

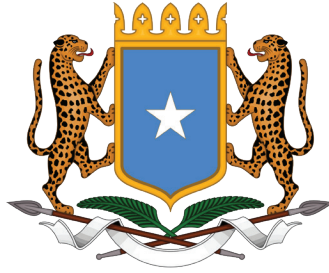


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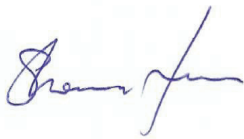
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Foreword

The Quarterly Statistics Bulletin provides the main socio-economic changes based on estimates provided by different government agencies that show the impact of statistical activities. It includes data on trade, Inflation, exchange rates, and Covid-19. The Somali National Bureau of Statistics made a great effort to design and produce the statistical bulletin to meet the rapidly increasing requirements of policy makers, researchers, and other data users in the public and private sectors. The Somali National Bureau of Statistics is committed to the production and dissemination of integrated statistical information that meets the international standards quality requirements.

The report forms an important source of input into the budgeting, planning, monitoring, and policy formulation processes with guidance to national development policy and investment decisions. It also gives an analysis of data collected through Administrative sources supplemented by surveys. The bulletin, therefore, serves as a brief and comprehensive reference for such crucial statistical information meant to inform prudent national planning and policy making efforts.

The quarterly statistical bulletin includes a fraction of statistical indicators and more information can be retrieved from different publications available on the Somali National Bureau of Statistics website. We hope that this bulletin will remain useful for monitoring the economy of Somalia and will address issues relating to the Sustainable Development Goals. The National Bureau will do its best to improve on the data availability of the country and we welcome your comments and suggestions on this bulletin.



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Consumer Price Index

- The consumer price index (CPI) was estimated to have increased 0.64 percent in the March quarter of 2021 compared to March quarter 2020 which rose 0.56 percent.
- In the March quarter of 2021, the largest contributors to the increase in Somalia CPI were in health, Recreation & Culture, and Housing, Water, Electricity & Gas. (See Table 1)
- Health registered an increase of 2.85 percent during the March quarter of 2021 from the 1.63 percent recorded in March quarter 2020. The increase was mainly as a result of higher prices of medical products, appliances, and equipment (10.34%)
- Recreation & culture registered an increase of 1.3 per cent during the March quarter of 2021. The increase in the March quarter was mainly as a result of higher prices of audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment.
- Housing, Water, Electricity & Gas registered an increase of 0.99 per cent during the March quarter of 2021. The increase was largely due to the increase in the price of water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling.
- The table below illustrates the percentage changes for the March quarters of 2021 and 2020.



Table 1: Quarterly CPI Change for 2020 & 2021

Quarterly Component Contribution on the total CPI	% Quarterly CPI Change for 2020	% Quarterly CPI Change for 2021
All Group CPI	0.56	0.64
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.82	0.30
Tobacco & Narcotics	-1.19	0.75
Clothing & Footwear	0.33	0.38
Housing, Water, Electricity & Gas	0.20	0.99
Furnishing, Households, and Maintenance	0.31	0.58
Health	1.63	2.85
Transport	0.00	0.85
Communication	1.12	0.56
Recreation & Culture	0.03	1.30
Education	0.00	0.00
Restaurant & Hotels	0.17	-0.03
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	0.35	0.84

This table shows the quarterly CPI change comparison of different periods. The analysis is carried out for the period March quarter 2020 & 2021 by finding the average monthly CPI change for the months January, February & March of 2020 & 2021. Source: Somali National Bureau of Statistics

