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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR FEBRUARY 2015

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for February, 2015. 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 0.46 per cent from 153.43 in January 2015 to 154.14 in February 2015. The overall inflation rate stood at 5.61 per cent in February 2015.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (Feb 2015/ Jan 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (Feb 2015/ Feb 2014)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.32	8.70
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.55	2.12
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.26	4.53
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	-0.12	3.27
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.34	4.44
Health	3.13	0.27	4.84
Transport	8.66	-1.56	3.42
Communication	3.82	0.03	0.58
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.55	3.35
Education	3.14	0.35	4.16
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.53	5.23
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.13	4.25
Total	100.00	0.46	5.61

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Feb-2014	145.95	6.86
Mar-2014	146.61	6.27
Apr-2014	148.20	6.41
May-2014	149.70	7.30
Jun-2014	149.91	7.39
Jul-2014	150.60	7.67
Aug-2014	152.02	8.36
Sep-2014	152.24	6.60
Oct-2014	151.92	6.43
Nov-2014	151.85	6.09
Dec-2014	152.51	6.02
Jan-2015	153.43	5.53
Feb-2015	154.14	5.61

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price February 2014	Average Price January 2015	Average Price February 2015	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	44.11	32.97	37.58	13.98	-14.79
Cabbages	1 Kg	51.47	32.56	37.29	14.55	-27.55
Tomatoes	1 Kg	87.49	90.06	95.28	5.80	8.90
Fresh Packeted Milk	500 Ml	53.78	49.00	50.21	2.47	-6.63
Fresh Unpacketed Milk	1000 ml	55.94	54.75	55.63	1.60	-0.55
Carrots	1 Kg	89.36	55.25	60.78	10.01	-31.98
Mangoes	1 Kg	60.04	74.62	71.77	-3.82	19.53
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	137.51	134.02	128.66	-4.00	-6.44
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	44.46	42.18	40.43	-4.15	-9.07
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	113.22	100.93	98.83	-2.08	-12.71
Electricity	50 KW/h	515.7	502.40	508.20	1.15	-1.45
Electricity	200 KW/h	2791.2	3,432.92	3,456.12	0.68	23.82
Kerosene	1 litre	83.83	66.53	53.37	-19.78	-36.34
Gas (LPG)	13 Kg	3,027.03	2,954.36	2,846.53	-3.65	-5.96
Diesel	1 litre	106.92	84.30	76.49	-9.26	-28.46
Country Bus Fares	350 Km	902.61	964.01	949.67	-1.49	5.21
Matatu Fares	250 Km	365.55	403.45	399.92	-0.87	9.40
Petrol	1 litre	112.73	93.75	85.60	-8.69	-24.07

Between January and February 2015, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.32 per cent. The increase in index was mainly attributed to increased cost of ordinary vegetables, milk and other products due to the weather conditions experienced in the first two months of the year. In

aggregate, increase in food inflation resulted from observed rises in the prices of several food items outweighing falls in the prices of others.

Over the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, decreased by 0.12 per cent. As indicated in Table 3 above, the slight decline is due to the significant falls in the cost of kerosene and cooking gas.

During the same review period, the Transport Index decreased by 1.56 per cent. This resulted mainly from notable reductions in the pump prices of petrol and diesel.