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# UMB IHL MONTHLY INFLATION DIGEST

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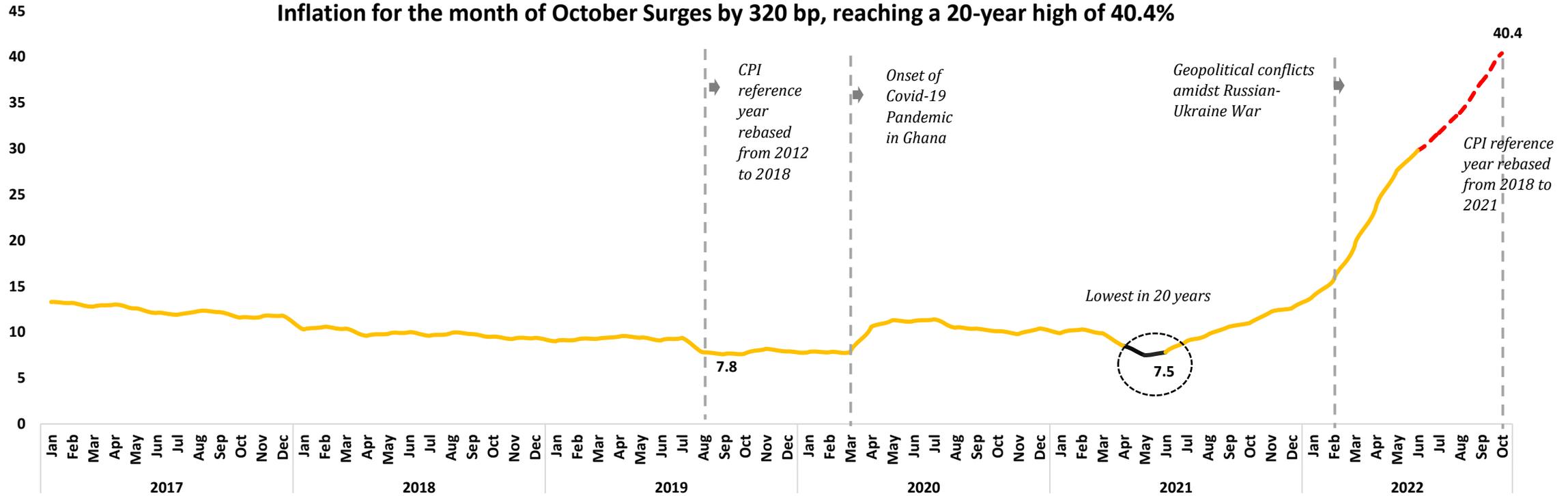
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## Inflation for the month of October Surges by 320 bp, reaching a 20-year high of 40.4%



Source: Ghana Statistical Service, UMB IHL Analytics and Research

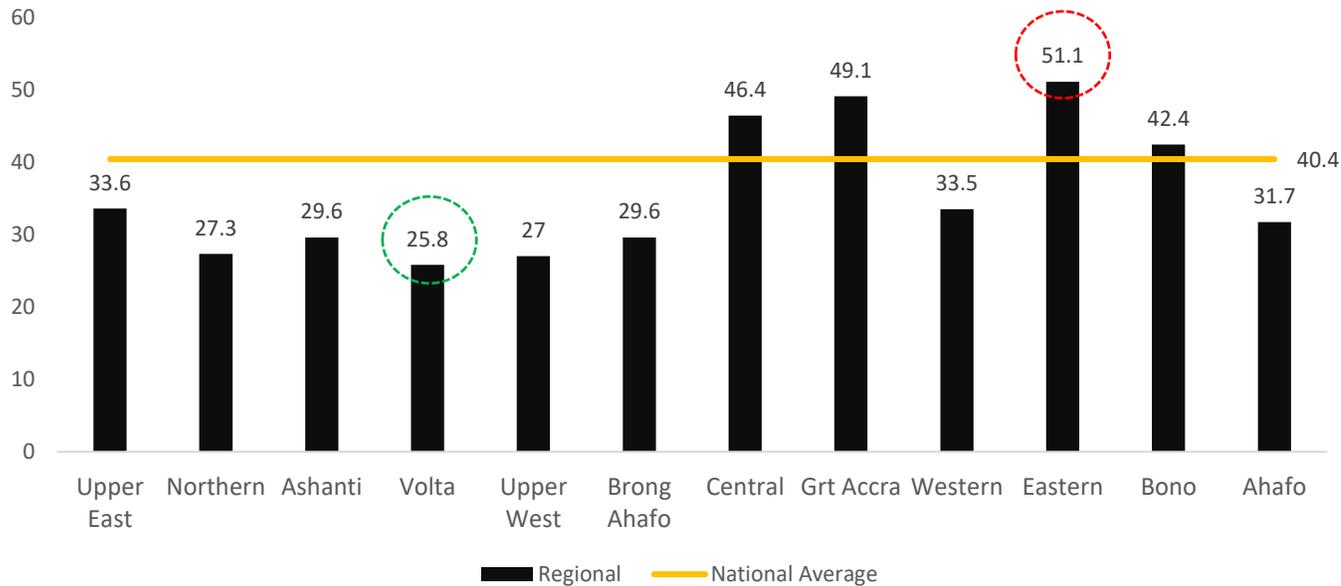
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- ▶ Year-on-year Inflation increased by 3.2% from 37.2% in September 2022 to 40.4% in October 2022
- ▶ This surge was mostly led by utilities, furnishings, household maintenance, transport, personal care, and miscellaneous goods as well as food & non-alcoholic beverages.
- ▶ October's rate is the highest rate seen in 20 years

