



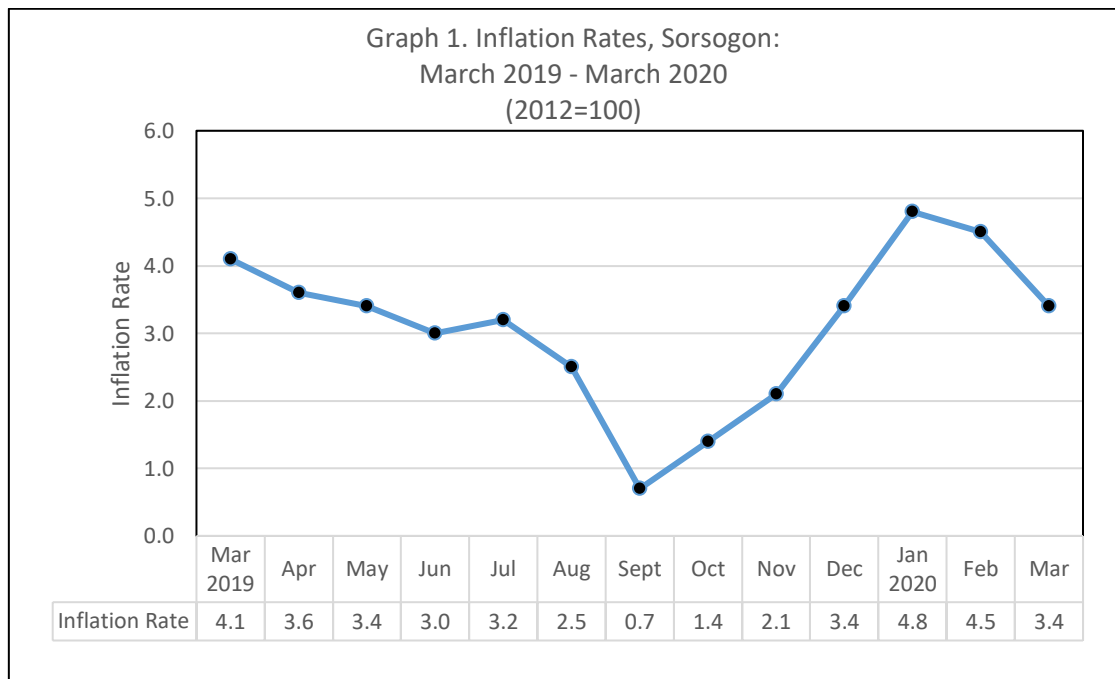
# SPECIAL RELEASE

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: March 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 3.4 percent in March 2020 with 2012 as base year. This is 1.1 percentage points lower than the IR last month was 4.5 percent. The IR a year ago was 4.1 percent. (Refer to Graph 1)

