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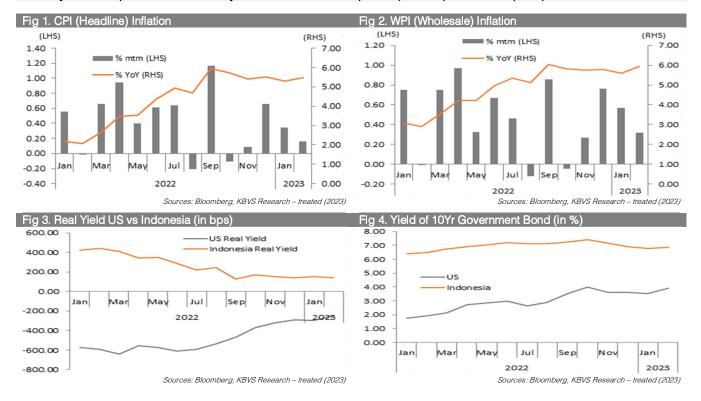
Rising ST Inflation: Supply Shock and Limited Room for A Dovish BI

In line with our estimation, Feb '23 headline (consumer price index - CPI) inflation rose to 5.47% yoy (Cons': 5.44% yoy, KBVS: 5.68% yoy), up from 5.28% yoy in Jan '23. This was attributed to heavy rainfall and flooding in three major agricultural provinces – West Java, Central Java and East Java – causing a supply shock and a subsequent rise in the prices of several food items. For example, red chilli saw an increase of 12.17% (mom), cayenne pepper 10.08% (mom), garlic 7.24% (mom) and rice 2.02% (mom) – see Table 2, page 2. Additionally, crop failure was not only reported in Java, but also in other regions such as Kabupaten Kotabaru – the highest regional inflation at 7.88% (yoy) – this was further exacerbated by crop failure in supporting regions, such as Kabupaten Tabalong. Moreover, the increase in non-subsidy fuel prices on 1 and 6 Feb '23 seemed to also influence the increase in household fuel prices by 0.22% (mom), while the decrease in global energy prices, which had an impact on the decrease in avtur prices, decreased air transport tariffs in the same period.

The increase in CPI inflation was also driven by an increase in the wholesale price index (WPI) from 5.59% (yoy) in Jan '23 to 5.93% (yoy) in Feb '23. Price increases were derived from commodities such as garlic, rice, kretek cigarettes with filters, and bottled drinking water. On the other hand, the decline in global commodity prices reflected by the Bloomberg Commodity Index, which fell 4.19% (mom) - coupled with a depreciation of the Rupiah-USD exchange rate of 1.90% (mom) in Feb '23 drove a decrease in international trade prices, both exports -0.29% (mom) and imports -1.13% (mom).

The increase in Feb '23 inflation has caused Indonesia's real yield (SUN10Yr - inflation spread) shrinked to 141.0 bps, from 151.2 bps in the previous month. Moreover, with higher expected terminal Fed Rates, reaching 5.50% on 28 Feb '23, compared to 5.25% on 2 Feb '23, there has been an outflow of IDR6.07 tn from SBN, compared to the inflow of IDR49.7 tn during Jan '23. Therefore, we still see the possibility of short-term outflows from SBN, due to the volatility caused by more hawkish expectation in Fed Rates and BI7DRRR.

We expect Mar '23 inflation to still be affected by the weather's impact on the supply of food commodities and Ramadhan (scheduled to start in 3rd week of Mar). However, we anticipate that inflation can be supported by the stability of the Rupiah and the stability of international trade prices (both exports and imports).