Figure 1: March quarter CPI Change for 2020 & 2021

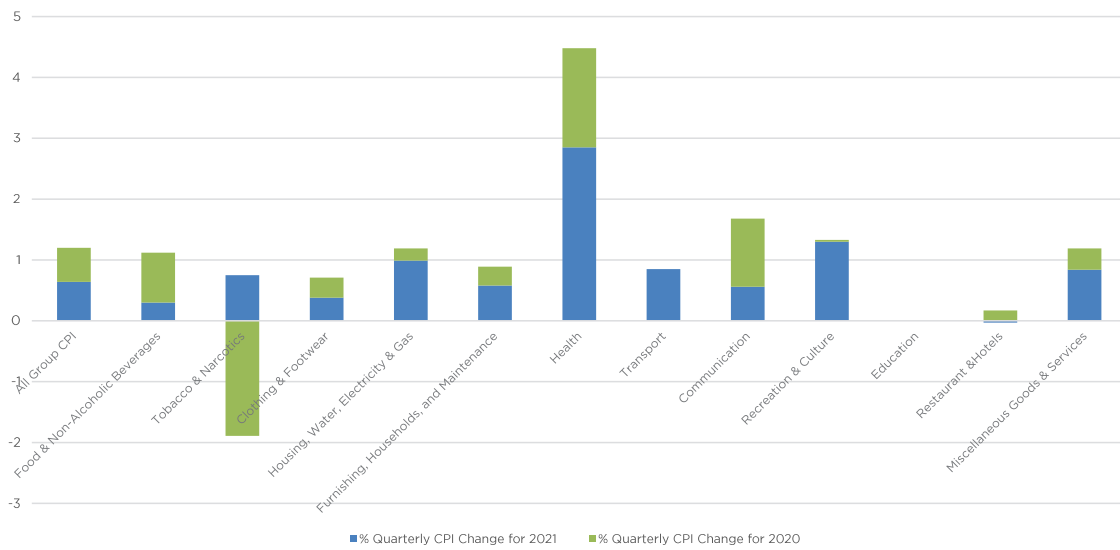
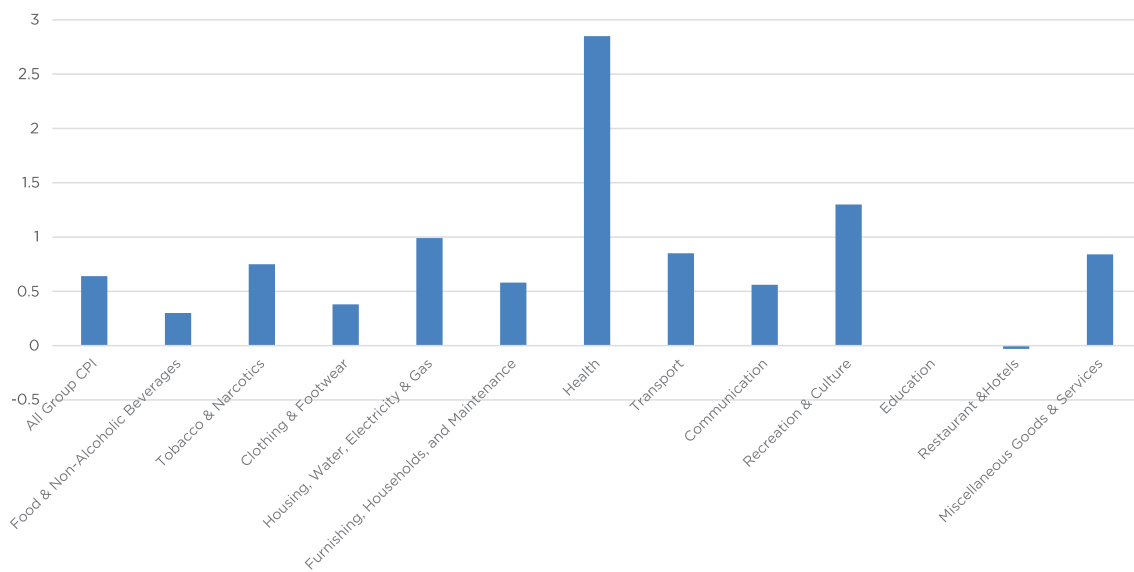


Figure 2: March Quarter CPI Change for 2021



Trade Statistics

Foreign trade statistics plays an important role in many economies and Somalia is no exception. It is an account of all transactions of merchandise between domestic residents and the rest of the world. COVID-19 has had an immediate and strong impact on international trade for the years 2020 and 2021. Somalia registered a trade deficit of \$954,215,535 during the March quarter of 2021. The observed decline in domestic exports was largely driven by low foreign demand for goods and services.



Exports

Export of animals represents the largest share of Somalia's export earnings. The three types of livestock that Somalia exports are Sheep/Goat, camel, and cattle. The exports from Somalia other than livestock are Animal skin products, Crops & Vegetable Oil, forest products, and others. Somalia's total exports are **\$162,691,654.67** during the March quarter of 2021.

As the comparative figures between march quarter 2021 and 2020 below show, March quarter 2021 has the highest percentage increase in exports (51.33%) compared to the same quarter in the previous year. Crops & vegetable oil exports in the March quarter of 2021 were 64.84% higher than exports of the same quarter in 2020. Also, livestock exports were 61.55% higher than the previous quarter.

