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CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR AUGUST 2013

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for August 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 0.30 per cent from 139.87 in July 2013 to 140.29 in August 2013. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.67 per cent in August 2013.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (August 2013/ July 2013)	% Change on same month of Previous Year (August 2013/ August 2012)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.10	9.74
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.67	6.10
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.32	4.79
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.99	4.58
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.28	3.62
Health	3.13	0.54	4.33
Transport	8.66	0.84	6.66
Communication	3.82	-3.51	-3.62
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.25	3.87
Education	3.14	0.15	4.83
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.85	6.98
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.38	4.47
Total	**100.00**	**0.30**	**6.67**

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

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
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	139.25	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

Table3: National Average Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average price August 2012	Average Price July 2013	Average Price August 2013	% change on last Month	% change on same Month last year
Fresh Packetted Milk	500 Ml	35.84	38.88	39.94	2.71	11.44
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	320.96	342.87	346.61	1.09	7.99
Ugali Mboga	1 Meal	76.64	81.52	81.79	0.34	6.72
Petrol	1 Litre	108.92	109.93	112.00	1.88	2.83
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	114.79	108.09	106.33	-1.64	-7.38
Sugar	1 Kg	113.34	121.22	119.51	-1.42	5.44
Electricity	50 Units	629.00	508.00	566.50	11.52	-9.94
Kerosene	1 Litre	73.91	80.36	84.79	5.51	14.73
Mangoes	1 Kg	70.60	59.81	61.54	2.90	-12.83

Between July and August 2013, Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' Index increased marginally by 0.10 per cent. As shown in Table 3, this marginal increase in the Index was a result of aggregate rises that outweighed falls in the average prices of various food items. Similarly, the restaurant and hotel index increased by 0.85 per cent on account of marginal rises in the costs of café and kiosk foods as well as hotel accommodation.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels' index, rose by 0.99 per cent between July and August 2013, mainly due to increases in the prices of kerosene and electricity.

The Transport Index increased by 0.84 per cent over the review period mainly due to increases on the pump prices of petrol, diesel and public transport fares.