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**Year on Year inflation in the Eastern Region crosses 50% threshold**



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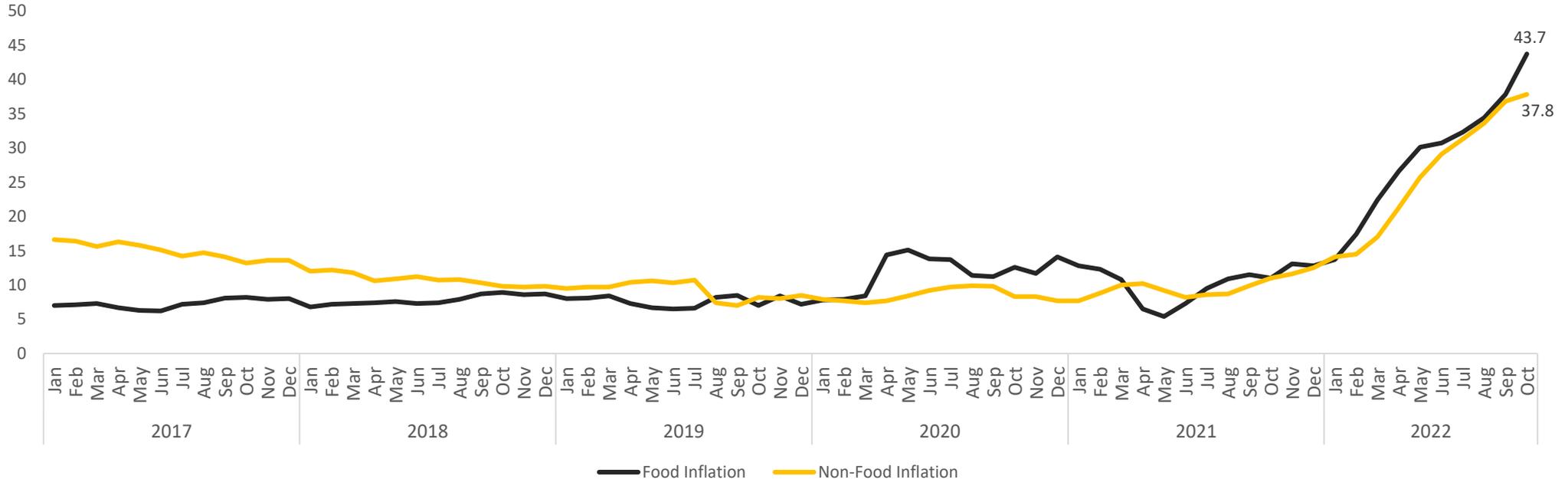
*Inflation remains lowest in Volta (25.8%), Upper West (27%) and Northern (27.3%) Regions. However, rates recorded for Eastern Region (51.1%), Greater Accra Region (49.1%), Central Region (46.4%) and Bono Region (42.4%) were higher than the national average (40.4%)*





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### Trade-off between Food and Non-Food Inflation widenes further