Table 2: Summary of exports (January - March) 2020 & 2021

S/N	Category	Summary of Export for 2021	Summary of Export for 2020	Percentage change
	Category	2021Q1	2020 Q1	
1	Livestock	109,966,896.00	68,071,896.00	61.55%
2	Animal Skins Products	12,736,250.00	10,318,281.27	23.43%
3	Crops & Vegetable Oil	24,263,591.67	14,719,685.33	64.84%
4	Forest Products	1,815,432.00	1,250,388.00	45.19%
5	Other	13,909,485.00	13,147,579.20	5.80%
	Total	162,691,654.67	107,507,829.80	51.33%

Source: Central Bank of Somalia

Figure 3: Comparison of Exportation (January-March) 2020/2021

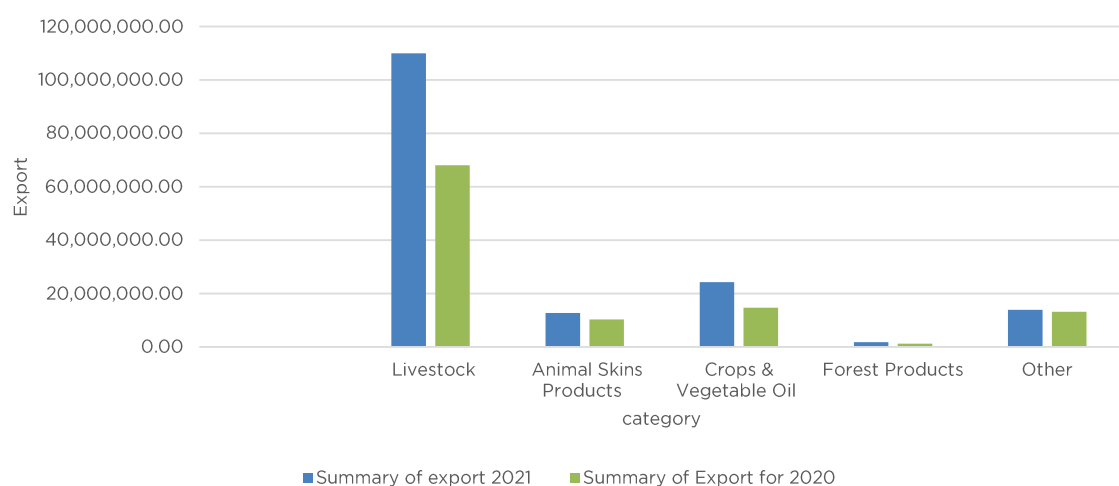
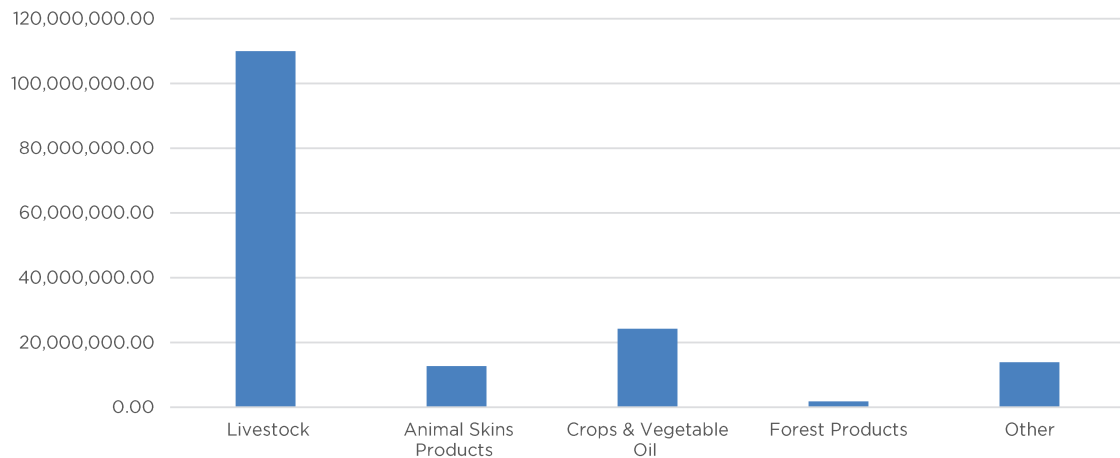


Figure 4: Exportation (January-March) 2021



Imports

Somalia imports a wide range of products consisting mainly of food items, Oil products, construction, clothes & footwear, medical products, Beverages & Tobacco and cars and spare parts, etc. The country relies on food imports despite enough arable land in the country. Somalia's total imports are \$1,116,907,189.71 during the March quarter of 2021.

