CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2010

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases the Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates pertaining to the month of November 2010 (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 from

As indicated in Table 1 below, the CPI increased by 0.84 percent from 106.97 in October 2010 to 107.86 in November 2010. The overall inflation rate, stood at 3.84 percent in November 2010.

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

Broad Commodity Group	New CPI Weight	% Change on Previous Month (November 2010 / October 2010)	% Change on Previous Year (November 2010/ November 2009)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.36	6.71
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.21	5.54
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.33	3.38
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.57	2.59
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine	6.16	0.16	3.64

Household Maintenance			
Health	3.13	0.51	3.77
Transport	8.66	0.75	5.54
Communication	3.82	0.09	-24.44
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.32	1.25
Education	3.14	0.01	1.81
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.86	4.91
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.43	2.04
Total	**100.00**	**0.83**	**3.84**

The Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' index went up by 1.36 percent between the months of October and November 2010. This was attributed to cost increases recorded in respect of a number of food products including Beef, Milk, Rice and Bread whose retail prices went up by 1.9, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.2 percent respectively. For instance a Kilogram of Beef with bones was retailing at an average price of KSh 254.00 in November 2010 compared to KSh 249.20 in October 2010.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels' index went up by 0.57 percent between the months of October and November 2010 mainly on account of higher costs of Kerosene, Cooking Gas and other items in this category. The Prices of these two items went up by an average of 2.5 and 1.7 percent, respectively, between the two months.

The Transport Index rose by 0.75 percent mainly due to higher costs of Petrol, Diesel and Matatu fares. The retail prices of these three products went up by 1.9, 2.9 and 0.6 percent respectively. A major cause of the rise in the Transport index was the increase in the price of petrol from an average of KSh. 94.13 per litre in October to KSh. 95.90 per litre in November 2010. Over the last one year, petrol prices have increased by about 16.1 percent from an average of KSh. 82.60 per litre in November 2009.

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

Month	Overall CPI	Overall rate of Inflation
Nov-2009	103.87	
Dec-2009	104.66	
Jan-2010	104.89	
Feb-2010	105.18	5.18
Mar-2010	104.97	3.97
Apr-2010	105.56	3.66
May-2010	105.79	3.88
Jun-2010	105.61	3.49
Jul-2010	105.98	3.57
Aug-2010	106.25	3.22
Sep-2010	106.74	3.21
Oct-2010	106.97	3.18
Nov-2010	107.86	3.84