CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2011

The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases the Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates pertaining to the month of February 2011 (base period, February 2009). The numbers have been generated through data collected from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones located in 13 urban centers. This data is normally collected within the second and third weeks of the month of review.

As indicated in Table 1, the CPI increased by 1.34 percent from 110.57 in January 2011 to 112.05 in February 2011.The overall inflation rate, stood at 6.54 percent in February 2011.

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

Broad Commodity Group	New CPI Weight	% Change on Previous Month (February 2011 / January 2011)	% Change on Previous Year (February 2011/February 2010)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.74	9.82
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	1.01	3.00
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	.35	3.92
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.3	.8	5.26
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.08	4.35
Health	3.13	1.46	7.07
Transport	8.66	4.36	13.09
Communication	3.82	-1.29	-26.82
Recreation & Culture	2.25	1.37	6.16
Education	3.14	0.00	4.12
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	1.26	8.34
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.95	3.95
Total	100	1.34	6.54

The Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' index went up by 1.74 percent between the months of January 2011 and February 2011. This was attributed to cost increases recorded in respect of a number of food products such as maize flour,sukuma wiki,spinach,maize grain and cabbages. The prices of these

items went up by 8.8,12.4,14.8,6.7 and 4.8 percent, respectively.

Similarly, the Transport index rose by 4.36 percent, mainly due to increased costs of petrol. The prices of these items went up by 2.7,4.6 and 1.9 percent, respectively, between the two months.

The HOusing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other fuels' index went up by 0.8 per cent between the months of January and February 2011 mainly on account of increases in the prices of Electricity and Housing costs. The main contributor to higher cosrt of electricity was the amount charged to offset fuel cost adjustements which increased from KSh. 3.82 per Kwh in January to KSh.4.67 per Kwh in February 2011.

Within the review period, the only decline (1.29 per cent) registered was in the communications index. This drop is mainly attributed to the continued fall in the prices of telephone handsets.

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall rate of Inflation
Feb-10	105.18	5.18
Mar-10	104.97	3.97
Apr-10	105.56	3.66
May-10	105.79	3.88
Jun-10	105.61	3.49
Jul-10	105.98	3.57
Aug-10	106.25	3.22
Sep-10	106.74	3.21
Oct-10	106.97	3.18
Nov-10	107.86	3.84
Dec-10	109.38	4.51
Jan-11	110.57	5.42
Feb-11	112.05	6.54

Source: Kenya National Bureau of Statistics