March quarter 2021 recorded a high percentage increase in imports (19.54%) compared to the same quarter in the previous year. Cars & spare parts import in the March quarter of 2021 were 159.65% higher than imports of the same quarter in 2020. Also, Electronics & Electric Machines were 134.32% higher than the previous quarter.

Table 3: Summary of Imports (January-March) 2020 & 2021

S/N		Summary of Imports for 2021	Summary of Imports for 2020	Percentage change
	Category	2021Q1	2020 Q1	
1	Oil	68,954,737.65	76,371,288.00	-9.71%
2	Cars & spare parts	169,525,200.60	65,290,773.00	159.65%
3	Food	268,918,800.86	343,750,079.00	-21.77%
4	Beverages & Tobacco	27,234,026.45	25,067,150.93	8.64%
5	Clothes & Footwear	130,184,257.63	149,398,415.93	-12.86%
6	Construction	147,243,865.28	93,044,007.06	58.25%
7	Cosmetics	26,156,815.79	18,019,387.21	45.16%
8	Electronics & Electric Machines	44,116,506.85	18,827,615.65	134.32%
9	Furniture	17,120,561.45	9,848,688.80	73.84%
10	Medical product	85,207,794.25	47,785,864.20	78.31%
11	Personal Care	41,742,861.68	23,942,242.80	74.35%
12	Plant Industries	3,514,575.60	3,698,783.75	-4.98%
13	Stationary	3,976,333.85	5,135,232.23	67.43%
14	Others	83,010,851.82	54,157,298.47	53.28%
	Total	1,116,907,189.71	934,336,827.01	19.54%

Source: Central Bank of Somalia

Figure 5: Summary of Imports (January-March) 2021

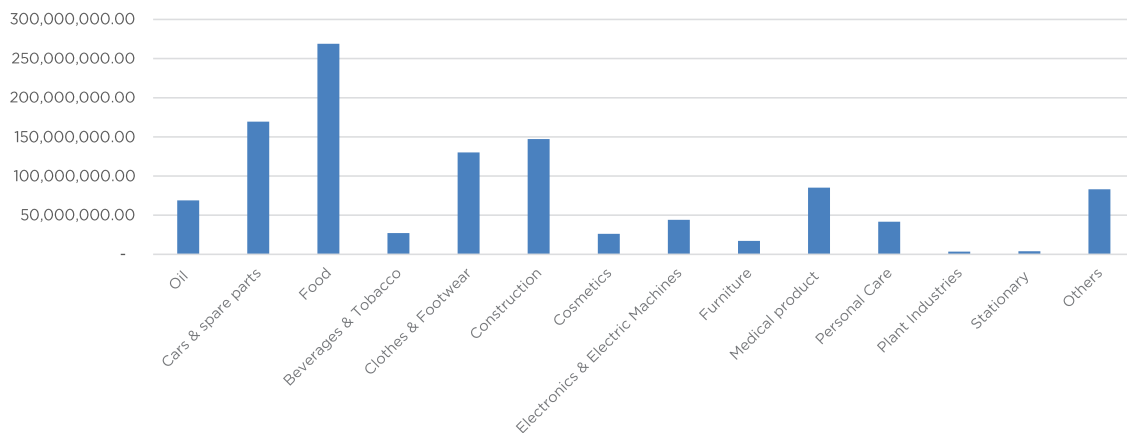
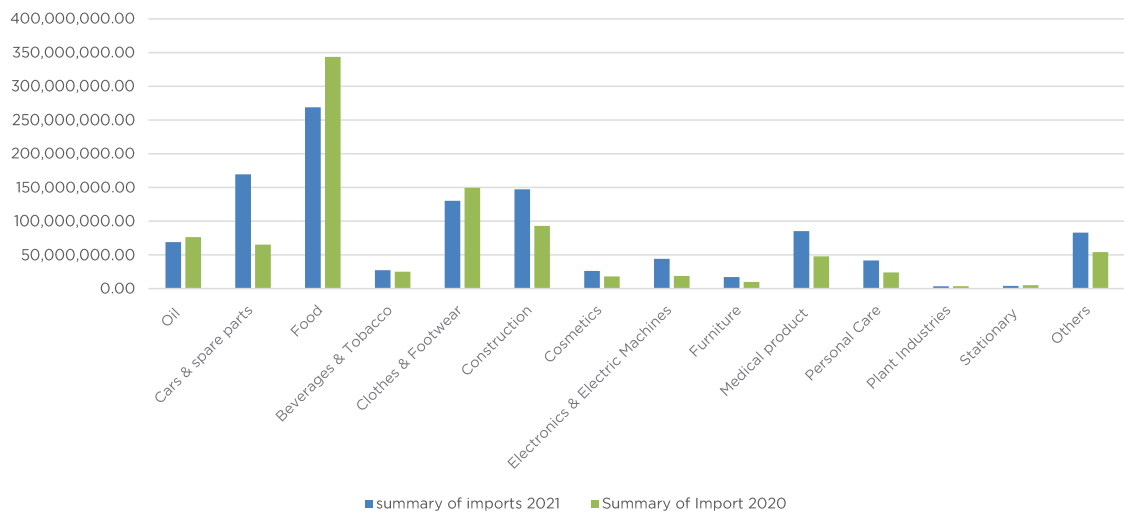


