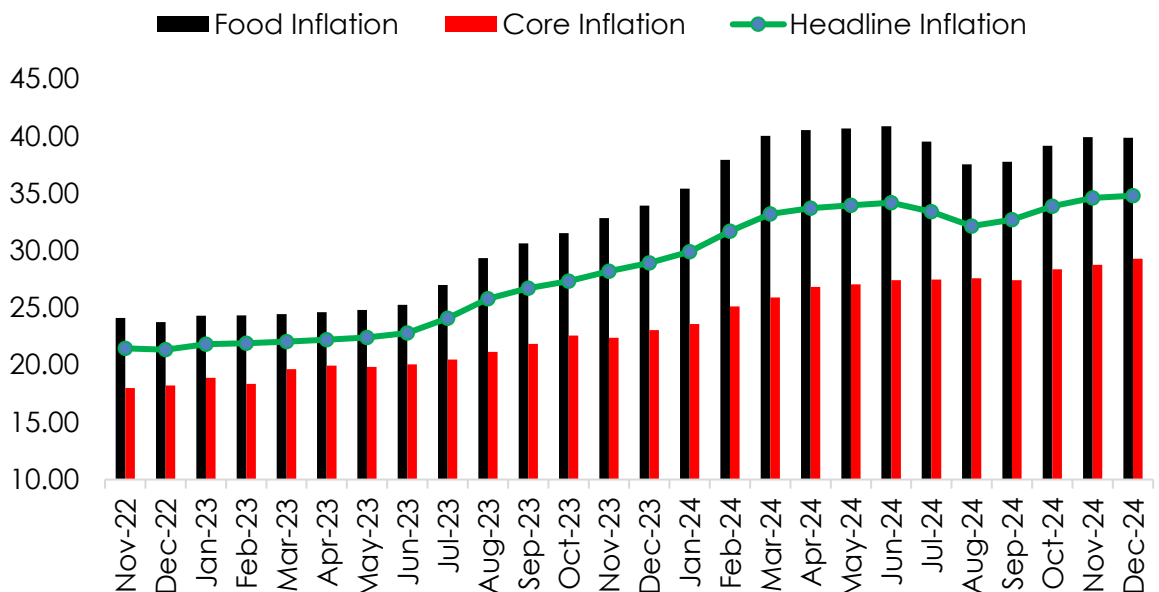


Headline inflation rate rose to 34.80% in December 2024

Headline inflation rose for the fourth consecutive month to 34.80% in December 2024, up by 20bps from 34.60% in November 2024, as reported by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). This uptick was primarily driven by heightened consumer spending and increased demand for goods and services during the festive period. On a month-on-month basis, the inflation rate for December 2024 stood at 2.44%, reflecting a decline of 20bps compared to 2.64% recorded in November 2024.

Food inflation rose to 39.84% in December 2024 on a year-on-year basis, up by 591bps compared to 33.93% in December 2023. The rise in the food inflation was driven by increase in prices of potatoes, yam and other tubers, beer, tobacco class, guinea corn, rice, maize grains, oil and fat, fish class, fruit juice in tin, soft drink class, bread and cereals etc.

Core inflation, which excludes the prices of volatile agricultural produce and energy, stood at 29.28% in December 2024 on a year-on-year basis, representing an increase of 621bps compared to the 23.06% recorded in December 2023. [Read more](#)



OUTLOOK

The inflation outlook for 2025 remains uncertain, primarily due to the anticipated rebasing of the inflation basket. The rebasing exercise is expected to yield a more comprehensive inflation measure, with reduced sensitivity to food prices and increased weightings for transport and hospitality. Overall, we project a moderation in inflation by the second half of the year.

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