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CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR JANUARY 2014

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for January 2014. 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 increased by 1.08 per cent from 143.85 in December 2013 to 145.40 in January 2014. The overall inflation rate stood at 7.21 per cent in January 2014.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (January2014/ December 2013)	% Change on same month of previous year (January 2014/ January 2013)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.00	10.14
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.49	7.71
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.60	5.01
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.87	4.82
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.37	5.18
Health	3.13	1.38	5.62
Transport	8.66	1.95	6.77
Communication	3.82	0.04	-3.32
Recreation & Culture	2.25	2.93	12.12
Education	3.14	3.70	4.27
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	1.18	7.34
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.51	4.76
Total	100.00	**1.08**	**7.21**

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Jan-13	135.62	3.67
Feb-13	136.59	4.44
Mar-13	137.96	4.11
Apr-13	139.28	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
Nov-13	143.14	7.36
Dec-13	143.85	7.15
Jan-14	145.40	7.21

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price January 2013	Average Price December 2013	Average Price January 2014	% change on last month	% change on same month last year
Tomatoes	1 Kg	72.78	67.05	81.28	21.23	11.68
Onions	1 Kg	101.38	107.92	114.53	6.12	12.97
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	55.47	51.21	52.05	1.63	-6.17
Mangoes	1 Kg	73.11	63.57	60.69	-4.53	-17.00
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	34.08	43.83	45.01	2.71	32.06
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	331.49	354.40	355.98	0.44	7.39
Electricity	50 Kwh	568.00	517.2	526.70	1.84	-7.27
Gas (LPG)	13 Kg	2,630.73	2,876.00	2,995.22	4.15	13.86
Kerosene	1 litre	83.49	83.93	85.81	2.24	2.78
Petrol	1 litre	112.86	110.82	111.98	1.05	-0.77
Diesel	1 litre	106.20	105.39	106.26	0.82	0.05

During the month of January 2014, Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' Index increased by 1.00 per cent. As shown in Table 3 above, increases in some food prices outweighed falls, resulting in an aggregate rise in the index.

Between December 2013 and January 2014, the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' index, increased by 0.87 per cent. This is mainly attributed to increases in cost of house rents as well as rises in the prices of common cooking fuels. During the month, a slight increase in forex adjustment charges was recorded and this caused an upsurge in the cost of electricity compared to last month.

Transport index increased by 1.95 per cent over the review period, mainly due to higher prices of petrol, diesel, parking charges as well as public transport fares.

Notable also, the Recreation & Culture Index rose during the same period. This is mainly attributed to the rise in the cost of text books (classified under this category). Further, observed rises in tuition fees pushed the education index upwards in the review period.