodity groups VIII and X with stable inflation rate for this month. (Refer to Graph 2)



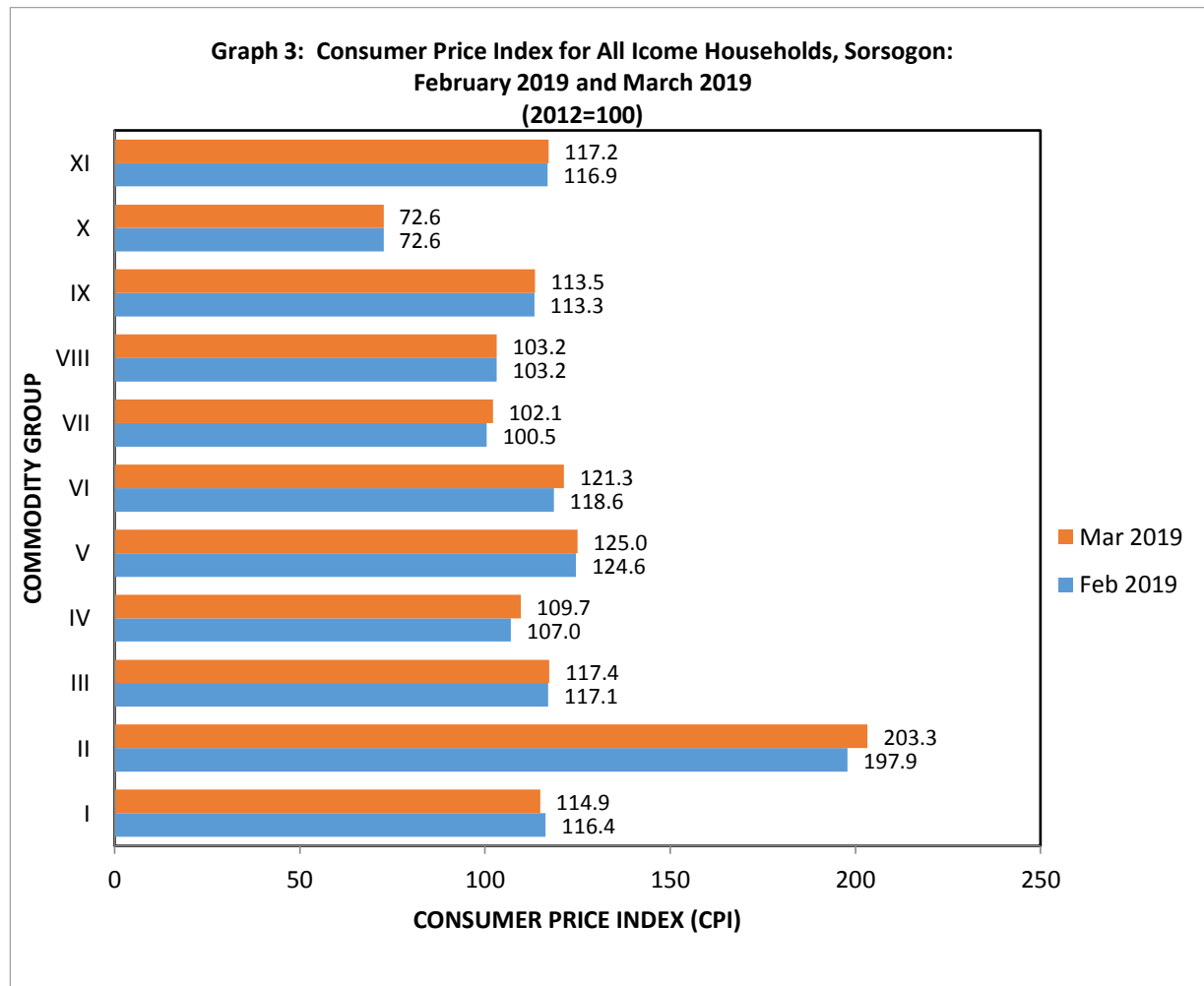
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation and Culture
- X. Education
- XI. Restaurants and Miscellaneous and Services



### PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 113.6 in March 2019. This was higher by 0.53% than the index level posted in February 2019. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 13.6% with the 2012 base year.