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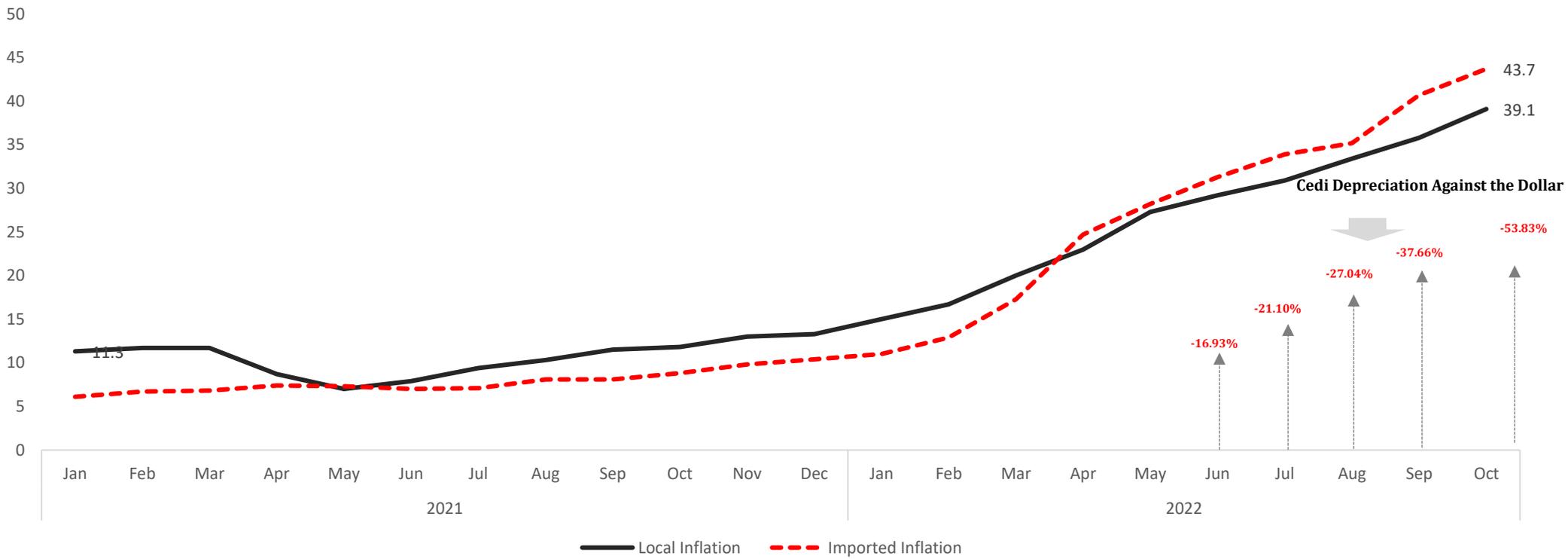
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Food inflation further increased by 590 basis points hitting a record of 43.7% in October from 37.8% in September. This was largely driven by water, milk and other dairy products, sugar, and fruits

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### Imported Inflation for October exceeds Local Inflation by 4.6%