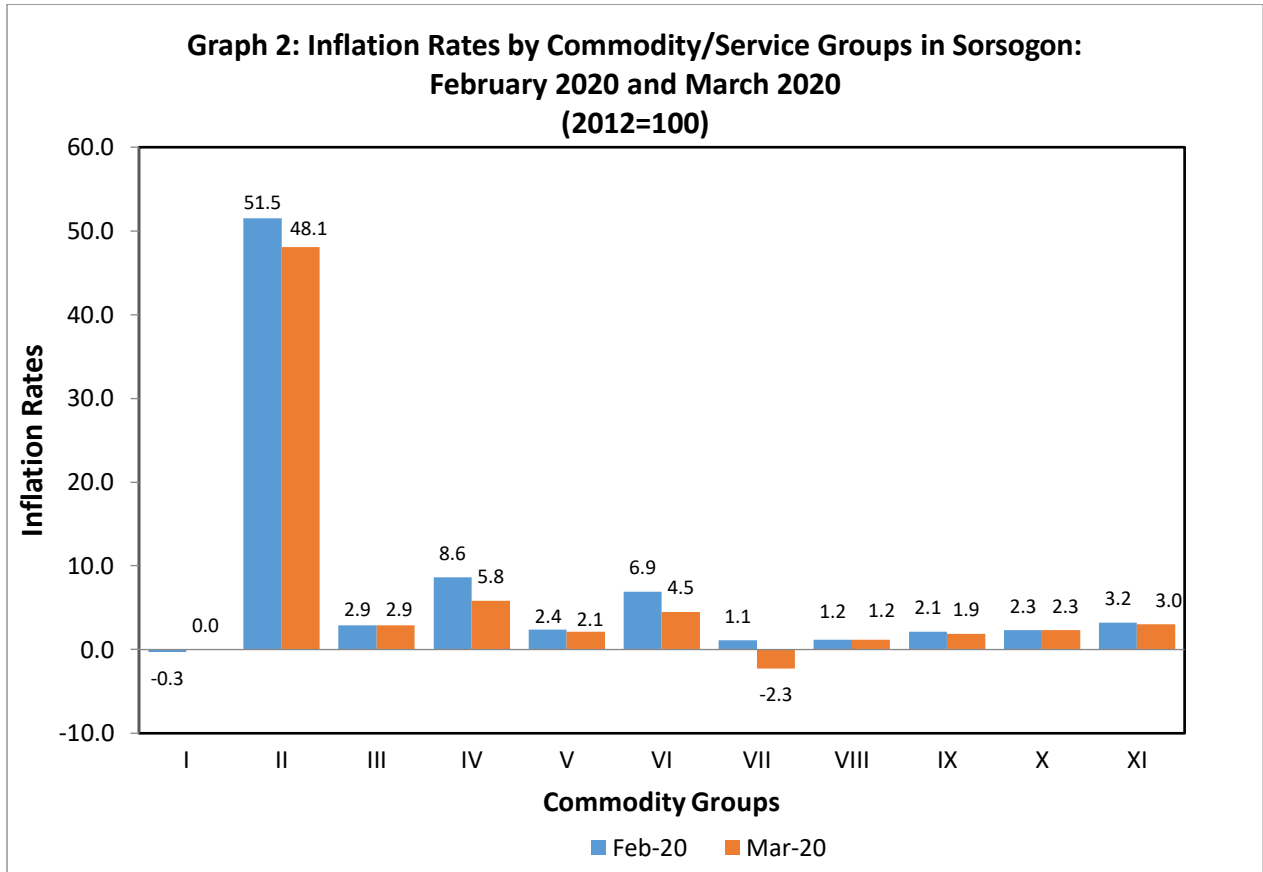


The current IR movement could be attributed to the downward movement of Non-food items with 2.0 percentage points decrease. Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages, meanwhile, slightly increased by 0.3 percentage points while Alcoholic beverages and tobacco decreased by 3.4 percentage points.

Commodity Group (CG) I-Food items, slightly increased by 0.3 percentage points. Among Food items with increase were Fruits, sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery, and bread and cereals with 5.0, 2.9 and 1.1 percentage points consecutively. Decrements were also recorded on Fish and Vegetables with 1.2 and 1.8 percentage points respectively.



Non-Food items registered decrements across all CG except for CG III, VIII and X which remained at the same IR level. CG VII, IV and VI posted more than two percentage points to wit: 3.4, 2.8 and 2.4 accordingly. Other CGs posted less than one percentage points decrease. (Refer to Graph 2)



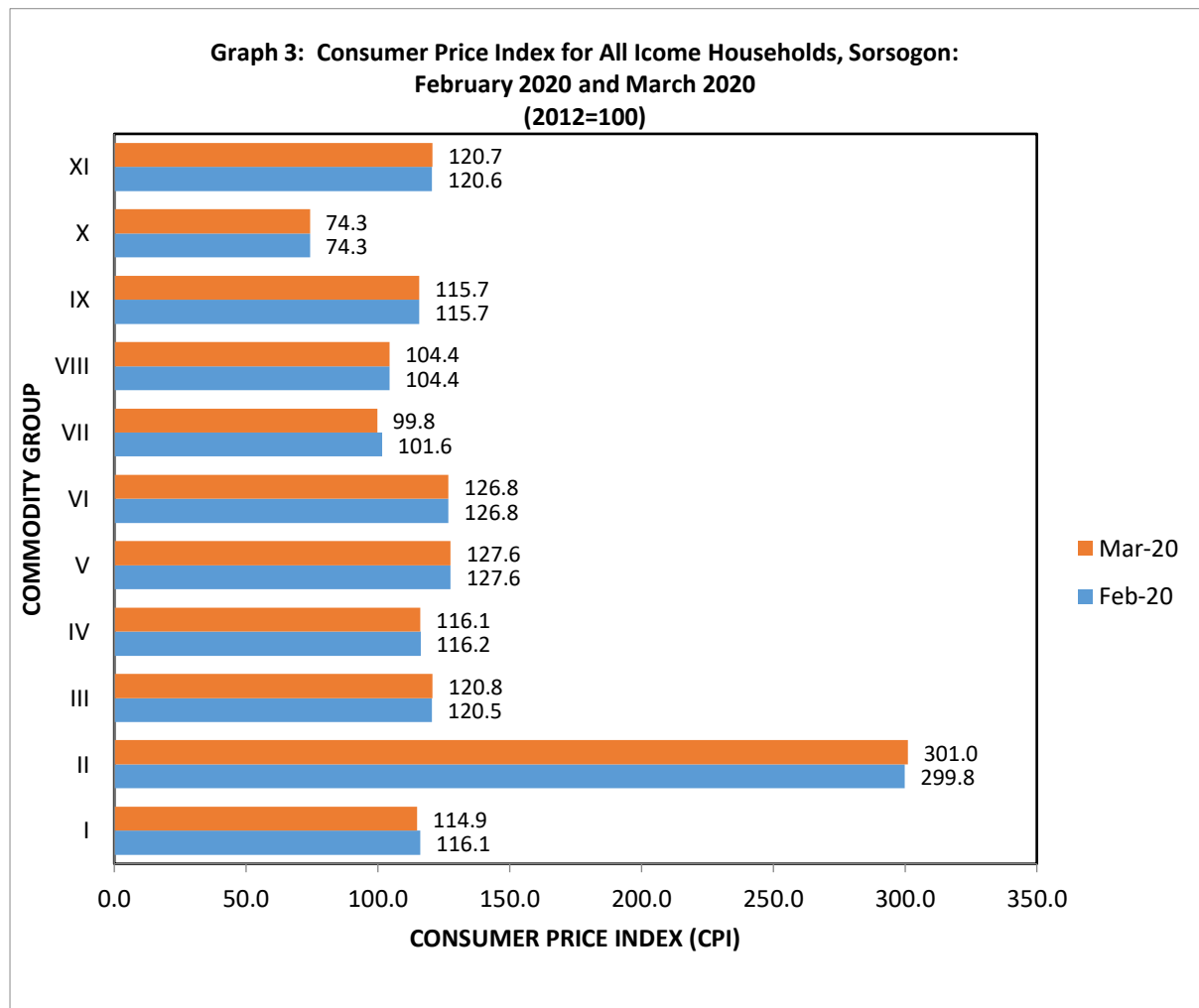
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation 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 117.5 in March 2020. This was lower by 0.5 percent compared to the CPI in February 2020 which was 118.1. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 17.5 percent with 2012 base year.