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Indicators	Index		Inflation		
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Consumer Price Index (CPI)	114.16	113.98	0.16%	5.47%	
Food, Beverages, and Tobacco	119.76	119.19	0.48%	6.33%	
Clothing and Footwear	108.81	108.59	0.20%	1.28%	
Housing, Water, Electricity, and Household Fuels	107.99	107.92	0.06%	3.69%	
Equipment, Tools, and Routine Household					
Maintenance	114.39	114.17	0.19%	4.48%	
Health	113.46	113.20	0.23%	3.28%	
Transport	118.96	119.22	-0.22%	13.66%	
Communication and Financial Services	99.63	99.65	-0.02%	-0.24%	
Recreation, Sport and Culture	108.61	108.53	0.07%	2.95%	
Education Services	112.61	112.58	0.03%	2.83%	
Food and Beverages Services/Restaurants	116.02	115.82	0.17%	4.64%	
Personal Care and Other Services	121.88	121.58	0.25%	6.27%	
Core inflation	111.73	111.58	0.13%	3.41%	
Administered Price	118.91	118.74	0.14%	12.44%	
Volatile Food	118.60	118.27	0.28%	6.01%	
Wholesale Price Index (WPI)	114.89	114.53	0.31%	5.93%	
Agriculture	106.99	107.24	-0.23%	3.90%	
Mining and Quarrying	124.59	124.65	-0.05%	12.17%	
Manufacturing	116.72	116.21	0.44%	6.32%	
Farmer Exchange Rate	110.00	109.84	0.15%	1.53%	
Farmers Price Received Index	127.21	126.98	0.18%	7.60%	
Farmers Price Paid Index	115.65	115.61	0.03%	5.35%	

Sources: BPS, KBVS Research - treated (2023)

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No.	Commodity	31/1/2023	7/2/2023	(Rp per Kg) 14/2/2023	21/2/2023	28/2/2023	Change (%, mtm)
	Rice	12,400	12,500	12,600	12,650	12,650	2.02%
1	Lower Quality Rice I	11,200	11,250	11,350	11,400	11,400	1.79%
2	Lower Quality Rice II	11,050	11,100	11,200	11,250	11,150	0.90%
3	Medium Quality Rice I	12,550	12,650	12,750	12,850	12,850	2.39%
4	Medium Quality Rice II	12,400	12,500	12,600	12,700	12,650	2.02%
5	Super Quality Rice I	13,650	13,800	13,950	14,050	14,050	2.93%
6	Super Quality Rice II	13,200	13,200	13,350	13,400	13,400	1.52%
II	Chicken meat	32,150	32,550	32,850	32,500	32,250	0.31%
1	Fresh Race Chicken Meat	32,150	32,550	32,850	32,500	32,250	0.31%
III	Beef	129,400	129,550	129,400	129,500	129,100	-0.23%
1	Quality 1 Beef	133,600	133,550	133,550	133,500	133,100	-0.37%
2	Quality 2 Beef	124,800	125,250	124,900	125,200	124,800	0.00%
IV	Chicken eggs	28,450	28,150	28,050	27,750	27,350	-3.87%
1	Fresh Chicken Eggs	28,450	28,150	28,050	27,750	27,350	-3.87%
٧	Red onion	40,650	41,500	39,800	37,550	36,400	-10.46%
1	Medium Shallot	40,650	41,500	39,800	37,550	36,400	-10.46%
VI	Garlic	28,300	28,700	28,700	29,500	30,350	7.24%
1	Medium Size Garlic	28,300	28,700	28,700	29,500	30,350	7.24%
VII	Red chili pepper	37,800	39,850	39,850	43,950	42,400	12.17%
1	Large Red Chili	35,300	37,200	37,400	41,900	40,600	15.01%
2	Curly Red Chili	39,950	42,150	41,950	45,650	43,900	9.89%
VIII	Cayenne pepper	46,650	48,550	49,850	52,400	51,350	10.08%
1	Green Cayenne Pepper	42,000	42,600	43,550	44,750	43,450	3.45%
2	Red Cayenne Pepper	51,750	55,050	56,650	60,700	60,000	15.94%
IX	Cooking oil	17,900	17,900	18,000	18,000	17,900	0.00%
1	Bulk Cooking Oil	14,900	14,900	14,900	14,750	14,600	-2.01%
2	Branded Packaging Cooking Oil 1	20,150	20,000	20,150	20,200	20,100	-0.25%
3	Branded Packaging Cooking Oil 2	18,400	18,500	18,650	18,800	18,700	1.63%
X	Sugar	14,250	14,250	14,250	14,250	14,300	0.35%
1	Premium Quality Sugar	14,450	14,450	14,450	14,400	14,450	0.00%
2	Local Sugar	14,050	14,050	14,050	14,100	14,100	0.36%

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