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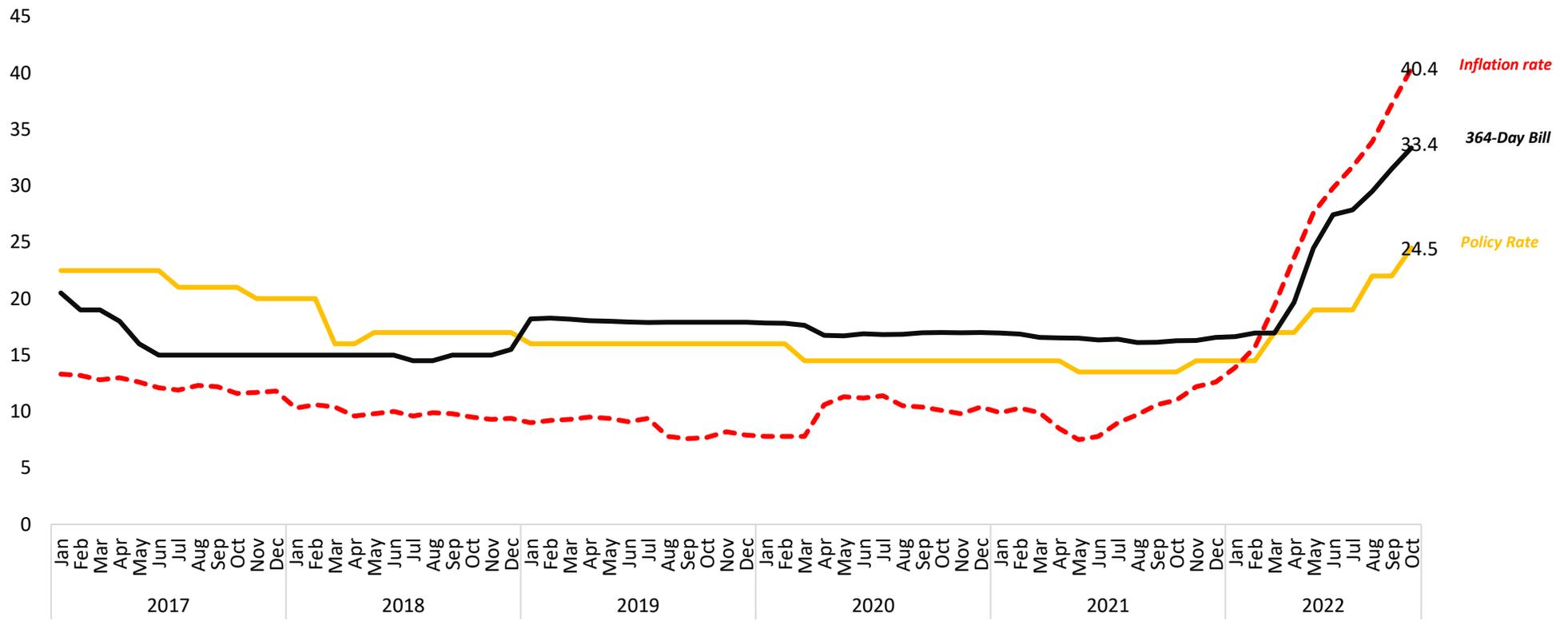
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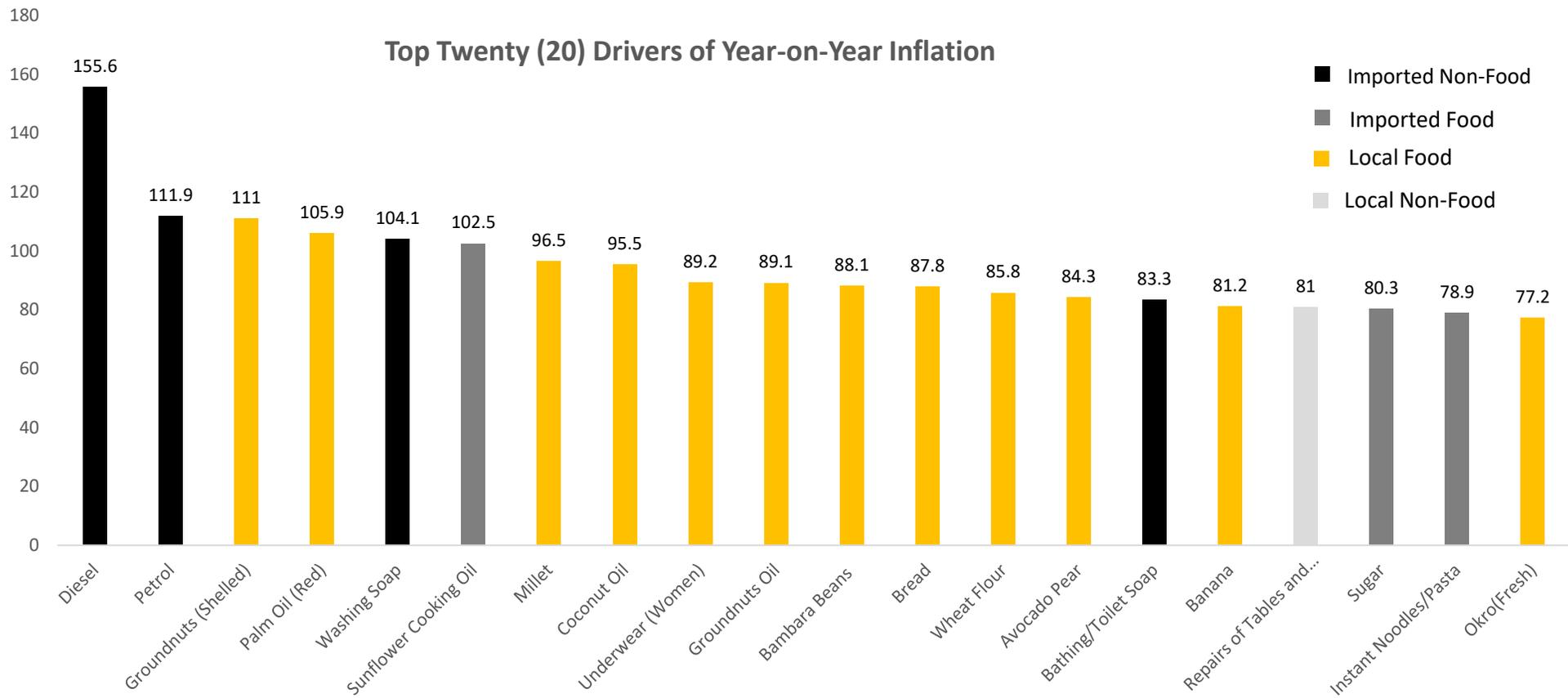
*Protracted weakening of the Cedi pushes inflation for imported items to a new all-time high from 40.7% in September to 43.7% in October 2022*

