KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR APRIL 2013

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for April 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 Table 1 and Table 2, the CPI increased by 0.95 per cent from 137.96 in March 2013 to 139.28 in April 2013. The overall inflation rate stood at 4.14 per cent in April 2013.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (April 2013/ March 2013)	% Change on same month of Previous Year (Apr 2013/ Apr 2012)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.85	3.57
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.69	4.83
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.28	5.51
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.31	4.21
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.19	4.52
Health	3.13	0.35	3.46
Transport	8.66	0.20	4.60
Communication	3.82	0.03	-0.15
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.18	3.85
Education	3.14	0.00	5.19
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.41	7.07
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.43	4.06
Total	**100.00**	**0.95**	**4.14**

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

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Apr-12	133.74	13.06
May-12	134.09	12.22
Jun-12	133.06	10.05
Jul-12	131.92	7.74
Aug-12	131.51	6.09
Sep-12	131.89	5.32
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	139.28	4.14

Table3: National Average Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price April 2012	Average Price March 2013	Average Price April 2013	% change on last Month	% change on same Month last year
Tomatoes	1 Kg	74.48	82.95	103.93	25.29	39.54
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	321.37	334.74	338.49	1.12	5.33
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	64.71	58.56	60.18	2.77	-7.00
Sugar	1 Kg	115.84	120.98	121.88	0.74	5.21
Milk - Fresh packeted	500 ml	40.46	38.97	38.8	-0.44	-4.10
Electricity	50 KWh	677	638	625.5	-1.96	-7.61
Electricity	200 KWh	3494	3338	3288	-1.50	-5.90
Kerosene	1 litre	85.95	89.39	84.69	-5.26	-1.47
Diesel	1 litre	108.67	108.21	107.29	-0.85	-1.27

Between March and April 2013, Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' Index increased by 1.85 per cent. Moreover, compared to the same month in 2012, the Index recorded increases of 3.57 per cent. As shown in Table 3, the food and non alcoholic drinks' Index rose mainly due to increase in food items such as tomatoes, beef, potatoes and sugar.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels' index went up by 0.31 per cent between March and April 2013 mainly due to observed modest increases in costs of house rents and cooking fuels like charcoal.

The Transport Index increased by 0.20 per cent over the review period mainly on account of high taxi charges; bus/matatu fares which were observed despite lower costs of diesel.