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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR APRIL 2015

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for April, 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 1.82 per cent from 155.86 in March 2015 to 158.70 in April 2015. The overall inflation rate stood at 7.08 per cent in April 2015.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (Apr 2015/ Mar 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (Apr 2015/ Apr 2014)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	3.92	13.42
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.53	2.16
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.23	4.40
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.23	2.81
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.39	4.48
Health	3.13	0.07	4.04
Transport	8.66	0.00	-0.81
Communication	3.82	0.02	0.61
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.03	3.06
Education	3.14	0.00	3.92
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.57	5.10
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.51	4.23
Total	100.00	1.82	7.08

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
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
Mar-2015	155.86	6.31
Apr-2015	158.70	7.08

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price April 2014	Average Price March 2015	Average Price April 2015	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	114.47	94.38	106.90	13.27	-6.62
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	54.28	53.16	63.61	19.66	17.18
Tomatoes	1 Kg	104.73	99.47	112.91	13.51	7.81
Milk - Fresh Packeted	500 MI	51.94	51.42	53.46	3.98	2.92
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	45.38	39.93	43.60	9.19	-3.93
Milk - Fresh Unpacketed	1000 MI	55.87	57.04	58.83	3.14	5.30
Cabbages	1 Kg	52.77	44.38	49.26	11.01	-6.65
Beans	1 Kg	102.00	108.22	114.38	5.69	12.13
Onions	1 Kg	117.95	98.64	104.43	5.87	-11.46
Sugar	1 Kg	107.88	105.57	104.29	-1.21	-3.33
Charcoal	4 Kg	72.99	73.39	74.66	1.72	2.29
Kerosene	1 litre	83.92	56.71	58.17	2.58	-30.68
Electricity	50 KW/h	513.70	494.28	493.12	-0.23	-4.01
Electricity	200 KW/h	2783.20	3400.44	3395.80	-0.14	22.01
Diesel	1 litre	105.69	77.16	78.44	1.66	-25.78

Petrol	1 litre	114.73	90.34	90.22	-0.13	-21.36
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Between March and April 2015, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 3.92 per cent. As indicated in Table 3, there were significant price increases in respect of several food items such as maize flour, potatoes, tomatoes, milk, cabbages, beans and onions. The observed food price increases were mainly attributed to the dry weather conditions experienced in the first quarter of the year. The high food prices affected mainly the lower income groups where the rate of inflation increased at significantly higher rates compared to middle and upper income categories.

Over the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.23 per cent. Although there was a slight fall in the cost of electricity and cooking gas, in aggregate these and other observed price decreases were slightly outweighed by increased costs of house rents, kerosene, charcoal and other utilities.

During the same review period, the Transport Index almost stagnated owing to an almost balanced falls and rises of prices for goods and services within this category.