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### Monetary Policy Rate and Treasury Bill Rates Remain below Inflation Rate





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*Impact of Cedi depreciation causes the cost of diesel and petrol to rise to fresh highs, accounting for high transportation costs and cost-push inflation*

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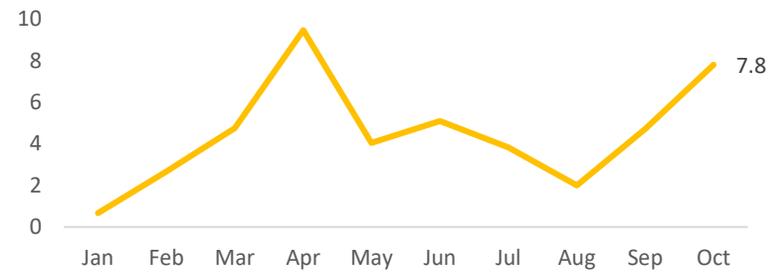


**Month-on-month food inflation**

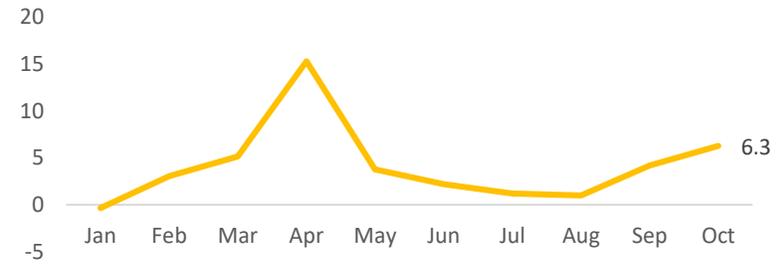
- ▶ *Milk, other dairy products, and eggs recorded the highest month-on-month food inflation (7.8%)*
- ▶ *This was closely followed by fruits and vegetable juice (6.3%)*
- ▶ *Tea, Mate & other plant products for Infusion emerged third, despite having a declined rate of 6%*



