



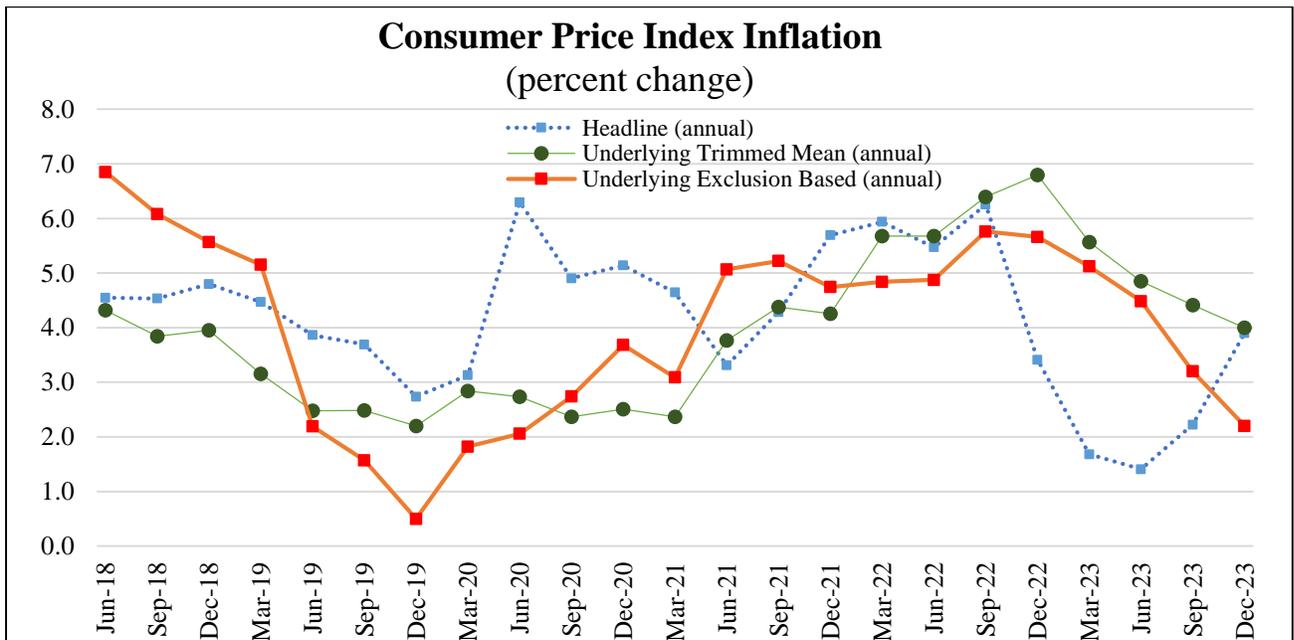
BANK OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

KINA FACILITY RATE FOR MARCH 2024

The annual headline Consumer Price Index (CPI) published by the National Statistical Office (NSO) for the December quarter of 2023 was 3.9 percent, increasing from 2.2 percent in the September quarter (see Chart below). However, the annual underlying inflation measures, the exclusion-based and trimmed mean were lower at 2.2 percent and 4.0 percent, from 3.2 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively.

The outcome in the headline inflation was close to the Central Bank’s forecast for 3.0 percent, made in its *September 2023 Monetary Policy Statement*. Considering the inflation outcomes, the Central Bank is pursuing a neutral stance of monetary policy, and therefore is maintaining its policy signaling rate, the Kina Facility Rate (KFR) at 2.00 percent for the month of March 2024.

The Bank of Papua New Guinea’s primary focus with monetary policy is the underlying inflationary environment while also being supportive of economic activity, particularly following the civil unrest earlier this year.



Source: National Statistical Office

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