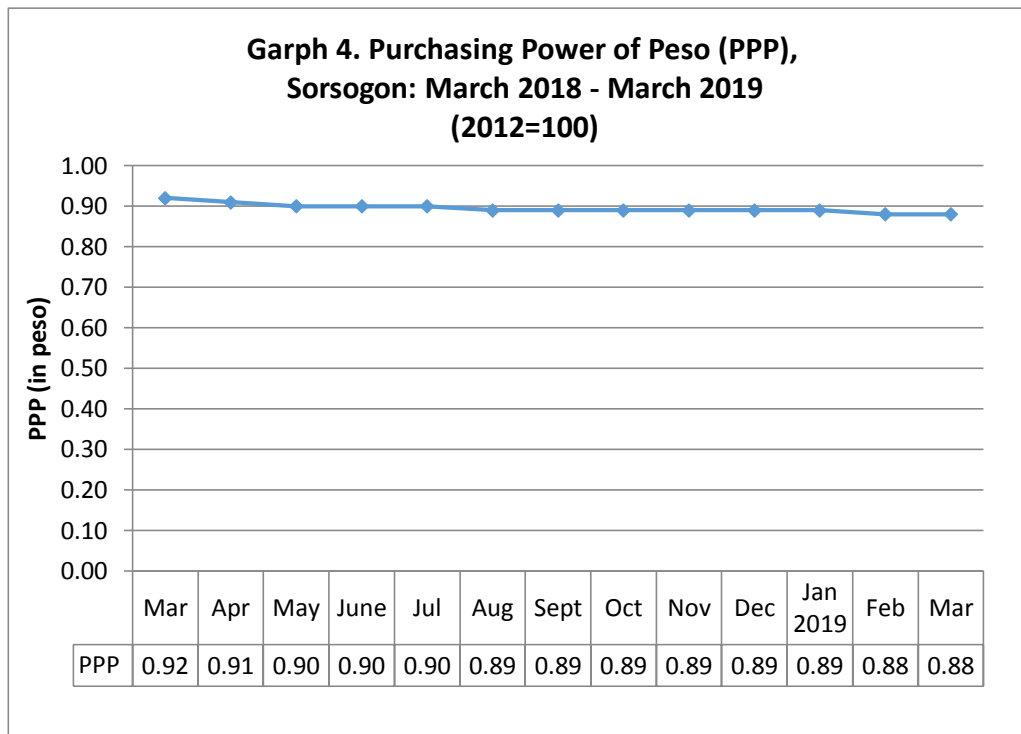
All commodity groups increased except for commodity group I which registered 1.3% decrease. Significant increase were posted on commodity group II, IV, VI and VII with 2.7, 2.5, 2.3 and 1.6 percent marked up accordingly. Other commodity groups posted slight increase except for VIII and X with stable level index. (Refer to Graph 3)





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The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon for this month remained at 0.88 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 88 centavos in February 2019 for the province of Sorsogon. The PPP a year ago was 0.92 pesos. (Refer to Graph 4)



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**Table 1: Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in SORSOGON:**  
 February 2019 and March 2019  
 (2012 = 100)

