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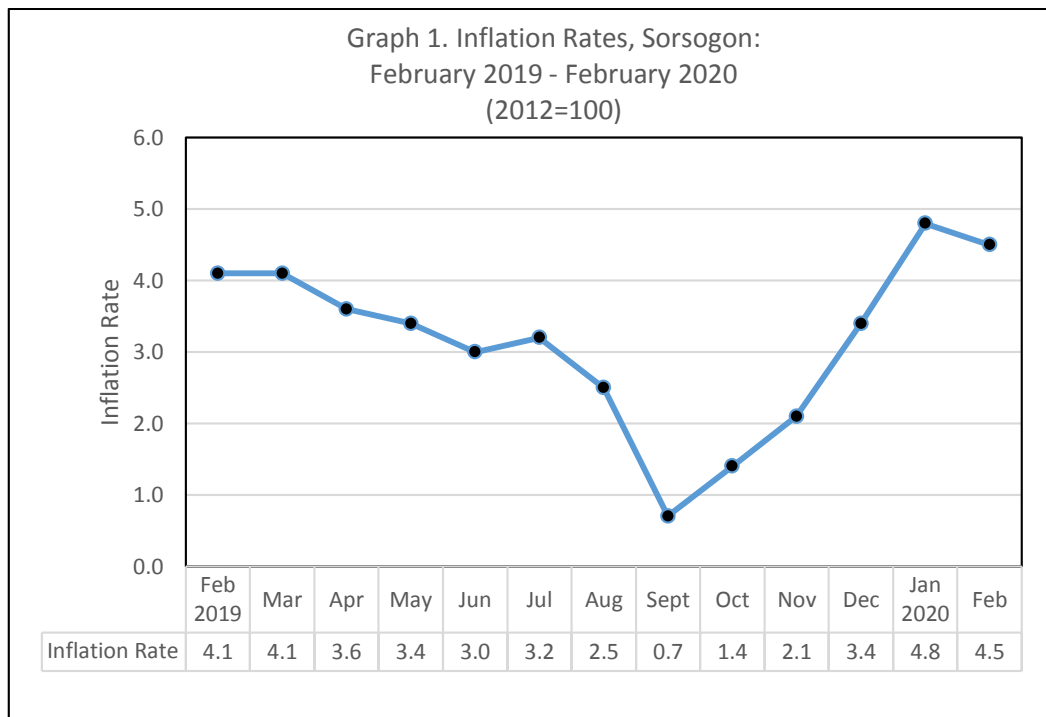
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: February 2020 (2012=100)

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon registered at 4.5 percent in February 2020 with 2012 as base year. This is 0.3 percentage points lower than the IR last month was 4.8 percent. The IR a year ago was 4.1 percent. (Refer to Graph 1)



