INFLATION PREVIEW (Jan-23)

NCPI inflation to clock in at 26.12% YoY as compared to 24.48 % YoY in the last month

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We expect the national CPI inflation (NCPI) for Jan-23 to clock around 26.12% YoY (1.7% MoM) as compared to 24.48% YoY (0.5% MoM) last month. Furthermore, urban CPI inflation (UCPI) (60% of NCPI) and rural CPI inflation (RCPI) (40% of NCPI) are expected to increase by 23.6% YoY (1.7% MoM) and 29.8% YoY (1.7% MoM) respectively as compared to 21.6% YoY (0.3% MoM) and 28.8% YoY (0.7% MoM) respectively in last month.

The surge in NCPI is caused mainly due to the increase in the food index which inflated by around 39.7% YoY during Jan-23. Particularly, increase in the prices of wheat flour (55.87% YoY), rice (65.61% YoY), meat (21.18% YoY), chicken (81.17% YoY), fresh milk (28.67% YoY), cooking oil (30.93% YoY), vegetable ghee (26.69% YoY) and fresh vegetables (18.33% YoY) contributed to the upsurge of food index. Other than food prices, an increase in the prices of motor fuel (43.49% YoY), cotton cloth (20.7% YoY), education (10.32% YoY), tea (65.42% YoY), house rent (4.83% YoY) and readymade food (33.97% YoY) also pushed the NCPI inflation towards the north. On the flip side, prices of Condiments & Spices, and sugar decreased by 0.27% YoY, and 0.41% YoY respectively.

Going forward, to deal with persisting inflationary pressures we expect the MPC to further push the policy rate at 18% to curb rising inflation in order to maintain financial stability. Furthermore, higher food prices are likely to keep average headline inflation elevated for FY23.

National	Weight	Jan-23	Urban	Weight	Jan-23	Rural	Weight	Jan-23
Food	35%	229	Food	30%	225	Food	41%	233
Utilities	24%	169	Utilities	27%	164	Utilities	18%	182
Clothing	9%	184	Clothing	8%	180	Clothing	9%	188
Restaurant	7%	202	Restaurant	7%	203	Restaurant	6%	199
Transport	6%	240	Transport	6%	240	Transport	6%	240
Misc.	5%	205	Education	5%	166	Misc.	5%	208
Furnishing	4%	202	Misc.	5%	203	Furnishing	4%	206
Education	4%	144	Furnishing	4%	199	Health	4%	195
Health	3%	190	Comm.	2%	114	Education	2%	156
Comm.	2%	109	Health	2%	184	Comm.	2%	107
Recreation	2%	185	Recreation	2%	180	Recreation	1%	194
Tobacco	1%	200	Tobacco	1%	213	Tobacco	1%	186
CPI		200	CPI		195	CPI		208

Key Statistics National CPI vs Discount Rate 26.58% 26.12% 24.48% 23.85% 23 18% 17.00% 16.00% 15.00% 15.00% 15.00% Sep-22 Oct-22 Nov-22 Dec-22 Jan-23 NCPI Inflation Discount Rate **Urban CPI vs Discount Rate** 24.58% 23.61% 21 20% 21.56% 21.59% 17.00% 16.00% 15.00% 15.00% 15.00% Sep-22 Oct-22 Nov-22 Dec-22 Jan-23 UCPI Inflation Discount Rate **Rural CPI vs Discount Rate** 29.80% 29.52% 28.76% 27 21% 26.12% 17.00% 16.00% 15.00% 15.00% 15.00%

Sources: ACPL Research, PBS

Discount Rate

Jan-23

Dec-22

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Sep-22

Oct-22

RCPI Inflation

Nov-22



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PE	Price to Earnings Ratio	PB	Price to Book Ratio	BVPS	Book Value Per Share
EPS	Earnings Per Share	DPS	Dividend Per Share	ROE	Return of Equity
ROA	Return on Assets	SOTP	Sum of the Parts	LDCP	Last Day Closing Price

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