COMMODITY GROUP	Feb-18	Feb-19	Mar-18	Mar-19	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Feb-19 Inflation rate	Mar-19 Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	108.6	113.0	109.1	113.6	0.53	4.1	4.1
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	111.2	116.4	112.4	114.9	-1.29	4.7	2.2
* Food	111.3	115.6	112.5	114.0	-1.38	3.9	1.3
Bread and Cereals	117.2	118.0	118.3	116.5	-1.27	0.7	-1.5
Rice	118.5	117.7	119.8	115.8	-1.61	-0.7	-3.3
Corn	131.8	149.2	131.8	142.3	-4.62	13.2	8.0
Meat	108.2	116.1	110.1	115.7	-0.34	7.3	5.1
Fish	84.1	98.9	86.2	94.8	-4.15	17.6	10.0
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	111.5	115.0	112.6	115.9	0.78	3.1	2.9
Oils and Fats	113.8	119.7	115.5	120.1	0.33	5.2	4.0
Fruit	114.9	120.9	117.4	120.2	-0.58	5.2	2.4
Vegetables	160.7	149.7	157.3	146.8	-1.94	-6.8	-6.7
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	77.8	90.2	80.7	87.2	-3.33	15.9	8.1
Food Products N.E.C.	115.8	119.7	116.5	121.3	1.34	3.4	4.1
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	110.4	126.2	111.0	126.6	0.32	14.3	14.1
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	168.1	197.9	169.1	203.3	2.73	17.7	20.2
Alcoholic Beverages	119.9	125.3	122.6	125.7	0.32	4.5	2.5
Tobacco	195.5	239.2	195.5	247.4	3.43	22.4	26.5
NON-FOOD	105.7	109.1	105.7	111.0	1.74	3.2	5.0
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	111.0	117.1	111.2	117.4	0.26	5.5	5.6
Clothing	108.3	113.2	108.7	113.4	0.18	4.5	4.3
Footwear	117.6	126.7	117.6	127.4	0.55	7.7	8.3
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	102.7	107.0	102.5	109.7	2.52	4.2	7.0
Actual Rentals for Housing	105.9	109.9	105.9	111.1	1.09	3.8	4.9
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	115.9	117.2	116.2	117.4	0.17	1.1	1.0
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	107.8	127.4	107.8	127.4	0.00	18.2	18.2
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	92.9	96.9	92.2	103.9	7.22	4.3	12.7
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	118.6	124.6	119.1	125.0	0.32	5.1	5.0
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	108.4	112.7	108.6	112.9	0.18	4.0	4.0
Household Textiles	117.6	121.1	118.4	122.6	1.24	3.0	3.5
Household Appliances	105.0	106.7	105.5	107.2	0.47	1.6	1.6
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	103.5	106.5	103.9	106.8	0.28	2.9	2.8
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	105.7	108.6	106.0	110.1	1.38	2.7	3.9
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	121.3	128.2	121.8	128.6	0.31	5.7	5.6
VI. HEALTH	113.7	118.6	114.3	121.3	2.28	4.3	6.1
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	110.2	113.9	110.3	115.8	1.67	3.4	5.0
Out-patient Services	122.5	125.6	122.6	125.6	0.00	2.5	2.4
Hospital Services	116.5	125.3	118.4	131.3	4.79	7.6	10.9
VII. TRANSPORT	100.4	100.5	99.9	102.1	1.59	0.1	2.2
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	93.4	95.2	91.8	100.0	5.04	1.9	8.9
Transport Services	104.0	103.4	104.0	103.9	0.48	-0.6	-0.1
VIII. COMMUNICATION	102.7	103.2	102.7	103.2	0.00	0.5	0.5
Postal Services	102.2	105.4	102.2	105.4	0.00	3.1	3.1
Telephone and Telefax Equipment	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.0	0.0
Telephone and Telefax Services	103.5	104.1	103.5	104.1	0.00	0.6	0.6
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	109.9	113.3	110.3	113.5	0.18	3.1	2.9
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	108.2	109.1	108.2	109.1	0.00	0.8	0.8
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture	105.8	106.7	105.8	106.7	0.00	0.9	0.9
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	107.3	112.8	107.9	113.1	0.27	5.1	4.8
Recreational and Cultural Services	155.4	178.8	155.6	178.8	0.00	15.1	14.9
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	110.4	117.1	111.5	117.7	0.51	6.1	5.6
X. EDUCATION	121.8	72.6	121.8	72.6	0.00	-40.4	-40.4
Pre-primary and Primary Education	116.4	124.2	116.4	124.2	0.00	6.7	6.7
Secondary Education	109.4	113.1	109.4	113.1	0.00	3.4	3.4
Tertiary Education	126.6	47.5	126.6	47.5	0.00	-62.5	-62.5
Education Not Definable by Level							
XI. RESTAURANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	110.9	116.9	111.4	117.2	0.26	5.4	5.2
Catering Services	109.4	115.5	109.9	115.8	0.26	5.6	5.4
Personal Care	108.6	114.0	109.1	114.7	0.61	5.0	5.1
Personal Effects N.E.C.	107.9	115.9	108.8	115.9	0.00	7.4	6.5
<b>Inflation Rate</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>			
<b>Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.88</b>			