CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR APRIL 2012

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for April 2012. 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 0.92 per cent from 132.51 in March 2012 to 133.74 in April 2012. The overall inflation rate stood at 13.06 per cent in April 2012.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on April 2012 /March 2012)	% Change on Previous Year (April 2012/ April 2011)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.21	16.24
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.48	12.39
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.25	10.97
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.89	11.56
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.28	10.86
Health	3.13	0.33	6.39
Transport	8.66	1.67	10.13
Communication	3.82	0.00	7.36
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.19	11.11
Education	3.14	0.80	6.90
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.58	17.79
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.86	11.19
Total	**100.00**	**0.92**	**13.06**

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

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Apr-2011	118.29	12.05
May-2011	119.48	12.95
Jun-2011	120.91	14.49
Jul-2011	122.44	15.53
Aug-2011	123.97	16.67
Sep-2011	125.23	17.32
Oct-2011	127.20	18.91
Nov-2011	129.13	19.72
Dec - 2011	130.09	18.93
Jan - 2012	130.82	18.31
Feb-2012	130.76	16.69
Mar-2012	132.51	15.61
Apr-2012	133.74	13.06

Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' index rose by 1.21 per cent between March 2012 and April 2012. The increase was mainly due to rises in prices of some food products such as milk, potatoes, maize flour and onions in April compared to March 2012. The price of a half litre packet of milk for instance, continued to increase from an average of KSh 38 in March to KSh 40 in April 2012. However, over the same period there were significant falls in the prices of tomatoes, sugar, cooking fat, bananas and spinach among other food items.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels' index went up by 0.89 per cent between March and April 2012. Whereas the prices of electricity and kerosene went up by 1.5 and 2.7 per cent respectively, cooking gas prices on average declined by 2.0 per cent. The average cost of consuming 50 units of electricity increased from KSh 667 in March 2012 to KSh 677 in April 2012.

The Transport index rose by 1.67 per cent between March 2012 and April 2012 due to higher costs of diesel, petrol and bus/matatu fares.

Despite increases observed in respect of most of the Indices between the two consecutive months of March and April 2012, the overall year on year inflation continued to decelerate due to the base effect in the inflation computation.