Among all items, CG VII and I posted significant decrease of 1.8 and 1.0 percent consecutively. Other CGs posted less than one percent change. Slight percent increments were registered on CG II (0.4), III (0.3), and XI (0.1). While, slight decrement was also noted on CG IV with 0.1 percent. (Refer to Graph 3)



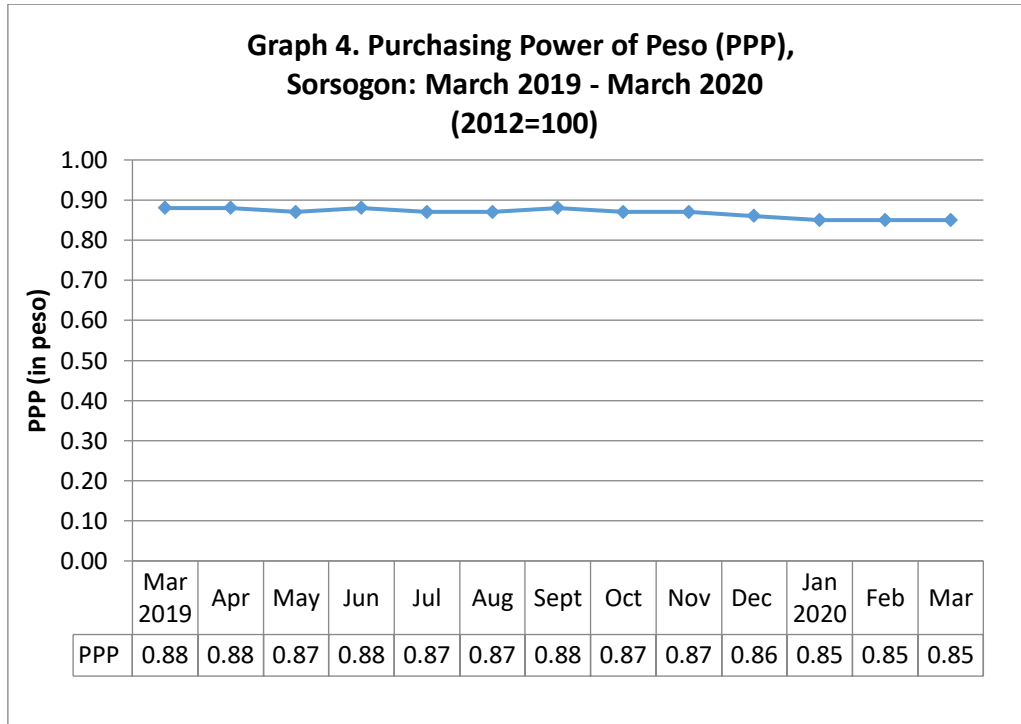


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The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon for this month remained at 0.85 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 85 centavos in March 2020 in the province of Sorsogon. The PPP a year ago was 0.88 pesos. (Refer to Graph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



