CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR NOVEMBER 2011

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for November 2011. These numbers have been generated using data collected within 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 reflected in Table 1 and Table 2, the CPI increased by 1.52 per cent from 127.20 in October to 129.13 in November 2011. The overall inflation rate stood at 19.72 per cent in November 2011.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on November 2011 /October 2011)	% Change on (November 2011/ November 2010)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.35	26.20
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	1.22	12.95
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	1.53	10.62
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	1.55	16.95
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	1.52	13.40
Health	3.13	0.63	8.18
Transport	8.66	2.19	28.03
Communication	3.82	0.91	5.86
Recreation & Culture	2.25	4.80	13.41
Education	3.14	0.02	4.68
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	2.34	21.50
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	2.13	11.13
Total	**100.00**	**1.52**	**19.72**

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February

2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall rate of Inflation
Nov-2010	107.86	3.84
Dec-2010	109.38	4.51
Jan-2011	110.57	5.42
Feb-2011	112.05	6.54
Mar-2011	114.62	9.19
Apr-2011	118.29	12.05
May-2011	119.48	12.95
Jun-2011	120.91	14.49
Jul-2011	122.44	15.53
Aug-2011	123.97	16.67
Sep-2011	125.23	17.32
Oct-2011	127.20	18.91
Nov-2011	129.13	19.72

Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' index went up by 1.35 per cent between October and November 2011 as a result of price increases observed in respect of a number of food products such as beef, bread, potatoes, chicken, wheat flour and sugar. The average price of a kilogram of beef with bones, for instance rose from KSh 299.56 in October to KSh 309.85 in November 2011. However, between the two months, there were notable falls in the prices of sukuma wiki, maize flour, tomatoes, mangoes, cabbages, spinach and carrots among other food items.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels' index went up by 1.55 per cent during the review period. The rise was attributed to continued increases in the cost of electricity, house rents and cooking fuels. Although higher fuel adjustment charges continued to push the cost of electricity upwards, there was a decline in the forex adjustment charge per KWh from KSh 2.74 in October to KSh 2.62 in November 2011. The cost of cooking gas, kerosene and charcoal went up by 7.01, 5.40 and 4.33 per cent, respectively, over the same period.

Transport index increased by 2.19 per cent between October and November 2011 due to continued increases in the costs of petrol, diesel, taxi charges and matatu/bus fares. The National average prices of petrol and diesel per litre have gone up by 29.44 and 27.07 per cent, respectively, compared to the same month last year.