CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR DECEMBER 2012

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for December 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 0.69 per cent from 133.33 in November 2012 to 134.25 in December 2012. The overall inflation rate stood at 3.20 per cent in December 2012.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (December 2012/ November 2012)	% Change on same month of Previous Year (December 2012/ December 2011)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.77	1.73
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.92	4.94
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	1.25	6.21
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.06	3.89
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.24	5.22
Health	3.13	0.23	4.27
Transport	8.66	1.55	0.69
Communication	3.82	0.01	0.11
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.39	4.88
Education	3.14	0.00	6.63
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	1.32	8.41
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.71	5.59
Total	**100.00**	**0.69**	**3.20**

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

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
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
Dec-2012	134.25	3.20

Table3: National Average Prices of selected commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	December 2011 Av. price	November 2012 Av. price	December 2012 Av. Price	% change on last month	% change on same month last year
Sugar	1 Kg	162.29	119.73	122.07	2.0	-24.8
Sifted Maize Flour	2 Kg	116.53	114.52	112.36	-1.9	-3.6
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	146.67	134.91	138.34	2.5	-5.7
Green Grams	1 Kg	124.26	119.67	118.46	-1.0	-4.7
Cooking Oil	1 litre	232.13	230.87	229.70	-0.5	-1.0
Electricity	50 Kw/hr	736.00	584.50	577.00	-1.3	-21.6
Electricity	200 Kw/hr	3,730.00	3,124.00	3,094.00	-1.0	-17.1
Gas (LPG)	13 Kg	3,275.84	2,617.02	2,604.55	-0.5	-20.5
Kerosene	1 litre	85.97	84.50	86.01	1.8	0.0
Petrol	1 litre	126.73	114.48	113.64	-0.7	-10.3
Diesel	1 litre	109.48	106.86	106.83	0.0	-2.4

Between November 2012 and December 2012, Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' index increased by 0.77 per cent. Price decreases were recorded in respect of some food products while at the same time; increases were also recorded in respect of others. Further, as can be seen from Table 3 above for instance, a combination of significant rises and drops in the

average prices of several food items were noted compared to their respective December 2011 prices.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels' index went up by 0.06 per cent between November and December 2012. This small increase was mainly attributed to slightly higher costs of some house rents, kerosene and other cooking fuels which outweighed the observed lower costs of Electricity and Cooking gas. Due to lower forex and fuel cost adjustment charges, the cost of consuming 50 Kwh of electricity decreased from KSh 584.50 in November to KSh 577.00 in December 2012.

Despite lower costs of petrol and diesel, the Transport index went up by 1.55 per cent over the same period, mainly due to higher costs of taxi, bus and matatu fares associated with Christmas festivities.

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