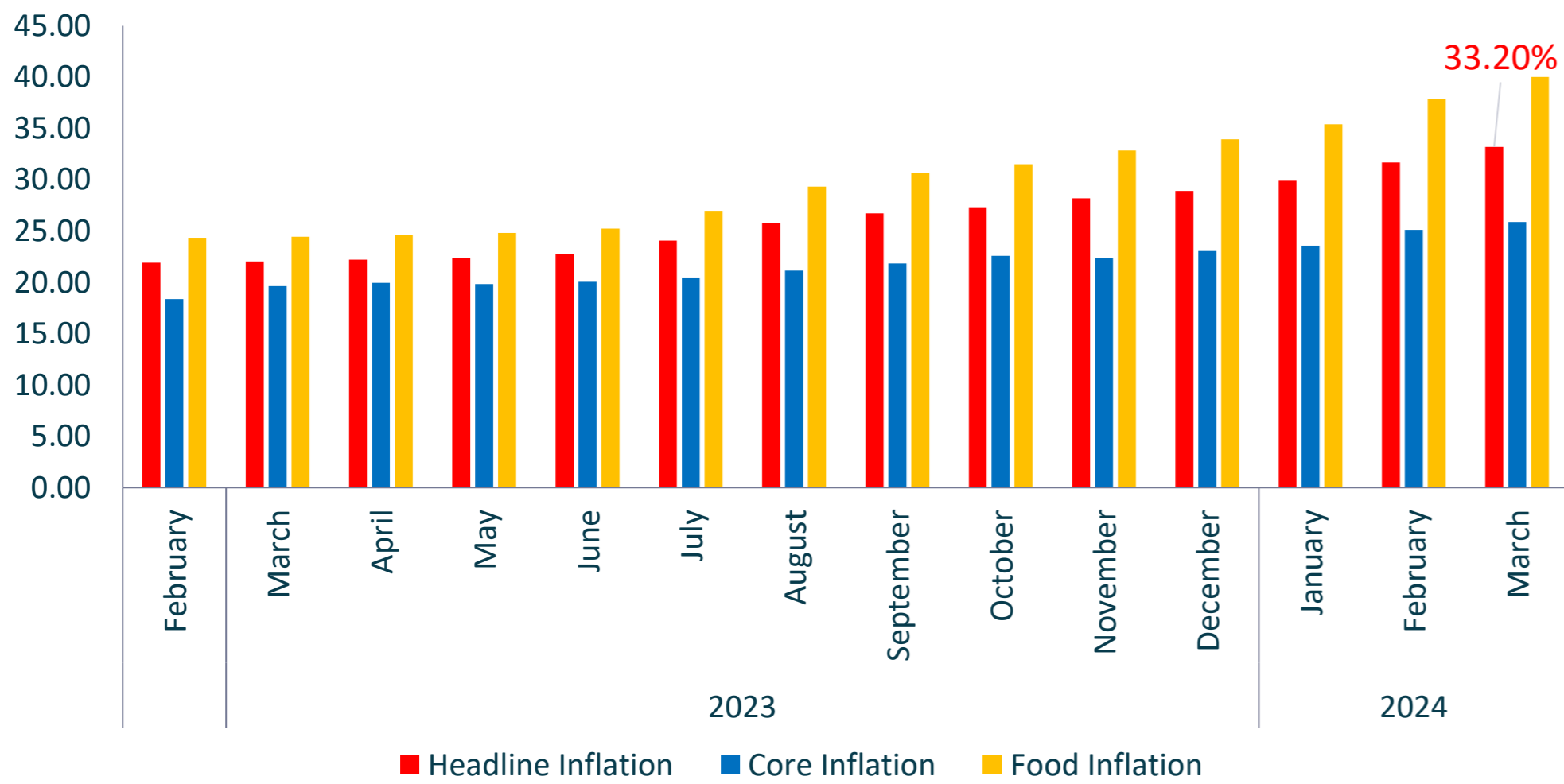


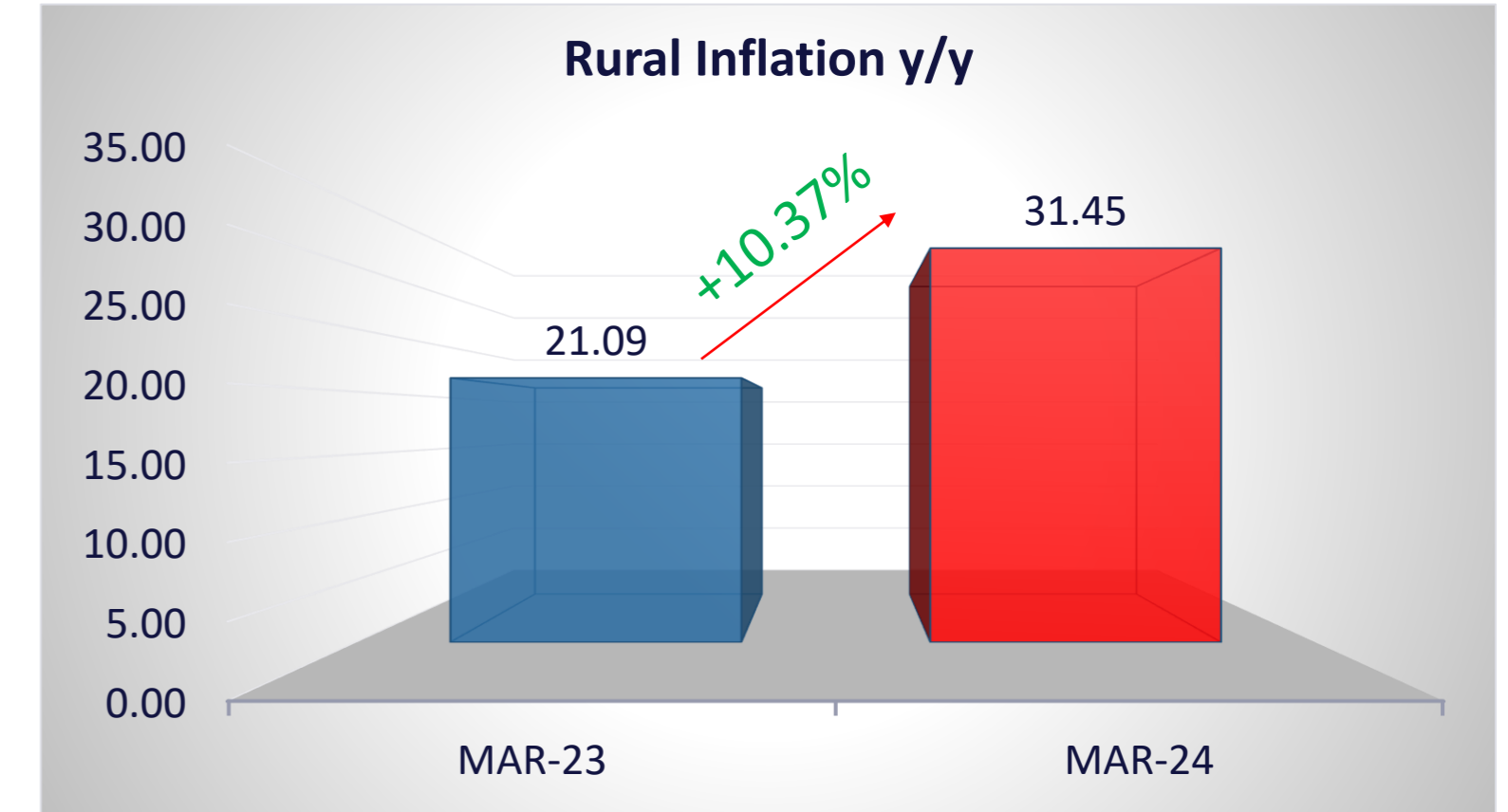
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Headline, Core and Food Inflation Movement (y/y)

