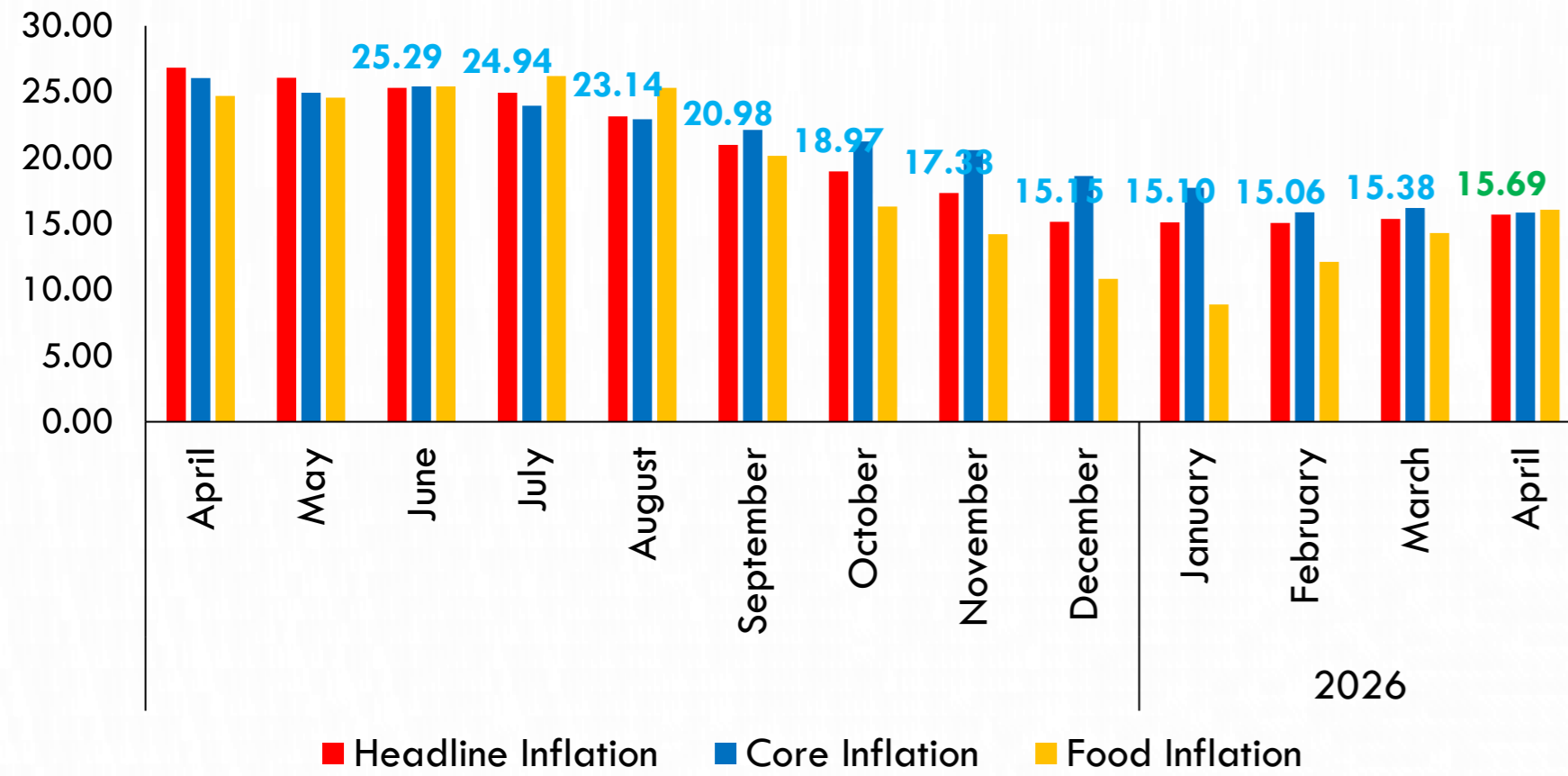


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Rebased Headline, Core and Food Inflation Movement (y/y)