Figure 6: Summary Import (January-March) 2021 & 2020



Exchange Rate

The exchange rate is arguably the most important price in an economy. The table shows the number of local currency units that can be exchanged for one USD.

Table 4: Summary of Exchange Rate (January- March) 2020

Year/Month	Buying Rate (SOS/US\$)	Selling Rate (SOS/US\$)	Mid-Rate (SOS/US\$)
Jan-20	25,511.92	25,521.92	25,516.92
Feb-20	25,072.20	25,082.20	25,077.20
Mar-20	25,391.85	25,401.85	25,396.85

Source: Central Bank of Somalia

Figure 7: Exchange Rate (January-March) 2020

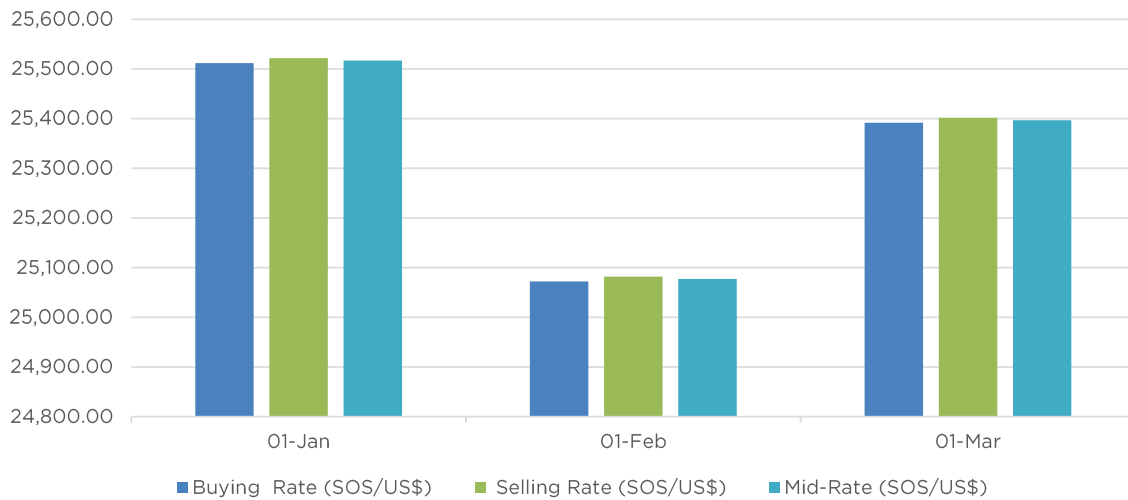
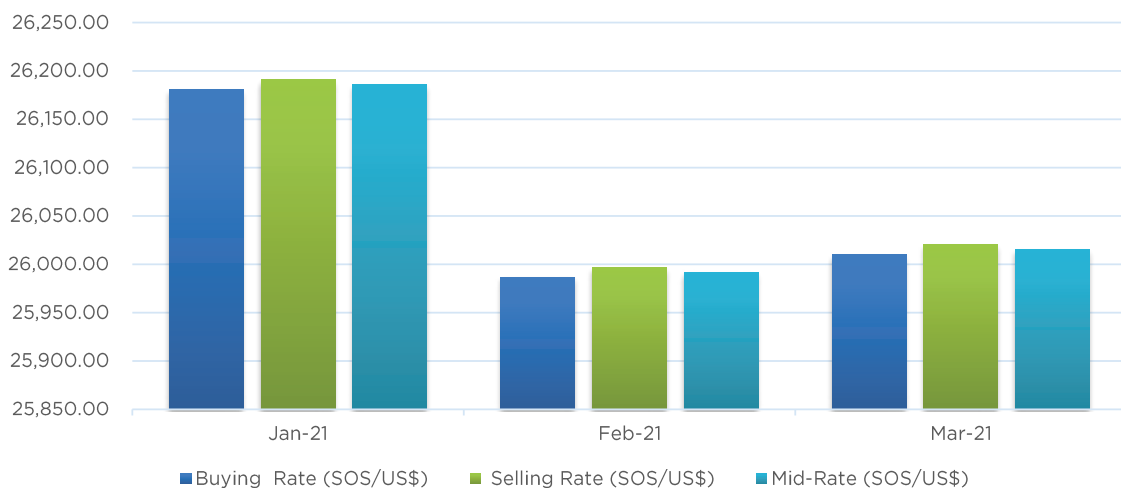


