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CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR OCTOBER 2013

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for October 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 Tables 1 and 2, the CPI decreased by 0.05 per cent from 142.82 in September 2013 to 142.75 in October 2013. The overall inflation rate stood at 7.76 per cent in October 2013.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (October 2013/ September 2013)	% Change on same month of previous year (October 2013/ October 2012)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	-0.24	12.03
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.22	8.18
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.13	4.97
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	-0.16	4.39
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.35	5.04
Health	3.13	0.08	5.33
Transport	8.66	-0.05	5.46
Communication	3.82	0.08	-3.36
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.36	10.50
Education	3.14	0.00	4.85
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.25	7.67
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.26	5.25
Total	100.00	**-0.05**	**7.76**

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

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Oct-12	132.46	4.14
Nov-12	133.33	3.25
Dec-12	134.25	3.2
Jan-13	135.62	3.67
Feb-13	136.57	4.44
Mar-13	137.96	4.11
Apr-13	139.25	4.12
May-13	139.52	4.05
Jun-13	139.59	4.91
Jul-13	139.87	6.02
Aug-13	140.29	6.67
Sep-13	142.82	8.29
Oct-13	142.75	7.76

Between September and October 2013, Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' Index decreased by 0.24 per cent. As shown in Table 3, this was as result of a number of foodstuffs declining in prices in October 2013 compared to September 2013.

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price Oct. 2012	Average Price Sep. 2013	Average Price Oct 2013	% change on last month	% change on same month last year
Fresh Packeted Milk	500 Ml	41.96	57.43	54.44	-5.21	29.75
Tomatoes	1 Kg	58.52	63.6	62.38	-1.92	6.58
Spinach	1 Kg	34.33	48.13	44.69	-7.16	30.16
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	31.00	45.31	44.74	-1.28	44.29
Cabbages	1 Kg	41.42	51.13	50.49	-1.26	21.9
Avocado	1 Kg	59.16	74.96	78.26	4.4	32.29
Electricity	50 Kwh	657.50	603.70	594.70	-1.49	-9.55
Gas (LPG)	13 Kg	2,636.93	2,836.67	2,835.20	-0.05	7.52
Kerosene	1 litre	85.59	86.39	85.87	-0.61	0.32
Petrol	1 litre	115.64	114.27	113.07	-1.05	-2.23

On account of notable reductions in the prices of kerosene, electricity and cooking gas; the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' index, declined by 0.16 per cent over the review period. Further, though the forex adjustment charges increased from KSh1.39 to 1.46 per Kwh, fuel cost adjustment charges decreased from KSh 5.43 to 5.18 per Kwh of electricity consumed. This led to slightly lower cost of electricity compared to September 2013.

Similarly, the Transport Index decreased marginally by 0.05 per cent mainly due to reduced prices of petrol and diesel.