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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for September 2014. 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 0.15 per cent from 152.02 in August to 152.24 in September 2014. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.60 per cent in September 2014.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (Sept 2014/ Aug 2014)	% Change on same month of previous year (Sept 2014/ Sept 2013)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.58	8.40
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.15	2.25
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.13	4.47
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	-0.52	5.50
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.22	4.43
Health	3.13	0.13	5.17
Transport	8.66	-0.41	10.37
Communication	3.82	0.07	0.50
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.11	5.84
Education	3.14	0.00	5.38
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.21	5.81
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.22	3.85
Total	100.00	0.15	6.60

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Sep-13	142.82	8.29
Oct-13	142.75	7.76
Nov-13	143.14	7.36
Dec-13	143.85	7.15
Jan-14	145.40	7.21
Feb-14	145.95	6.86
Mar-14	146.61	6.27
Apr-14	148.20	6.41
May-14	149.70	7.30
Jun-14	149.91	7.39
Jul-14	150.60	7.67
Aug-14	152.02	8.36
Sep-14	152.24	6.60

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price September 2013	Average Price August 2014	Average Price September 2014	% change on last month	% change on same month last year
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	43.06	46.61	44.71	-4.1	3.8
Onions	1 Kg	106.82	96.74	92.87	-4.0	-13.1
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	45.31	30.44	30.27	-0.6	-33.2
Maize Flour - Loose	1 Kg	57.11	50.15	48.85	-2.6	-14.5
Carrots	1 Kg	88.73	48.7	50.42	3.5	-43.2
Cabbages	1 Kg	51.13	31.27	33.24	6.3	-35.0
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	49.49	43.48	44.73	2.9	-9.6
Electricity	50 Kwh	603.7	689.5	608.5	-11.7	0.8
Electricity	200 Kwh	3,143.20	3,913.00	3,589.00	-8.3	14.2
Gas Lpg	13 Kg	2,836.67	3,109.67	3,111.74	0.1	9.7
Kerosene	1 litre	86.39	83.97	82.33	-2.0	-4.7
Charcoal	4 Kg	70.97	73.52	73.39	-0.2	3.4
Petrol	1 litre	114.27	117.3	113.7	-3.1	-0.5
Diesel	1 litre	105.97	105.45	104.82	-0.6	-1.1

Between August and September 2014, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.58 per cent. The aggregate rise resulted from observed increases in the prices of several food commodities outweighing notable falls in the prices of others as shown in Table 3.

Over the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, decreased by 0.52 per cent. This decline was attributed to notable falls in the cost of kerosene and electricity. Electricity prices were lower in September 2014 compared with August 2014 due to reduction in fuel cost and forex adjustment charges.

During the same review period, the Transport Index decreased by 0.41 per cent mainly due to reduction of pump prices of petrol and diesel in September 2014 compared to August 2014.