Table 5: Exchange Rate (January-March) 2020

Year/Month	Buying Rate (SOS/US\$)	Selling Rate (SOS/US\$)	Mid-Rate (SOS/US\$)
Jan-21	26,180.77	26,190.77	26,185.77
Feb-21	25,986.67	25,996.67	25,991.67
Mar-21	26,010.00	26,020.00	26,015.00

Source: Central Bank of Somalia

Figure 8: Exchange Rate (January-March) 2021



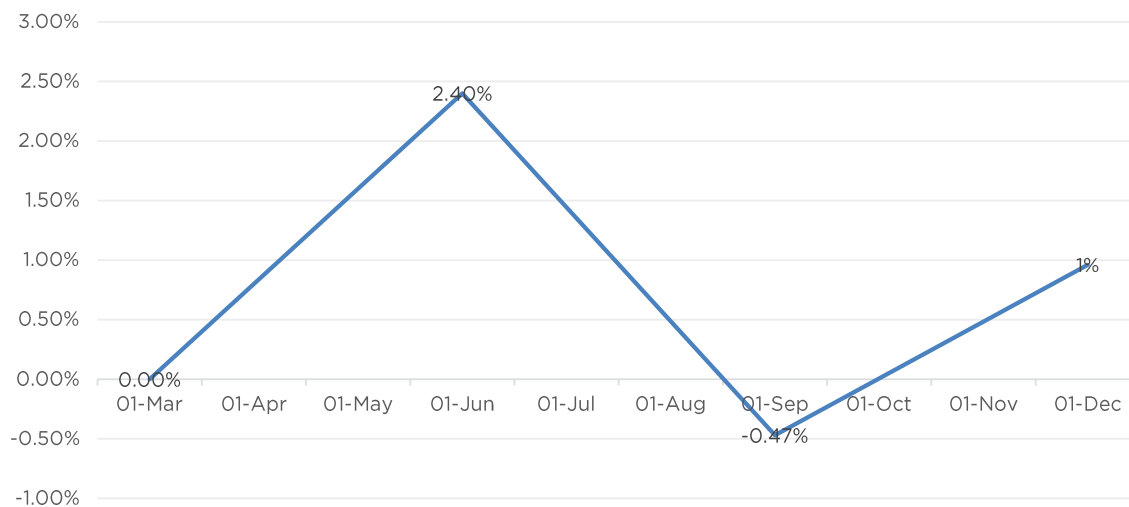
The Quarterly data below shows the period average and end period rate Quarterly. The last column shows the percent change of the average period quarterly. The positive (negative) change means USD appreciation (depreciation) against the local currency. The period average for Somalia during March quarter 2021 was 26,064 Somali Shillings per USD compared to march quarter 2020 which was 25,330.

Table 6: Quarterly Average (SOS per US\$)

Months	Period Average	End Period Rate	Percentage change
Mar-20	25,330	26,005	
Jun-20	25,938	26,005	2.40%
Sep-20	25,816	25,830	-0.47%
Dec-20	26,064	26,005	0.96%
Mar-21	26,064	26,015	0%

Source: Central Bank of Somalia

Figure 9: Quarterly Percentage Change between the period average



COVID 19

The global pandemic of COVID-19 was first detected in Mogadishu, Somalia on the 16th of March 2020 by the Ministry of Health of the Federal Government of Somalia. COVID infection has been spreading both in Mogadishu and in other regions of the country. On 4th May 2020, there were 756 confirmed cases and 35 deaths in Somalia, with a case fatality rate (CFRs) of around 4.6%, although it was alleged that the actual number of both the infected cases and deaths may be significantly higher.

