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CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for September 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 Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 1.80 per cent from 140.29 in August 2013 to 142.82 in September 2013. The overall inflation rate stood at 8.29 per cent in September 2013.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (September 2013/ August 2013)	% Change on same month of Previous Year (September 2013/ September 2012)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	2.87	12.55
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	2.29	8.09
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.59	5.13
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.87	5.13
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	1.19	4.83
Health	3.13	1.28	5.29
Transport	8.66	0.77	6.95
Communication	3.82	0.24	-3.38
Recreation & Culture	2.25	6.62	10.47
Education	3.14	0.06	4.85
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	1.20	8.16
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.80	5.30
Total	100.00	**1.80**	**8.29**

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

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
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	139.25	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

Table 3: National Average Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average price Sep 2012	Average Price August 2013	Average Price Sep 2013	% change on last Month	% change on same month last year
Fresh Packeted Milk	500 Ml	41.98	47.02	57.43	22.1	36.8
Fresh Unpackaged Milk	1000 Ml	48.30	52.68	56.43	7.1	16.8
Milk Sour - Mala	500 Ml	55.57	57.26	62.81	9.7	13.0
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	115.07	106.33	110.12	3.6	-4.3
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	50.08	47.12	49.49	5.0	-1.2
Cabbages	1 Kg	42.06	46.21	51.13	10.6	21.6
Bread	400 G	46.09	46.97	47.69	1.5	3.5
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	31.22	43.98	45.31	3.0	45.1
Eggs	Each	12.3	12.55	12.84	2.3	4.4
Gas Lpg	13 Kg	2,628.06	2,575.93	2,836.67	10.1	7.9
Electricity	50 Units	629	566.5	603.7	6.6	-4.0
Petrol	1 litre	110.81	112	114.27	2.0	3.1
Diesel	1 litre	103.9	105.29	106.47	1.1	2.5
Newspaper	1 Piece	50	50	60	20.0	20.0
Kerosene	1 litre	79.41	84.79	86.39	1.9	8.8

Between August and September 2013, Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' Index increased by 2.87 per cent. The implementation of the VAT Act and seasonal factors affecting supply of common food crops were the main causes of rise in the food index. As shown in Table 3 above, in aggregate, rises outweighed falls in the average prices of various food items.

The recreation and culture index went up by 6.62 per cent over the same period, mainly due to increases in the costs of newspapers, books and magazines among other items.

Similarly, on account of notable rises in the prices of cooking gas, kerosene and other cooking fuels, the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' index, rose by 0.87 per cent. Likewise, over the same review period, the Transport Index increased by 0.77 per cent mainly due to increases in the public transport fares that were attributed to higher prices of petrol and diesel.