

Namibia Inflation Forecast Report

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Inflation Overview

Domestic Inflation - Domestic annual headline inflation decreased to 2.9 percent in January 2026, translating into a 0.3 percentage point decrease from the previous month. The biggest contributors towards the decrease in annual inflation rate were *Housing* (1.1 percentage point) followed by *Food and non-alcoholic beverages and Alcoholic beverages and tobacco* with each contributing (0.4 and 0.5 percentage point respectively).

Short Term Forecasts - The short-term inflation forecast is presented in Table 2, with annual inflation projected to increase slightly to 3.0 percent in both February and March 2026 before increasing further to 3.2 percent in April 2026.

Medium Term Forecasts - Through the medium term, the quarterly inflation forecast is projected to decline slightly in the first quarter of 2026 on the assumptions of low oil price outlook and a stronger dollar. Overall, the baseline estimates suggest that inflation will average 3.5 percent and 3.4 percent in 2026 and 2027 respectively, reflecting a downwards revision of 0.3 percentage point in 2026. (see Figures 1 and 2).

Table 1: International Price Forecast Summary

Category	2026 Q1	2026 Q2	2026 Q3	2026 Q4
Brent Crude (USD/barrel)	68.5	66.2	65.2	64.5
Maize (US Cents/bushel)	433.8	446.0	453.1	466.8
Wheat (US Cents/bushel)	548.7	552.8	570.4	589.1
Gold (USD/oz)	5106.1	5057.5	5117.8	5167.3
USD/ZAR	16.40	16.31	16.44	16.33
SA Inflation (Annual %)	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3

Note:

*Source - Bloomberg, SARB

**Forecasts as at 16 February 2026

Table 2: Monthly Inflation Forecast, by Component

Short and Medium Term Forecasts

Category	Weight	Jan 2026 (A)	Feb 2026 (F)	Marc 2026 (F)	Apr 2026 (F)	Trend
Food	16.4%	1.9%	2.3%	2.3%	2.4%	↗
Alcoholic B&T	12.6%	3.8%	3.9%	3.9%	4.1%	↗
Clothing	3.0%	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%	0.9%	→
Housing	28.4%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	↗
Furnishings	5.5%	3.4%	3.9%	3.7%	3.6%	↗
Health	2.0%	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%	↗
Transport	14.3%	1.7%	0.9%	1.1%	2.1%	↘
Communication	3.8%	-1.4%	-1.1%	-1.1%	-0.9%	↗
Recreation	3.6%	3.7%	4.1%	4.4%	4.6%	↗
Education	3.6%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	→
Hotels	1.4%	3.6%	3.9%	3.5%	3.7%	↗
Misc	5.4%	1.5%	2.3%	2.3%	2.4%	↗
All Items	100.0%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	3.2%	↗

Figure 1: Quarterly Inflation Forecasts

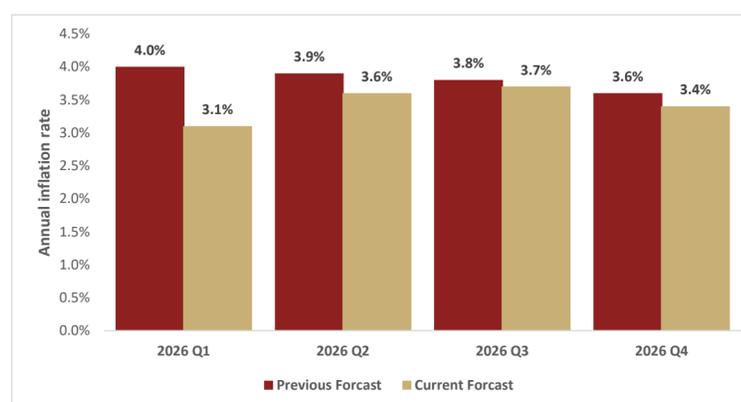


Figure 2: Yearly Inflation Forecasts

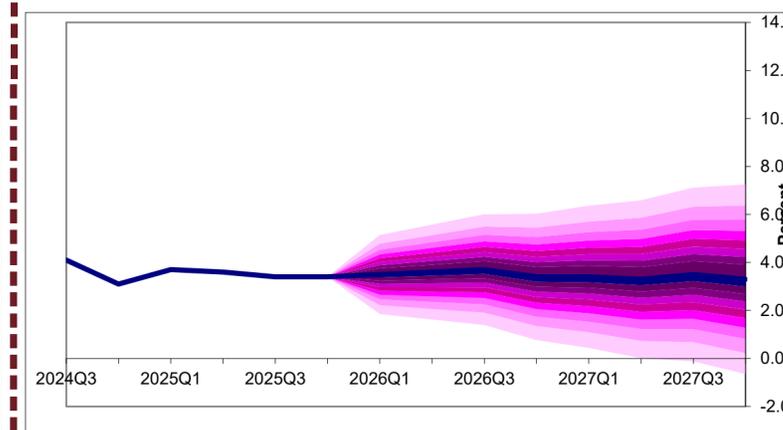
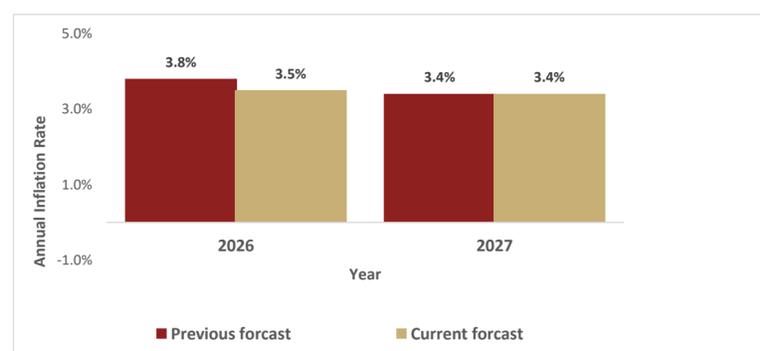


Figure 3: Inflation Forecast Fan Chart

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