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

COMMODITY GROUP	Feb-19	Feb-20	Mar-19	Mar-20	Month-on-Month Percent Change	Feb-20 Inflation rate	Mar-20 Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	113.0	118.1	113.6	117.5	-0.51	4.5	3.4
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	116.4	116.1	114.9	114.9	-1.03	-0.3	0.0
* Food	115.6	115.1	114.0	113.8	-1.13	-0.4	-0.2
Bread and Cereals	118.0	111.4	116.5	111.3	-0.09	-5.6	-4.5
Rice	117.7	108.6	115.8	108.5	-0.09	-7.7	-6.3
Corn	149.2	187.4	142.3	183.9	-1.87	25.6	29.2
Meat	116.1	120.2	115.7	118.7	-1.25	3.5	2.6
Fish	98.9	100.4	94.8	95.1	-5.28	1.5	0.3
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	115.0	118.7	115.9	119.1	0.34	3.2	2.8
Oils and Fats	119.7	120.3	120.1	120.1	-0.17	0.5	0.0
Fruit	120.9	124.6	120.2	129.9	4.25	3.1	8.1
Vegetables	149.7	166.0	146.8	160.1	-3.55	10.9	9.1
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	90.2	85.6	87.2	85.3	-0.35	-5.1	-2.2
Food Products N.E.C.	119.7	127.0	121.3	127.6	0.47	6.1	5.2
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	126.2	129.2	126.6	129.3	0.08	2.4	2.1
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	197.9	299.8	203.3	301.0	0.40	51.5	48.1
Alcoholic Beverages	125.3	134.4	125.7	187.9	39.81	7.3	49.5
Tobacco	239.2	393.7	247.4	393.7	0.00	64.6	59.1
NON-FOOD	109.1	115.8	111.0	115.6	-0.17	6.1	4.1
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	117.1	120.5	117.4	120.8	0.25	2.9	2.9
Clothing	113.2	117.0	113.4	117.0	0.00	3.4	3.2
Footwear	126.7	129.3	127.4	130.2	0.70	2.1	2.2
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	107.0	116.2	109.7	116.1	-0.09	8.6	5.8
Actual Rentals for Housing	109.9	119.1	111.1	119.1	0.00	8.4	7.2
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	117.2	118.8	117.4	118.9	0.08	1.4	1.3
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	127.4	131.8	127.4	131.8	0.00	3.5	3.5
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	96.9	106.8	103.9	106.7	-0.09	10.2	2.7
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	124.6	127.6	125.0	127.6	0.00	2.4	2.1
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	112.7	115.3	112.9	115.3	0.00	2.3	2.1
Household Textiles	121.1	124.6	122.6	124.7	0.08	2.9	1.7
Household Appliances	106.7	108.2	107.2	108.2	0.00	1.4	0.9
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	106.5	109.0	106.8	109.0	0.00	2.3	2.1
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	108.6	114.2	110.1	114.2	0.00	5.2	3.7
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	128.2	131.4	128.6	131.4	0.00	2.5	2.2



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VI. HEALTH	118.6	126.8	121.3	126.8	0.00	6.9	4.5
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	113.9	115.6	115.8	115.5	-0.09	1.5	-0.3
Out-patient Services	125.6	133.6	125.6	133.7	0.07	6.4	6.4
Hospital Services	125.3	148.4	131.3	148.4	0.00	18.4	13.0
VII. TRANSPORT	100.5	101.6	102.1	99.8	-1.77	1.1	-2.3
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	95.2	95.9	100.0	90.7	-5.42	0.7	-9.3
Transport Services	103.4	105.1	103.9	104.5	-0.57	1.6	0.6
VIII. COMMUNICATION	103.2	104.4	103.2	104.4	0.00	1.2	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	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	0.00	0.0	0.0
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	113.3	115.7	113.5	115.7	0.00	2.1	1.9
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	109.1	109.1	109.1	109.2	0.09	0.0	0.1
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	112.8	113.8	113.1	113.9	0.09	0.9	0.7
Recreational and Cultural Services	178.8	185.9	178.8	185.9	0.00	4.0	4.0
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	117.1	125.0	117.7	124.6	-0.32	6.7	5.9
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	47.5	47.5	47.5	47.5	0.00	0.0	0.0
Education Not Definable by Level							
XI. RESTAURANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	116.9	120.6	117.2	120.7	0.08	3.2	3.0
Catering Services	115.5	119.4	115.8	119.4	0.00	3.4	3.1
Personal Care	114.0	116.9	114.7	117.3	0.34	2.5	2.3
Personal Effects N.E.C.	115.9	116.0	115.9	116.3	0.26	0.1	0.3
<b>Inflation Rate</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>			
<b>Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.85</b>			