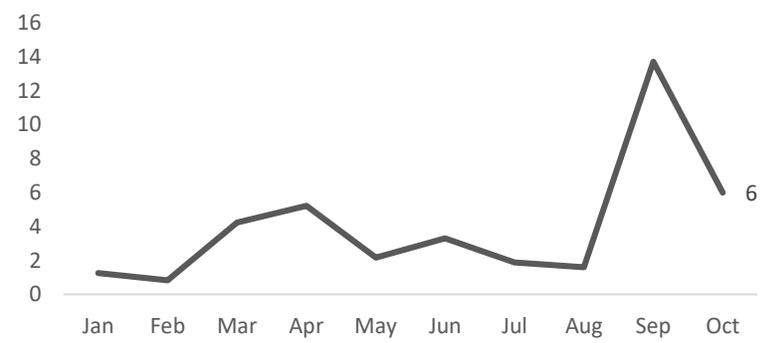
**Milk, Other Dairy Products and Eggs**



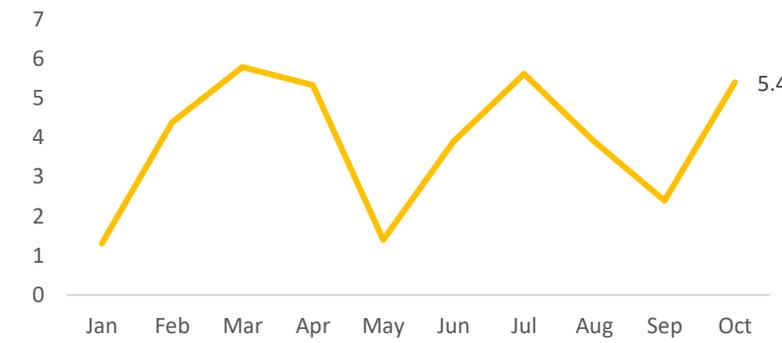
**Fruits and Vegetable Juice**



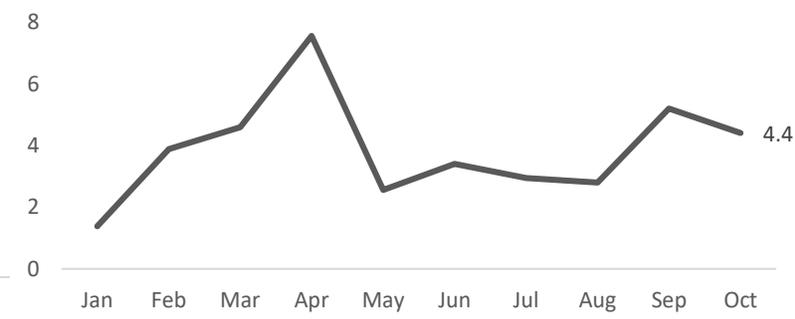
**Tea, Mate and Other Plant Products for Infusion**



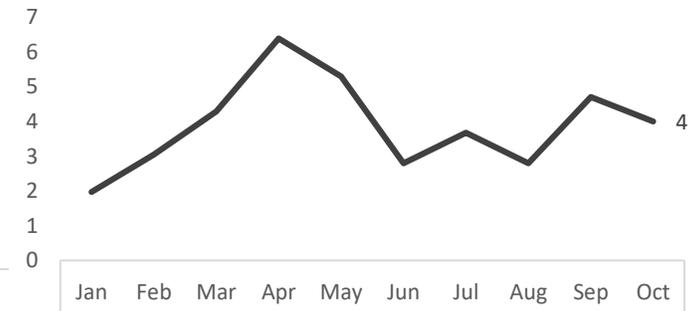
**Fish & Other Sea Foods**



**Sugar, confectionery and desserts**



**Cerals & Cereal Product**



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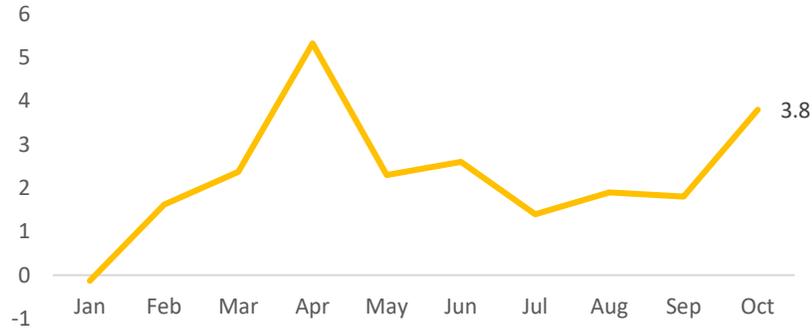
**Month-on-month non-food inflation**

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco, and Narcotics (3.8%) led to month-on-month non-food inflation

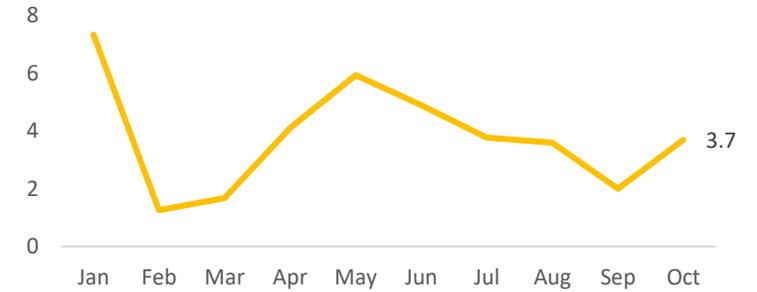
This was closely followed by Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Oil (3.7%)