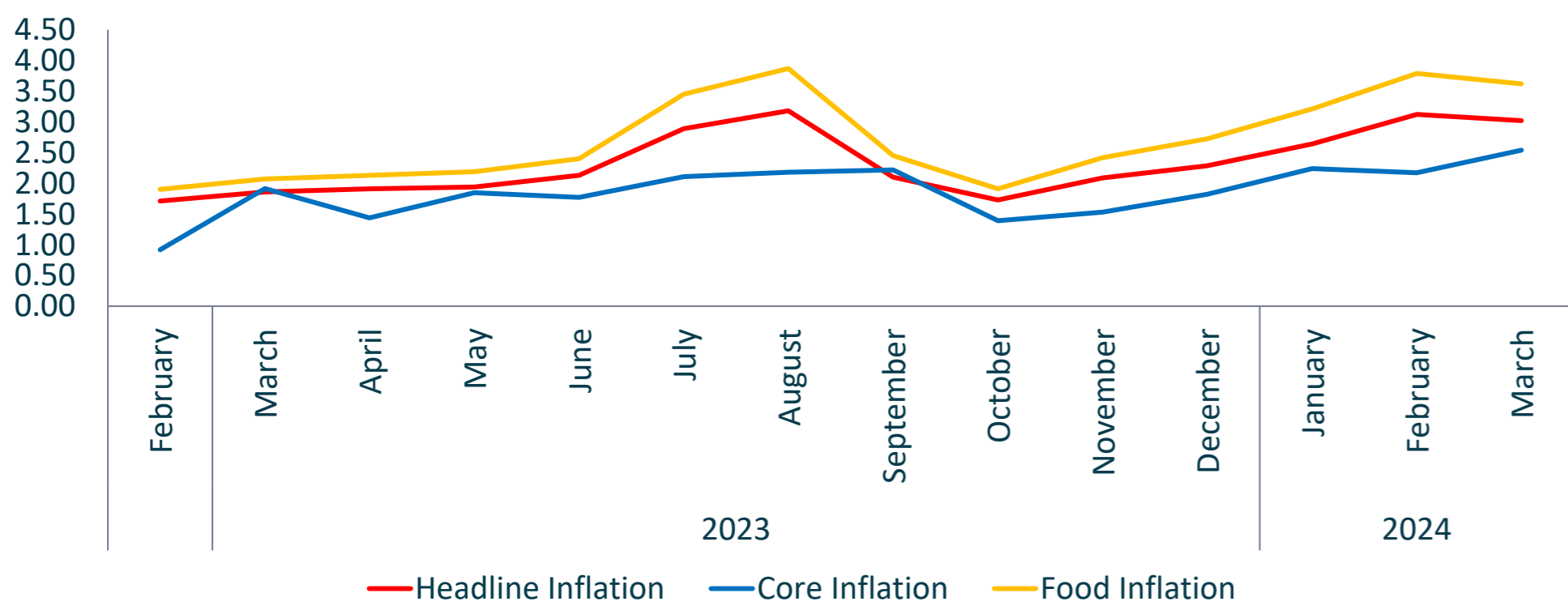


Headline Inflation Hits 33.20% in March

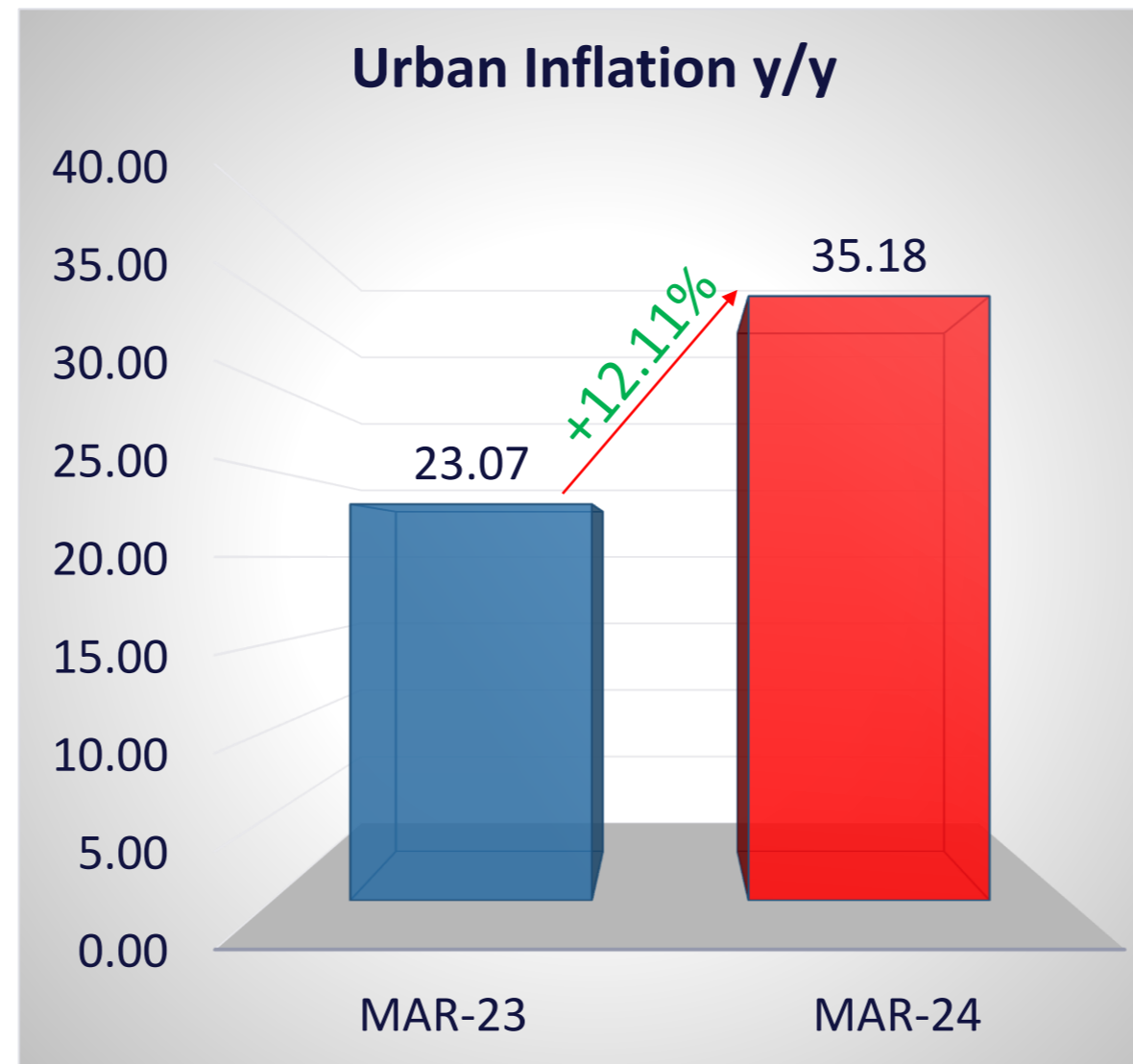
- Headline inflation rate in March 2024 stood at 33.20% year-on-year, from 31.7% in February 2024, representing an increase of +1.50%, while it surged by 11.16% when compared to the 22.04% recorded in March 2023.
- The growth in the Headline rate was influenced by increase in the y/y Food Price and Core inflation rate (a sub-component of the Headline index).



Headline, Core, and Food Inflation Trend (m/m)



- The Food inflation soared by 40.01% y/y, which was +15.56% higher when compared to 24.45% recorded in March 2023. The Core Inflation rate also increased to 25.90% y/y in March 2024, which was up by +6.27% in comparison to 19.63% recorded in March 2023.



- Nevertheless, on a month-on-month basis, the headline inflation declined to 3.02%, which was -0.10% lower than the 2.64% recorded in February 2024. The food inflation also declined in an increasing rate month-on-month to 3.62%, as prices of commodity remains high in the local market, while the Core Inflation rose to 2.54% m/m, despite CBN interventions in the FX market.

Our Review

- The Apex bank has raised the interest rate twice this year (by 600 basis points) in other to check the high flying inflation rate. However, Nigeria inflation rate continued to rise, and will likely increase further next month due to recent electricity tariff hike coupled with other existing factors. Conclusively, we expect a further rise of about 34.50% in headline inflation for April.