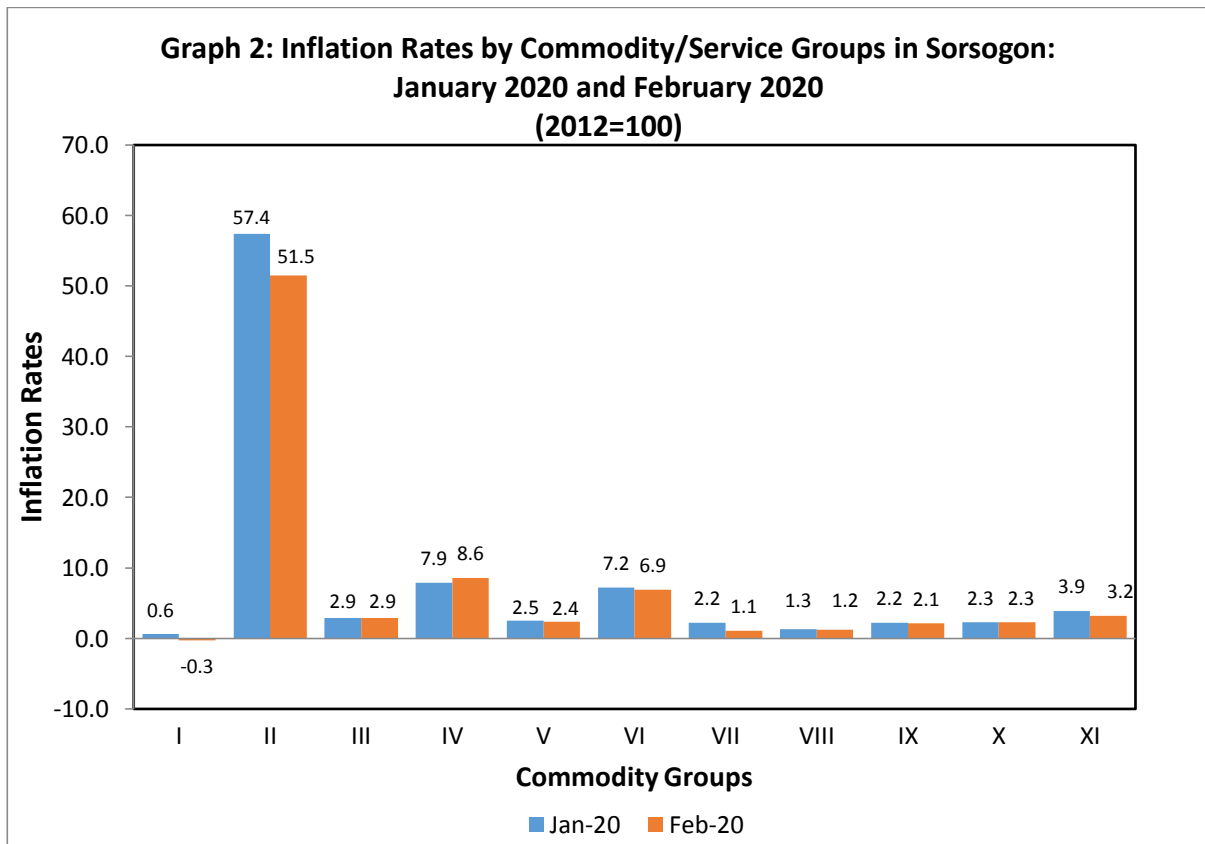
The current IR movement could be attributed to the downward movement of Food, Beverages and Tobacco. Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages posted 0.9 percentage points decrease while Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco with 5.9 percentage points decrease. Meanwhile, Non-food Items registered an increase of 0.2 percentage points.

Commodity Group I-Food items, slightly decreased by 0.9 percentage points. Specifically, fish and vegetables significantly increased by 6.8 and 1.4 percentage points respectively. Items like Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery, Fruits



and Meat were noted to have increase. These posted 2.7, 2.0 and 1.8 percentage points up consecutively. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco also posted a drop of almost six (5.9) percentage points.

Non-Food items registered less than one percentage point change except for Transport which posted more than one percentage points (1.1). Among the commodity groups, increment was registered on commodity group IV and the rest of the commodity groups showed a decrease. Commodity groups III and X remained stable. (Refer to Graph 2)