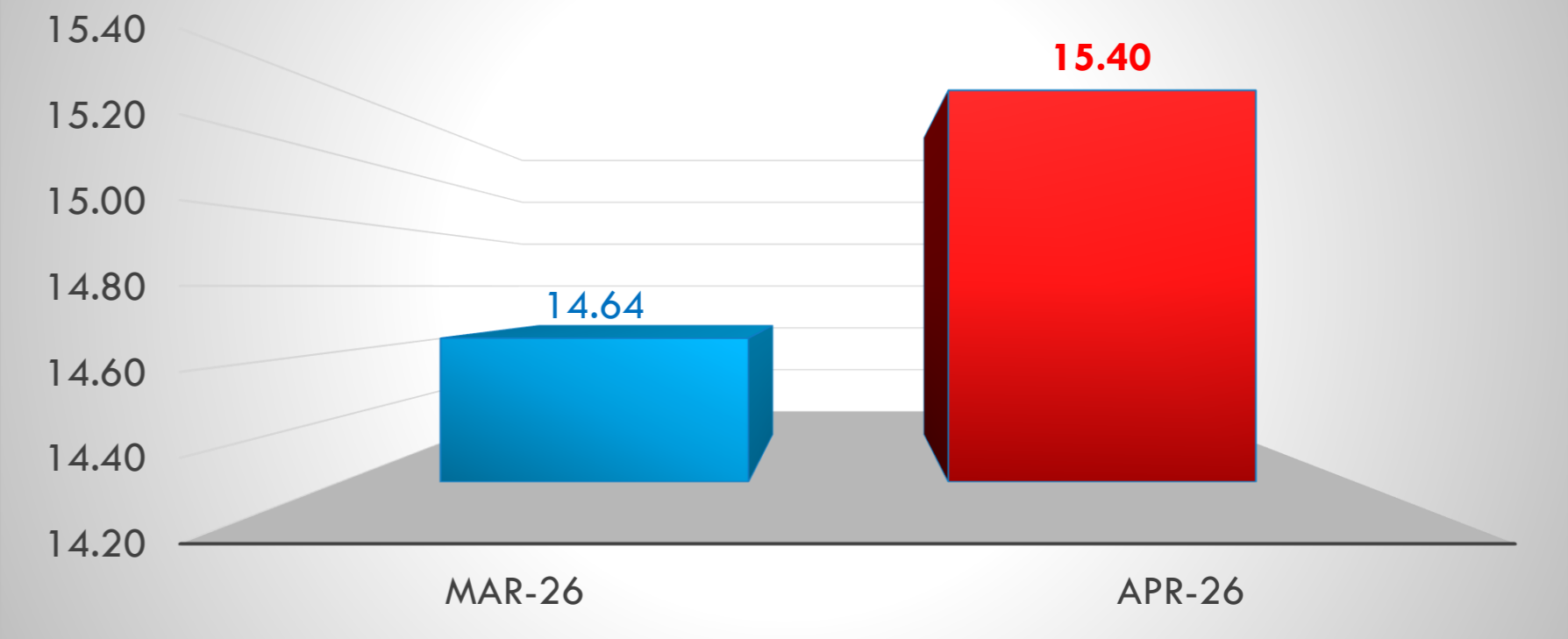
In April, headline inflation increased by 0.31% to **15.69%** year-on-year, from 15.38% in March. However, the rate was significantly lower than the 26.82% recorded in April 2025, indicating an 11.13% decline.

On a month-on-month (m/m) basis, headline inflation eased to 2.13% in April 2026, compared to 4.18% recorded in March 2026, reflecting a decrease of 2.05%.

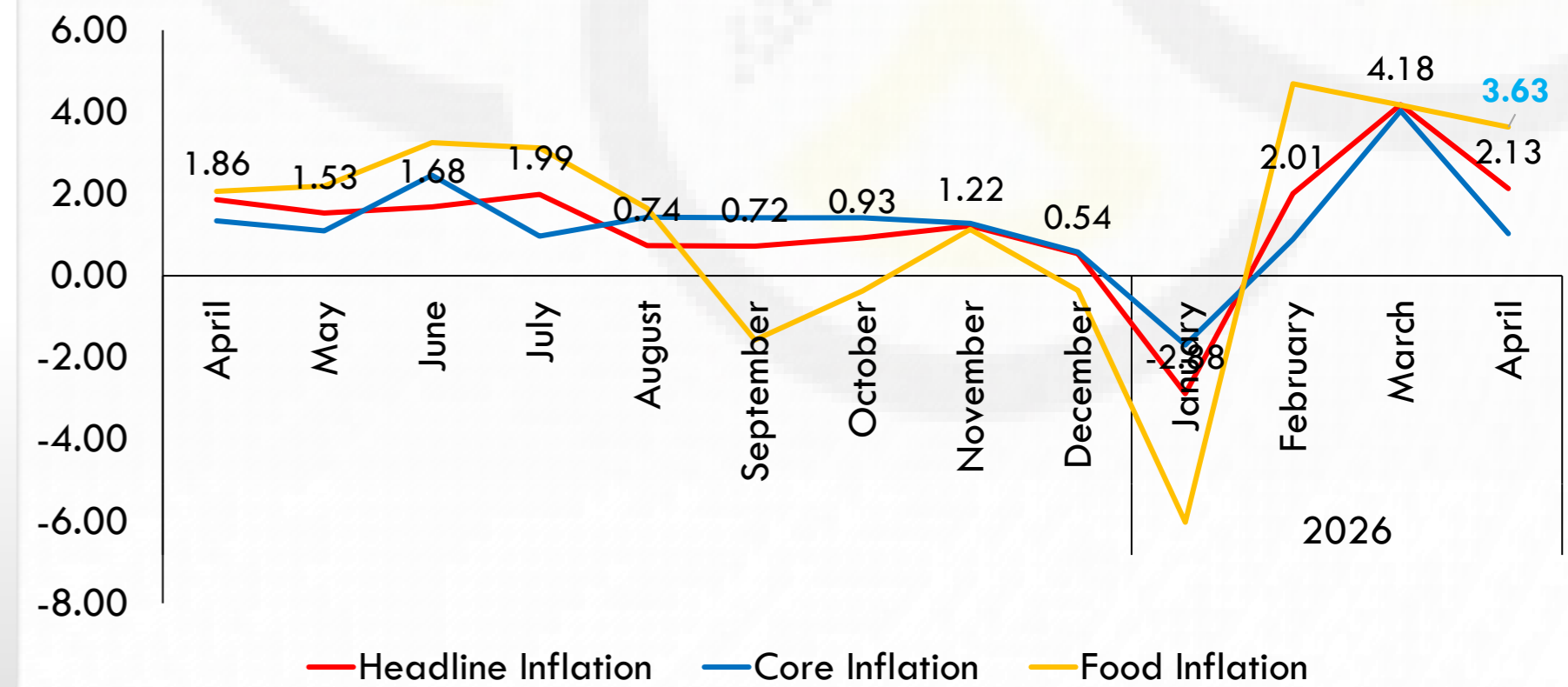
Furthermore, **food inflation** moderated to 3.63% in April m/m, declining by 0.54% from 4.17% recorded in March 2026. Similarly, the **Core Inflation** rate eased sharply to 1.03% m/m in April 2026, representing a 3.00% decline from the previous month.

