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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JANUARY 2016

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for January, 2016. 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 Nairobi and 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.39 per cent from 164.72 in December 2015 to 165.37 in January 2016. The overall inflation rate stood at 7.78 per cent in January 2016.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (January 2016/ December 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (January 2016/ January 2015)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.47	12.71
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.41	14.93
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.39	4.88
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.31	4.56
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.50	4.95
Health	3.13	1.73	5.55
Transport	8.66	-0.94	-0.24
Communication	3.82	0.09	1.38
Recreation & Culture	2.25	2.24	4.12
Education	3.14	3.34	4.12
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.46	5.70
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.24	4.91
Total	**100.00**	**0.39**	**7.78**

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Jan-2015	153.43	5.53
Feb-2015	154.14	5.61
Mar-2015	155.86	6.31
Apr-2015	158.70	7.08
May-2015	159.98	6.87
Jun-2015	160.46	7.03
Jul-2015	160.57	6.62
Aug-2015	160.90	5.84
Sep-2015	161.33	5.97
Oct-2015	162.13	6.72
Nov-2015	162.97	7.32
Dec-2015	164.72	8.01
Jan-2016	165.37	7.78

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price January 2015	Average Price December 2015	Average Price January 2016	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	46.32	76.40	74.37	(2.66)	60.57
Tomatoes	1 Kg	90.06	125.60	131.19	4.45	45.67
Onions	1 Kg	94.24	134.34	141.74	5.51	50.41
Cabbages	1 Kg	32.56	43.31	47.75	10.25	46.67
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	32.97	37.07	36.75	(0.87)	11.45
Cigarettes	1 Packet	96.89	121.18	121.18	(0.00)	25.07
Beer	500 Ml	136.15	155.66	155.66	0.00	14.33
House rent	One room	3,676.43	3,934.28	3,969.80	0.90	7.98
Charcoal	4 Kg	73.25	78.42	78.82	0.50	7.61
Electricity	50 KWh	502.4	542.42	534.3	(1.50)	6.35
Electricity	200 KWh	3432.92	3431.18	3398.7	(0.95)	(1.00)
Kerosene	1 litre	66.53	54.23	47.11	(13.13)	(29.19)
LPG Gas	13 Kg	2,954.36	2,369.46	2,343.86	(1.08)	(20.66)
Petrol	1 litre	93.75	90.94	89.52	(1.56)	(4.51)
Diesel	1 litre	84.30	79.47	77.66	(2.28)	(7.88)

Between December 2015 and January 2016, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.47 per cent. This aggregate increase resulted from notable increases in prices of some food items which outweighed the

decreases. Similarly, as a result of recent increases in the excise duty, the Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics index recorded an increase of 0.14 per cent in January 2016 compared to December 2015.

Over the same review period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.31 per cent. As indicated in Table 3 above, the marginal increase was mainly due to increases in house rents and charcoal. However, in the same division there were declines in the cost of electricity, cooking gas and kerosene.

The Transport Index decreased by 0.94 per cent in January 2016 compared to the previous month mainly due to reduced cost of petrol and diesel. On the contrary, the Education, Recreation and Culture Indices recorded increases over the same period on account of hike in book and tuition costs.