# CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR OCTOBER 2011

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for October 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 1.57 per cent from 125.23 in September to 127.20 in October 2011. The overall inflation rate stood at 18.91 per cent in October 2011.

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

| Broad Commodity Group | CPI Weight | % Change on October 2011 /September 2011) | % Change on Previous Year (October 2011/ October 2010) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 36.04 | 1.68 | 26.20 |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics | 2.06 | 0.43 | 11.82 |
| Clothing & Footwear | 7.43 | 0.91 | 9.31 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels | 18.30 | 1.91 | 15.83 |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance | 6.16 | 2.22 | 11.89 |
| Health | 3.13 | 0.13 | 8.05 |
| Transport | 8.66 | 1.52 | 26.22 |
| Communication | 3.82 | 6.38 | 5.00 |
| Recreation & Culture | 2.25 | 0.45 | 8.56 |
| Education | 3.14 | 0.29 | 4.68 |
| Restaurant & Hotels | 4.48 | 1.58 | 19.75 |
| Miscellaneous Goods & Services | 4.52 | 0.92 | 9.28 |
| **Total** | **100.00** | **1.57** | **18.91** |

**Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates**

**February 2009=100**

| Month | Overall CPI | Overall rate of Inflation |
|---|---|---|
| Oct-2010 | 106.97 | 3.18 |
| 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 |

Food and Non Alcoholic drinks' index went up by 1.68 per cent between September and October 2011 as a result of price increases observed in respect of a number of food products such as sugar, beef, wheat flour, milk, rice and cooking fats. The average price of a kilogram of sugar, for instance, continued to rise from KSh 161.82 in September to KSh 171.90 in October 2011. However, between the two months, there were notable falls of 6.1, 5.2, 3.6, 3.5, 3.0 and 1.6 per cent, respectively in the prices of tomatoes, sukuma wiki, carrots, spinach, maize flour and onions among other food items.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels' index went up by 1.91 per cent during the review period. The rise was attributed to continued increases in the cost of electricity, house rents and cooking fuels. As a result of higher fuel and foreign exchange adjustment charges, the cost of consuming 50 units of electricity for example varied from KSh 695.5 in September to KSh. 793.5 in October 2011. Likewise the cost of cooking gas and kerosene went up by 6.03 and 1.85 percent, respectively, over the same period.

Transport index increased by 1.52 per cent between September and October 2011 due to continued increases in the costs of petrol, diesel, taxi charges and matatu/bus fares as a consequence of high fuel prices and weakening of Shilling. Likewise the communications' index rose by 6.38 percent as a result of gradual increase in telephone calling charges.