The **Urban inflation** rate, on the other hand, edged higher by 0.76%, as it stood at 15.40% y/y in April 2026, as against 14.64% reported in March 2026. In contrast, **rural inflation** fell to 16.36% in April 2026, representing a 0.86% decrease from 17.22% in the previous month.

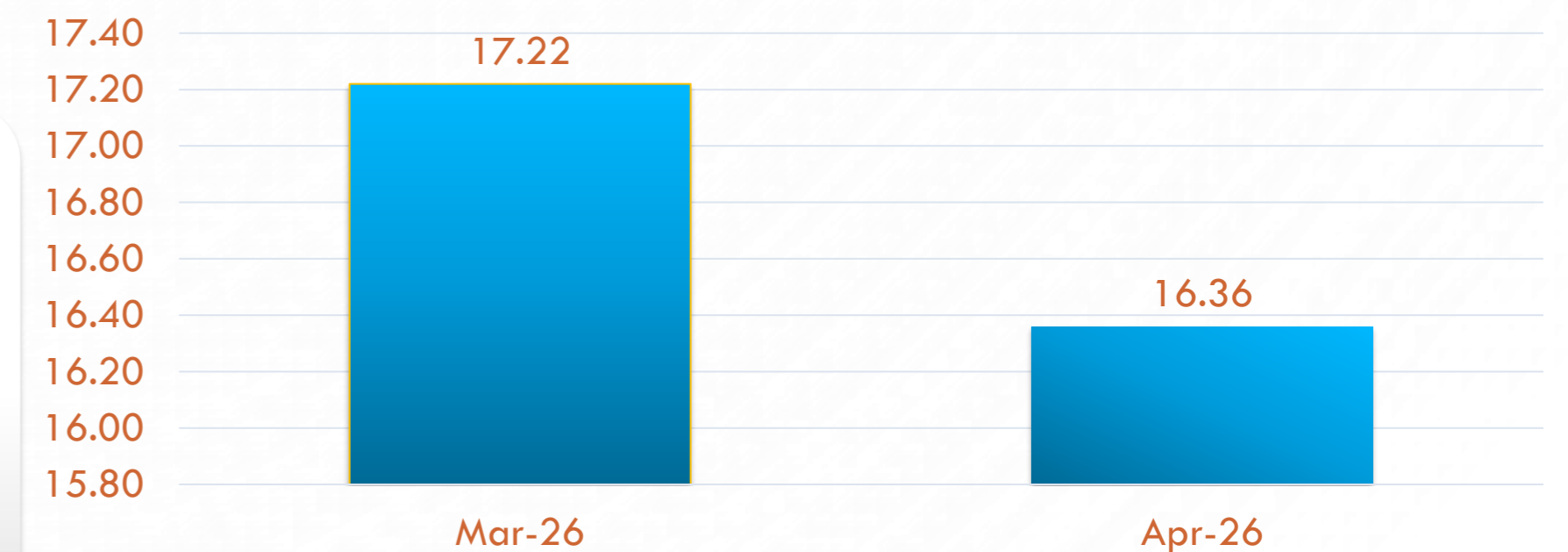
Urban Inflation y/y



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



Rural Inflation y/y



Our Review:

Headline inflation rose to 15.69% in April from 15.38% in March, indicating sustained annual price pressures despite the moderation across month-on-month inflation indicators. Although the inflation rate remained significantly below the 26.82% recorded in April 2025, largely due to base effects, the increase reflects continued effect of existing structural and cost pressures such as high energy costs, import dependence, etc.

However, on a month-on-month basis, food inflation moderated further, indicating persistent easing in supply-side pressures including improving food supply conditions, improved mechanization, etc. Core inflation equally declined due to exchange rate stability, and softer pressures on energy price in April amid global disruptions.

Finally, urban inflation increased while rural inflation declined, indicating different price trends across regions. In May, we anticipate mixed inflation indicators, and overall headline inflation hitting 15.90%, driven by continued global tension.