CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR NOVEMBER 2012

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for November 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 0.65 per cent from 132.46 in October 2012 to 133.33 in November 2012. The overall inflation rate stood at 3.25 per cent in November 2012.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on November 2012 /October 2012)	% Change on Previous Year (November 2012/ November 2011)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.65	1.74
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.15	4.19
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.08	6.43
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	-0.14	4.47
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.18	5.47
Health	3.13	0.07	4.38
Transport	8.66	-0.01	0.59
Communication	3.82	0.00	0.13
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.03	4.82
Education	3.14	0.05	6.65
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.32	7.27
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.52	5.96
Total	**100.00**	**0.65**	**3.25**

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

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
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
May-2012	134.09	12.22
Jun-2012	133.06	10.05
Jul-2012	131.92	7.74
Aug-2012	131.51	6.09
Sep-2012	131.89	5.32
Oct-2012	132.46	4.14
Nov-2012	133.33	3.25

Table3: National Average Prices of selected commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	November 2011 Av. price	October 2012 Av. price	November 2012 Av. Price	% change on last month	% change on same month last year
Sugar	1 Kg	173.40	119.00	119.73	0.6	-30.9
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	149.91	133.62	134.91	1.0	-10.0
Cooking Fat	1 KG	241.15	229.05	229.03	0.0	-5.0
Sifted Maize Flour	2 Kg	117.33	113.62	114.52	0.8	-2.4
Tomatoes	1 Kg	69.06	58.52	66.85	14.2	-3.2
Rice- Grade 2	1 Kg	102.28	97.80	98.75	1.0	-3.5
Green Grams	1 Kg	135.56	116.32	119.67	2.9	-11.7
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	43.17	41.86	41.92	0.1	-2.9
Cooking Oil	1 litre	237.16	231.26	230.87	-0.2	-2.7
Electricity	50 Kw/hr	819.00	657.50	584.50	-11.1	-28.6
Electricity	200 Kw/hr	4,062.00	3,416.00	3,124.00	-8.5	-23.1
Gas (LPG)	13 Kg	2,952.34	2,636.93	2,617.02	-0.8	-11.4
Kerosene	1 litre	95.66	85.59	84.50	-1.3	-11.7
Petrol	1 litre	122.76	115.64	114.48	-1.0	-6.8
Diesel	1 litre	112.10	107.03	106.86	-0.2	-4.7

Between October and November 2012, Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' index increased by 1.65 per cent. As can be seen from Table 3, some of the food products recorded marginal

increases between October and November 2012. Comparison of the November 2012 food average prices to their respective November 2011 prices reveals a significant drop of some food items. However, the division's index recorded a 1.74 per cent increase during this period.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels' index went down by 0.14 per cent between October and November 2012. This decrease was mainly attributed to lower costs of Electricity, Cooking gas and Kerosene. For instance, due to lower forex and fuel cost adjustment charges, the cost of consuming 50 Kwhrs of electricity decreased from KSh 657.50 in October to KSh 584.50 in November 2012.

Likewise, the Transport index went down marginally by 0.01 per cent over the same period, mainly due to lower costs of petrol and diesel

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