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CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR JANUARY 2013

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for January 2013. These numbers have been generated using data collected during the second and third weeks of the month under review. The prices were obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones located in 13 urban centers.

As shown in Table 1 and Table 2, the CPI increased by 1.02 per cent from 134.25 in December 2012 to 135.62 in January 2013. The overall inflation rate stood at 3.67 per cent in January 2013.

Table 1: One Month and Twelve Months' Changes in the Price Indices

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (January 2013/ December 2012)	% Change on same month of Previous Year (January 2013/ January 2012)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.24	2.40
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.41	4.56
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.46	5.89
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	1.06	4.48
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.31	4.67
Health	3.13	1.22	4.33
Transport	8.66	0.61	2.81
Communication	3.82	0.00	0.13
Recreation & Culture	2.25	1.49	4.51
Education	3.14	4.30	6.67
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.52	7.93
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.35	4.88
Total	**100.00**	**1.02**	**3.67**

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Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates — February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Jan - 2012	130.82	18.31
Feb-2012	130.76	16.69
Mar-2012	132.51	15.61
Apr-2012	133.74	13.06
May-2012	134.09	12.22
Jun-2012	133.06	10.05
Jul-2012	131.92	7.74
Aug-2012	131.51	6.09
Sep-2012	131.89	5.32
Oct-2012	132.46	4.14
Nov-2012	133.33	3.25
Dec-2012	134.25	3.20
Jan - 2013	135.62	3.67

Table3: National Average Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	January 2012 Av. Price	December 2012 Av. Price	January 2013 Av. Price	% change on last Month	% change on same Month last year
Sugar	1 Kg	145.34	122.07	122.16	0.1	-15.9
Sifted Maize Flour	2 Kg	111.74	112.36	112.14	-0.2	0.4
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	144.24	138.34	139.60	0.9	-3.2
Packed milk	500 Ml	33.56	35.89	38.31	6.7	14.2
Offals (Matumbo)	1 Kg	180.84	193.52	194.28	0.4	7.4
Electricity	50 Kwhr	736.00	577.00	568.00	-1.6	-22.8
Electricity	200 Kwhr	3,730.00	3,094.00	3,058.00	-1.2	-18.0
Gas (LPG)	13 Kg	3,149.63	2,604.55	2,630.73	1.0	-16.5
Kerosene	1 litre	87.93	86.01	83.49	-2.9	-5.1
Petrol	1 litre	113.41	113.64	112.86	-0.7	-0.5
Diesel	1 litre	108.18	106.83	106.20	-0.6	-1.8

Between December 2012 and January 2013, Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' index increased by 1.24 per cent. As can be seen from Table 3 above, the outcome in the food index as a consequence of rises and falls in the average prices of various food items.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels' index went up by 1.06 per cent between December 2012 and January 2013. This increase was mainly caused by higher costs of house rents, cooking gas and other cooking fuels which outweighed observed lower costs of Electricity and Kerosene. However, although forex Charges per KWhr of electricity increased slightly, fuel cost adjustment charges on the other hand, recorded decreases over the review period. As a result, the cost of consuming 50 KWhr of electricity for instance, decreased further from KSh 577.00 in December 2012 to KSh 568.00 in January 2013.

The Transport index went up by 0.61 per cent over the same period despite lower costs of petrol and diesel. This was mainly due to higher costs of taxi, bus and matatu fares.

Every year in January, seasonal price variations are always observed in such areas as education and house rents. In January 2013, these variations had an effect of pushing some of the indices upwards such as the education index which increased by 4.3 per cent on account of increases in tuition and boarding fees.