

## CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JUNE 2020

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases the monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation, for June, 2020. These numbers were generated from a survey of retail prices that targeted a basket of household consumption goods and services. The survey was conducted during the second and third weeks of the month, with prices being obtained from selected retail outlets located in 50 data collection zones, 14 of which are in Nairobi and 36 in other urban areas.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI decreased by 0.31 per cent from 108.60 in May 2020 to 108.27 in June 2020. The overall year on year inflation in June 2020 stood at 4.59 per cent compared to a revised inflation rate of 5.33 per cent recorded in May 2020.

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

	Weight	% Change on last month June 2020/ May 2020	% Change on same month of previous year June 2020 /June 2019
<b>13 COICOP Divisions</b>			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	-1.27	8.15
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	-0.17	6.79
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	0.21	2.62
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	-0.81	1.41
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	-0.44	1.33
Health	2.91	-0.04	1.13
Transport	9.65	2.08	6.89
Information and Communication	7.78	-0.30	-0.04
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	1.63	2.96
Education Services	5.56	0.08	1.13
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	0.04	1.91
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	-0.02	0.58
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	0.05	1.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-0.31</b>	<b>4.59</b>

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

Month	Overall New CPI	Inflation Rate
Feb 2020	107.17	7.17
Mar 2020	107.47	5.84

Apr 2020	108.49	6.01
May 2020	108.60	5.33
June 2020	108.27	4.59

**Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities**

Tomatoes	1	Kilogram	102.91	115.89	101.79	-12.16	-1.08
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kilogram	80.61	71.63	68.01	-5.05	-15.63
Cabbages	1	Kilogram	48.73	41.70	39.69	-4.84	-18.56
Oranges	1	Kilogram	65.66	64.68	62.09	-4.00	-5.42
Wheat Flour-White	2	Kilogram	123.91	121.53	118.21	-2.74	-4.61
Sugar	1	Kilogram	118.25	113.68	112.56	-0.98	-4.81
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kilogram	103.80	123.53	127.86	3.51	23.17
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kilogram	43.44	50.86	53.23	4.67	22.54
Spinach	1	Kilogram	65.66	58.63	60.16	2.61	-8.38
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	4,732.12	4,488.61	4,529.45	0.91	-4.28
House rent	2 Bedroom	Per Month	17,333.33	17,160.13	17,158.65	-0.01	-1.01
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	105.41	81.08	63.79	-21.33	-39.49
Petrol	1	Litre	116.16	84.58	90.34	6.81	-22.23
Diesel	1	Litre	105.89	79.67	75.88	-4.76	-28.34

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index decreased by 1.27 per cent in June 2020, compared to a decrease of 0.24 per cent in May 2020 while the year on year food inflation increased by 8.15 per cent, as presented in Table 1. This resulted from observed price decreases outweighing increases. For instance, prices of tomatoes, Irish potatoes, cabbages, oranges and wheat flour decreased by 12.16, 5.05, 4.84 and 4.00 per cent, respectively in June 2020 relative to the prices in May 2020, as shown in Table 3. On the other hand, prices of some foodstuffs such as onions, kale-sukuma wiki and spinach increased by 3.51, 4.67 and 2.61 per cent, respectively.

During the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, decreased by 0.81 per cent. This was mainly attributed to a 21.33 per cent decrease in the cost of kerosene.

The Transport Index increased by 2.08 per cent on account of a 6.81 per cent increase in prices of petrol, which outweighed the 4.76 per cent decrease in the cost of diesel, recorded over the same period.