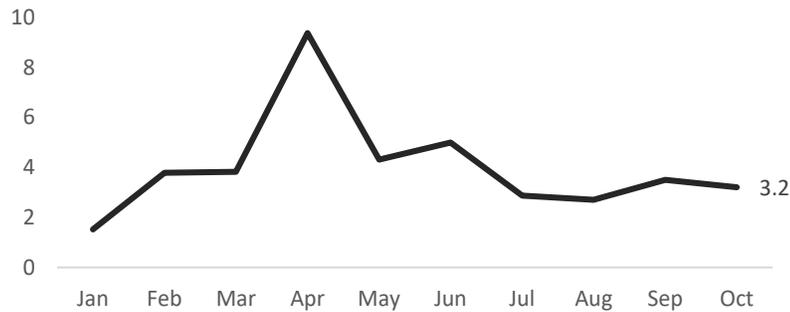
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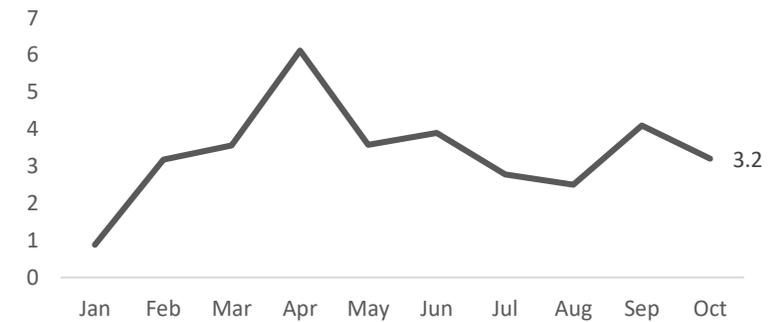
**Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Oil**



