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CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR MAY 2013

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for May 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 Table 1 and Table 2, the CPI increased by 0.17 per cent from 139.28 in April 2013 to 139.52 in May 2013. The overall inflation rate stood at 4.05 per cent in May 2013.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (May 2013/ April 2013)	% Change on same month of Previous Year (May 2013/ May 2012)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.51	4.28
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.00	4.67
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.34	5.03
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	-0.13	3.85
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.72	2.96
Health	3.13	0.06	3.48
Transport	8.66	-0.94	2.81
Communication	3.82	0.00	-0.15
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.04	3.66
Education	3.14	0.02	4.95
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.05	6.17
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.39	4.33
Total	**100.00**	**0.17**	**4.05**

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

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
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
Jan - 2013	135.62	3.67
Feb - 2013	136.59	4.45
Mar - 2013	137.96	4.11
Apr - 2013	139.28	4.14
May-2013	139.52	4.05

Table3: National Average Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price May 2012	Average Price April 2013	Average Price May 2013	Percentage change on last Month	Percentage change on same Month last year
Tomatoes	1 Kg	73.33	103.93	108.33	4.23	47.72
Sugar	1 Kg	116.16	121.88	125.61	3.06	8.14
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	121.22	109.66	111.33	1.53	-8.16
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	135.41	138.04	141.48	2.49	4.48
Matumbo	1 Kg	188.03	198.61	201.56	1.49	7.20
Electricity	50 Kwh	625.00	625.50	556.00	-11.11	-11.04
Kerosene	1 litre	86.60	83.69	79.21	-5.35	-8.53
Petrol-Unleaded	1 litre	120.10	117.53	114.17	-2.86	-4.94
Diesel	1 litre	108.47	107.29	101.91	-5.01	-6.05

Between April and May 2013, Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' Index increased by 0.51 per cent. The higher food and non alcoholic drinks' Index was a consequence of notable aggregate rises in the average prices of various food items outweighing aggregate falls. As shown in Table 3, on average the prices of one kilogram of tomatoes increased from Ksh103.79 in April 2013 to Ksh 108.33 in May, 2013 an increase of 4.37 per cent.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels' index, declined by 0.13 per cent between April and May 2013, mainly due to falls in the costs of kerosene and electricity. On average, a litre of kerosene was retailing at Ksh 79.21 in May, 2013 from Ksh 83.69 in April, 2013.

The Transport Index decreased by 0.94 per cent over the review period mainly due to reduction on the pump prices of petrol and diesel.