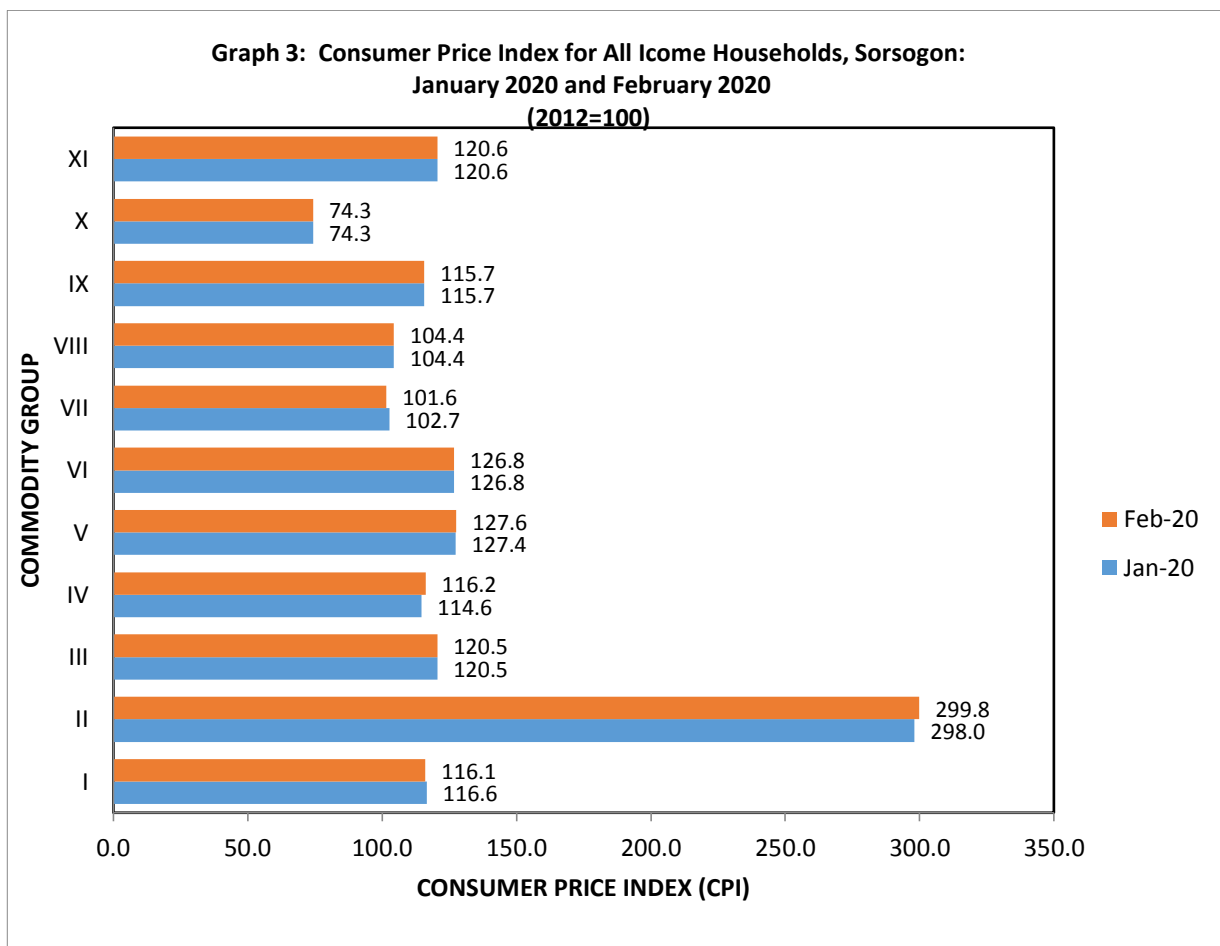
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation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



PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

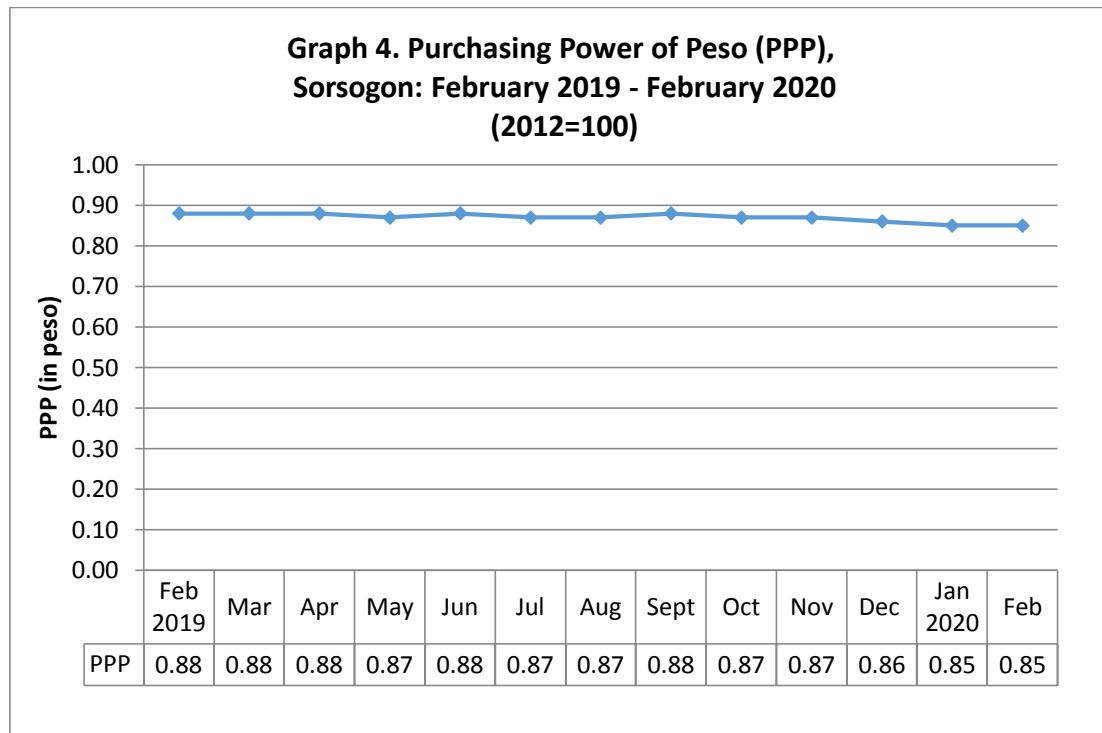
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 118.1 in February 2020. This was slightly higher by 0.3 percent compared to the CPI in January 2020 which was 117.8. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 18.1 percent with 2012 base year.

Among all items, most of the Commodity Groups remained stable except for commodity groups I, II, IV, V and VII. An increase were posted on commodity group IV with 1.4%, commodity group II with 0.6% and commodity group V with 0.2%. On the other hand, marked down were posted on commodity groups I and VII with 0.4 and 1.1 percent respectively. (Refer to Graph 3)





The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon for this month remained at 0.85 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 85 centavos in February 2020 in the province of Sorsogon. The PPP a year ago was 0.88 pesos. (Refer to Graph 4)



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Table 1: Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in SORSOGON:
 January 2020 and February 2020
 (2012 = 100)

COMMODITY GROUP	Jan-19	Jan-20	Feb-19	Feb-20	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Jan-20 Inflation rate	Feb-20 Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	112.4	117.8	113.0	118.1	0.25	4.8	4.5
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	115.9	116.6	116.4	116.1	-0.43	0.6	-0.3
* Food	115.1	115.6	115.6	115.1	-0.43	0.4	-0.4
Bread and Cereals	117.0	110.6	118.0	111.4	0.72	-5.5	-5.6
Rice	116.7	107.8	117.7	108.6	0.74	-7.6	-7.7
Corn	149.2	177.0	149.2	187.4	5.88	18.6	25.6
Meat	117.3	119.3	116.1	120.2	0.75	1.7	3.5
Fish	96.1	104.1	98.9	100.4	-3.55	8.3	1.5
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	115.0	118.0	115.0	118.7	0.59	2.6	3.2
Oils and Fats	119.4	120.3	119.7	120.3	0.00	0.8	0.5
Fruit	120.8	122.1	120.9	124.6	2.05	1.1	3.1
Vegetables	154.7	173.7	149.7	166.0	-4.43	12.3	10.9
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	94.1	86.8	90.2	85.6	-1.38	-7.8	-5.1
Food Products N.E.C.	119.3	127.3	119.7	127.0	-0.24	6.7	6.1
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	125.8	129.1	126.2	129.2	0.08	2.6	2.4
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	189.3	298.0	197.9	299.8	0.60	57.4	51.5
Alcoholic Beverages	125.1	129.4	125.3	134.4	3.86	3.4	7.3
Tobacco	225.8	393.7	239.2	393.7	0.00	74.4	64.6
NON-FOOD	108.5	114.9	109.1	115.8	0.78	5.9	6.1
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	117.1	120.5	117.1	120.5	0.00	2.9	2.9
Clothing	113.2	117.0	113.2	117.0	0.00	3.4	3.4
Footwear	126.7	129.3	126.7	129.3	0.00	2.1	2.1



