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Press Release

SCAD releases its CPI monthly report for January 2020

- *CPI decreased by 1.8% in January 2020 compared to January 2019*
- *CPI increased by 0.1% in January 2020 compared to December 2019*
- *Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuel group contributed 95.2% to the overall decrease in CPI during January 2020*

Abu Dhabi, 16 February 2020: The latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) report issued by the Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi (SCAD) indicated that the CPI decreased by 1.8% in January 2020 compared to January 2019. CPI reached 109.7% in January 2020, while it was 111.8% in January 2019. Furthermore, CPI increased by 0.1% in January 2020 to reach 109.7% compared to 109.6% in December 2019.

The decline in consumer prices during January 2020 compared to January 2019, contributed to a decrease of 2.2% in consumer prices for households at the bottom-welfare level, and 2.3% for middle-welfare level, and 1.3% for the top-welfare level. The decline in consumer prices during January 2020 compared to January 2019, contributed to a decrease of 1.9% for citizen households, 1.8% for non-citizen households, and 2.4% for shared households.



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SCAD's CPI report presents the contribution of the main 12 expenditure groups to the overall change in consumer prices during 2019. The groups are categorized according to the International Classification of Individual Consumption according to Purpose (COICOP). The 'Housing, water, electricity, gas and fuel' group contributed 95.2% to the overall decrease in the CPI during January 2020, compared to January 2019. Prices of this group decreased by 5.6%.

Prices of 'Clothing and footwear' group decreased by 8.6% during January 2020 compared to January 2019, and contributed 28.9% to the overall decrease. Meanwhile, 'Food and beverages' group contributed 25.2% to the overall decrease in the CPI during January 2020 compared to January 2019. Prices of this group decreased by 3.8% over the same period.

Prices of the 'Recreation and culture' group increased by 23.6% during January 2020 compared to January 2019, and contributed 62.5% in reducing the overall decrease in the CPI in January 2020.

SCAD's CPI report presents comparisons of monthly CPI data, along with analyses by household welfare, household type and geographical location. It also provides the percentage of contribution of major expenditure groups in the annual price change.





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Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi (SCAD) was established in 2008 in accordance with Law No. (7), to develop and organize statistical work in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in particular and the United Arab Emirates in general. SCAD's purpose is to produce statistical information that is consistent with the Emirate's orientation towards sustainable development and strategic plans under the supervision and with full support of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Being the of the official statistical data collection agency in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, the centre assumes the functions of preparing the statistical plans and programs that serve the emirate's wider development programs, conducting statistical surveys across the emirate. SCAD is also responsible for the collection, classification, storage, analysis and dissemination of official statistics and the release of the results of social, demographic, economic, environmental and cultural surveys.

The activities of the centre encompass all areas relating to social conditions in accordance with relevant international standards and ethics, such as independence, professionalism, impartiality, objectivity, confidentiality, cost effectiveness and quality of statistics.



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