Authorities in Somalia responded with drastic measures after the first confirmed COVID-19 case closing borders, schools, limiting travel, and prohibiting most group functions.

The total number of confirmed cases tested in Somalia as per the Ministry of Health during the March quarter of 2021 was 4714 with 310 deaths and 896 recoveries.

Table 7: Confirmed positive cases during March quarter 2021

Date	Total cases	Deaths	Recovery	Male	Female
17/2/2021	127	9	0	73	54
20/2/2021	257	15	0	183	74
22/2/2021	229	6	14	137	92
23/2/2021	198	7	3	118	80
24/2/2021	105	3	2	65	40
3/3/2021	209	11	21	140	69
4/3/2021	123	14	34	76	47
6/3/2021	191	20	31	112	79
7/3/2021	280	8	36	177	103
8/3/2021	117	7	36	73	44
9/3/2021	139	12	29	85	54
10/3/2021	136	8	21	78	58
11/3/2021	107	11	25	61	46
13/3/2021	126	11	29	82	44
14/3/2021	244	18	61	153	91
15/3/2021	138	12	29	82	56
16/3/2021	109	6	47	68	41
17/3/2021	163	7	23	96	67
19/3/2021	325	22	91	219	106
20/3/2021	42	4	5	31	11
21/3/2021	117	10	74	104	13
22/3/2021	129	12	34	106	23
23/3/2021	202	12	32	109	93
24/3/2021	162	10	41	85	77
25/3/2021	133	8	29	92	41
27/3/2021	174	17	44	106	68
28/3/2021	139	8	41	83	56
29/3/2021	187	14	40	112	75
31/3/2021	106	8	24	58	48
TOTAL	4714	310	896	2964	1750