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IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	106.2	114.6	107.0	116.2	1.40	7.9	8.6
Actual Rentals for Housing	108.9	118.1	109.9	119.1	0.85	8.4	8.4
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	118.8	118.6	117.2	118.8	0.17	-0.2	1.4
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	122.1	131.8	127.4	131.8	0.00	7.9	3.5
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	96.9	103.5	96.9	106.8	3.19	6.8	10.2
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	124.3	127.4	124.6	127.6	0.16	2.5	2.4
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	110.3	115.3	112.7	115.3	0.00	4.5	2.3
Household Textiles	120.9	124.6	121.1	124.6	0.00	3.1	2.9
Household Appliances	106.7	108.2	106.7	108.2	0.00	1.4	1.4
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	105.7	109.0	106.5	109.0	0.00	3.1	2.3
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	107.0	114.2	108.6	114.2	0.00	6.7	5.2
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	127.9	131.2	128.2	131.4	0.15	2.6	2.5
VI. HEALTH	118.3	126.8	118.6	126.8	0.00	7.2	6.9
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	114.1	115.6	113.9	115.6	0.00	1.3	1.5
Out-patient Services	122.7	133.6	125.6	133.6	0.00	8.9	6.4
Hospital Services	125.3	148.4	125.3	148.4	0.00	18.4	18.4
VII. TRANSPORT	100.5	102.7	100.5	101.6	-1.07	2.2	1.1
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	90.6	99.7	95.2	95.9	-3.81	10.0	0.7
Transport Services	105.7	105.1	103.4	105.1	0.00	-0.6	1.6
VIII. COMMUNICATION	103.1	104.4	103.2	104.4	0.00	1.3	1.2
Postal Services	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	0.00	0.0	0.0
Telephone and Telefax Equipment	100.0	105.7	100.0	105.7	0.00	5.7	5.7
Telephone and Telefax Services	103.9	104.1	104.1	104.1	0.00	0.2	0.0
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	113.2	115.7	113.3	115.7	0.00	2.2	2.1
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	109.1	109.1	109.1	109.1	0.00	0.0	0.0
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture	106.7	106.7	106.7	106.7	0.00	0.0	0.0
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	112.4	113.8	112.8	113.8	0.00	1.2	0.9
Recreational and Cultural Services	177.6	185.9	178.8	185.9	0.00	4.7	4.0
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	116.9	125.0	117.1	125.0	0.00	6.9	6.7



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X. EDUCATION	72.6	74.3	72.6	74.3	0.00	2.3	2.3
Pre-primary and Primary Education	124.2	130.0	124.2	130.0	0.00	4.7	4.7
Secondary Education	113.1	117.1	113.1	117.1	0.00	3.5	3.5
Tertiary Education	1	1	1	1	0.00	0.0	0.0
Education Not Definable by Level	47.5	47.5	47.5	47.5	0.00	0.0	0.0
XI. RESTAURANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	116.1	120.6	116.9	120.6	0.00	3.9	3.2
Catering Services	114.5	119.4	115.5	119.4	0.00	4.3	3.4
Personal Care	113.6	116.9	114.0	116.9	0.09	2.8	2.5
Personal Effects N.E.C.	115.9	116.0	115.9	116.0	0.00	0.1	0.1
Inflation Rate	3.6	4.8	4.1	4.5			
Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)	0.89	0.85	0.88	0.85			