**Furnishings, Household Equipment**



**Personal Care, Social Protection**



**Health**



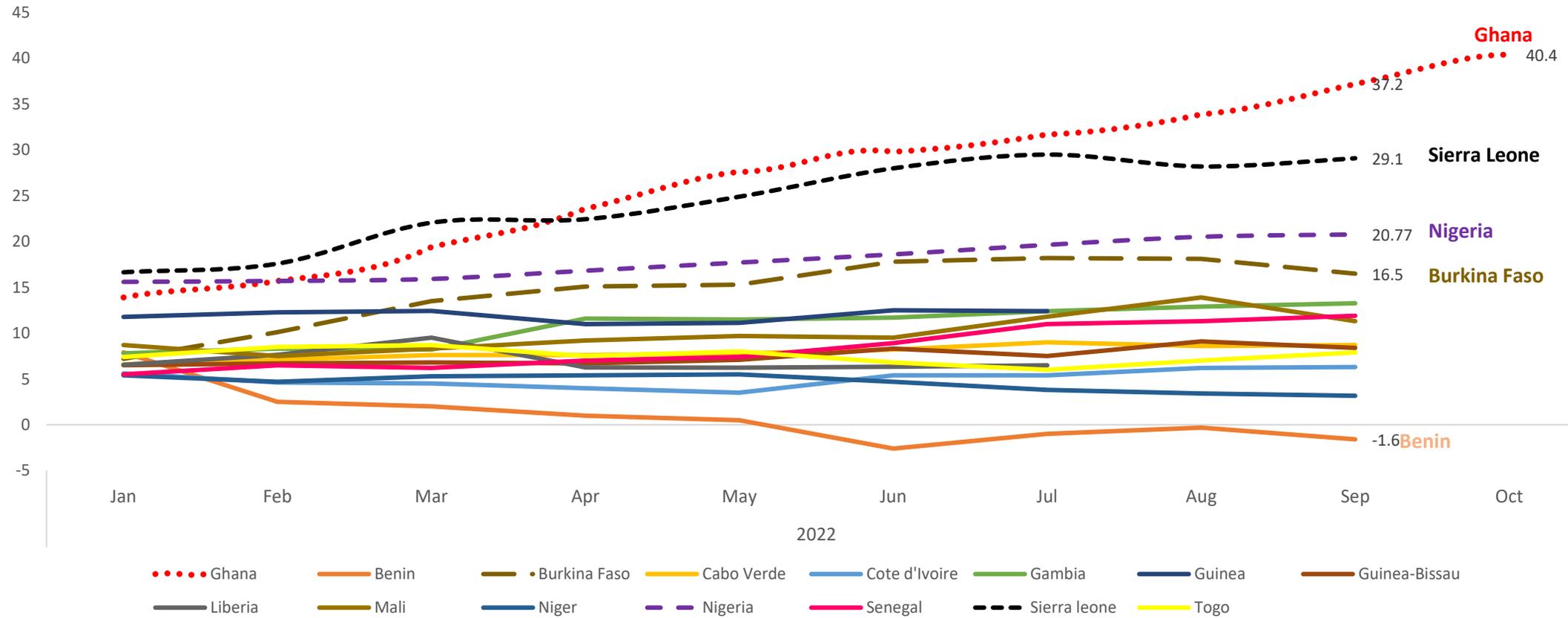
**Information and Communication**



Source: Ghana Statistical Service, UMB IHL Analytics and Research



### Ghana's Inflation Exceeds the Ecowas Sub-Regional Average



Source: Ghana Statistical Service, Statistical Institutions of the Respective Countries, UMB IHL Analytics and Research, Trading Economics, Reuters

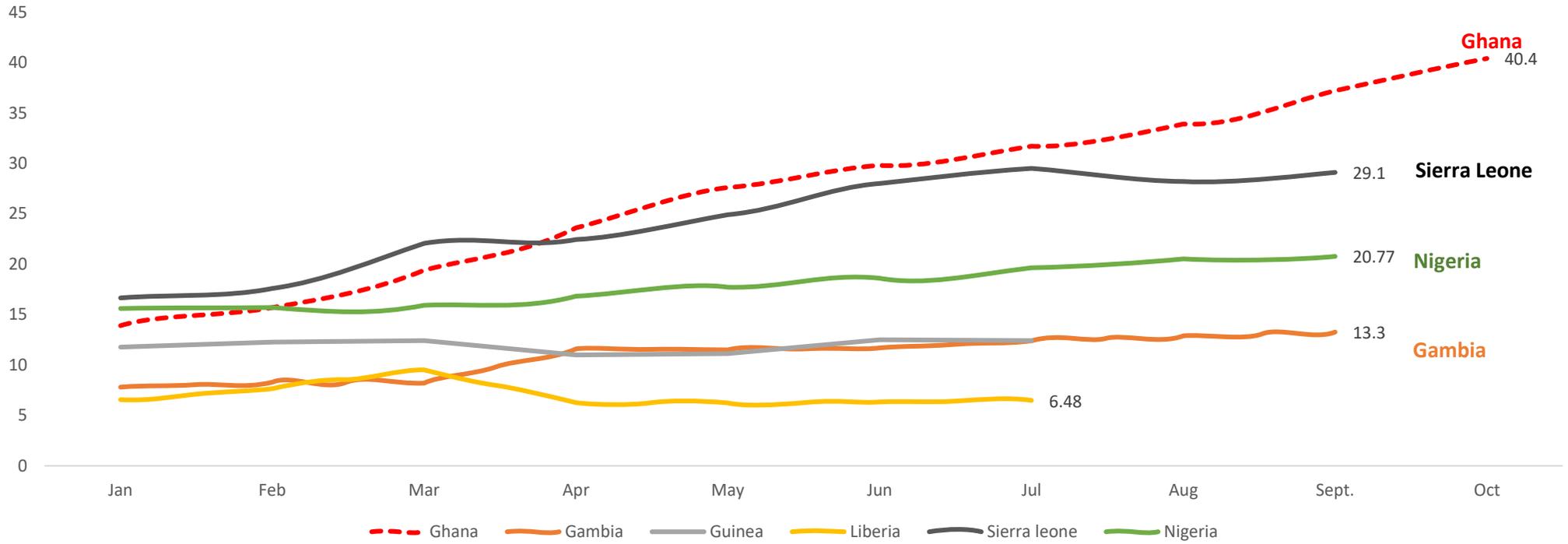
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*Prolonged depreciation of the Cedi continues to drive Ghana's inflation rate as the highest in West Africa*

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### Ghana's Inflation Vs Countries with Floating Exchange Rate Regime



Source: Ghana Statistical Service, UMB IHL Analytics and Research, Reuters, Trading Economics

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West African economies with floating and flexible exchange rate regimes continue to post elevated inflation rates, with Ghana maintaining the highest rate

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