Source: Ministry of Health

Figure 10: Total number of confirmed cases split by gender(January-March)2021

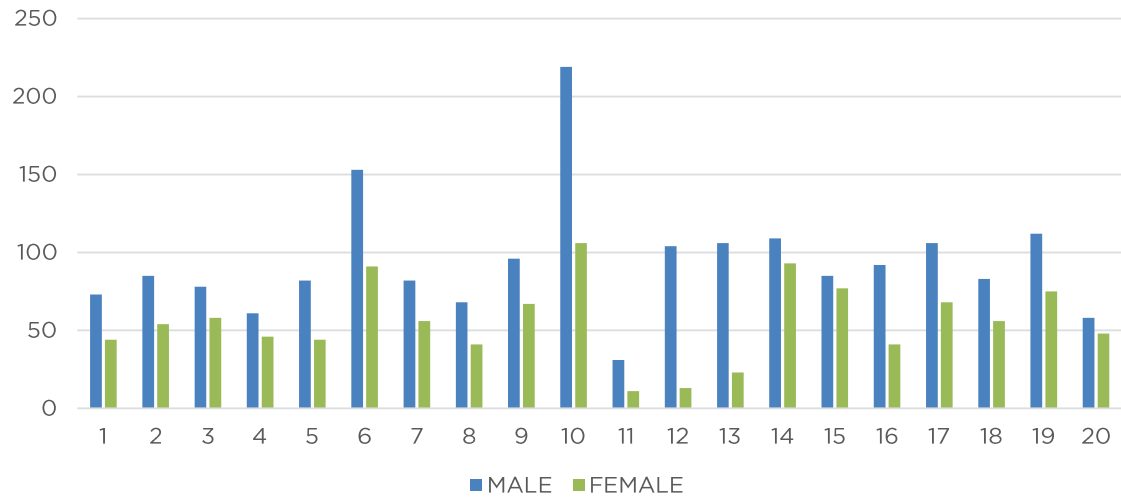


Figure 11: COVID Update (January-March)2021

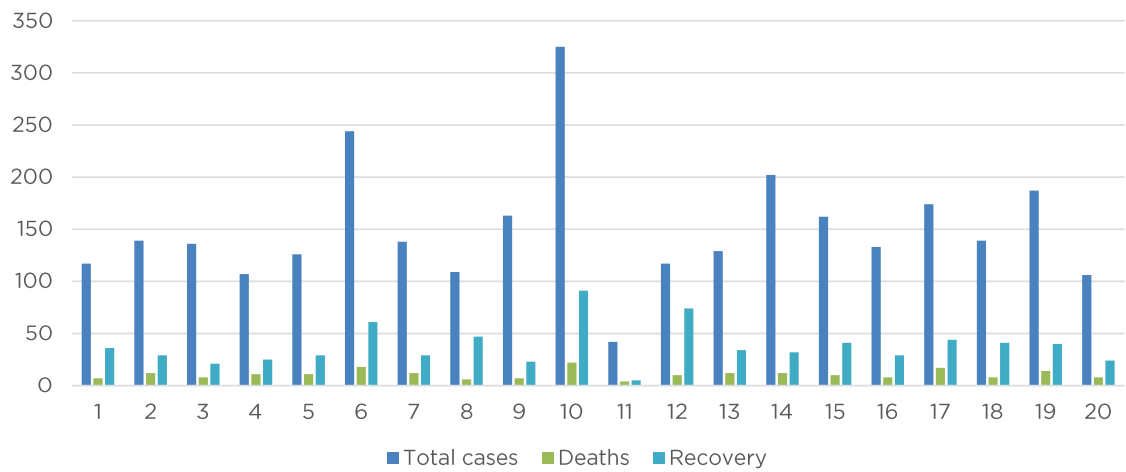
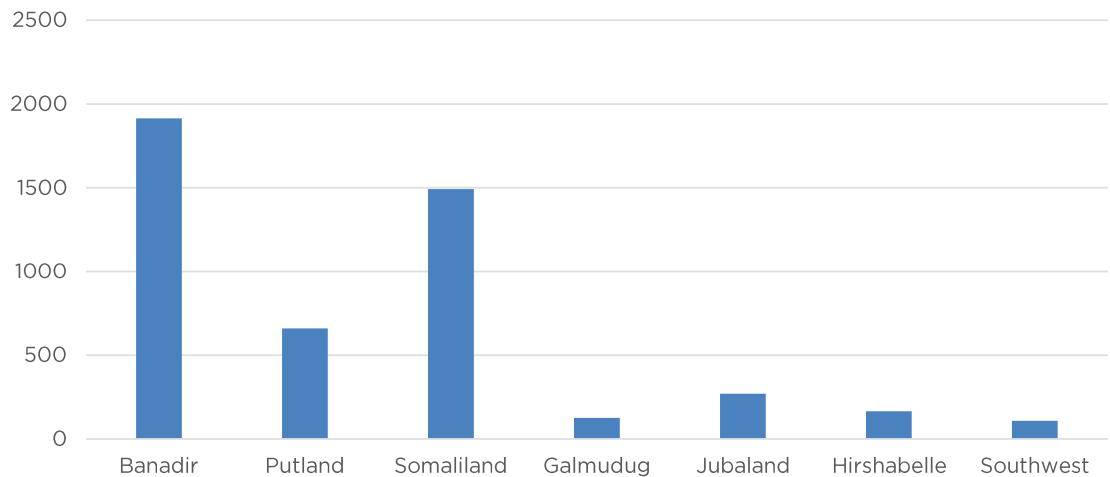


Figure 12: Confirmed COVID- 19 Cases per state (January-March)2021




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Annex 1: CPI: Quarterly data (January-March)


Consumer Price Index	% Monthly Percentage change 2020			% Monthly Percentage change 2021		
	JANUARY 2020	FEBRUARY 2020	MARCH 2020	JANUARY 2021	FEBRUARY 2021	MARCH 2021
All Group CPI	-1.31	0.88	2.12	-1.15	0.91	2.17
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-2.69	1.50	3.64	-2.74	0.33	3.30
Tobacco & Narcotics	-3.76	0.20	0.00	0.00	2.25	0.00
Clothing & Footwear	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.89	0.24	0.00
Housing, Water, Electricity & Gas	0.14	0.47	0.00	0.49	1.08	1.40
Furnishing, Households, and Maintenance	-0.01	0.22	0.73	0.72	1.02	0.00
Health	0.12	0.29	4.49	0.56	3.86	4.13
Transport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	2.00	0.52
Communication	0.00	0.00	3.37	0.21	1.46	0.00
Recreation & Culture	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.09	1.95	1.86
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Restaurant & Hotels	0.02	0.50	0.00	-3.59	3.49	0.00
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	-1.07	0.97	1.15	0.08	0.76	1.67





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