

## CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JUNE 2023

The overall year on year inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 7.9 per cent, in June 2023. The inflation was largely due to increase in prices of commodities under Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages (10.3%); and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other fuels (9.4%); and Transport (9.4%) between June 2022 and June 2023. These three divisions account for over 57 per cent of the weights of the 13 broad categories.

As presented in Table 1, the CPI increased by 0.8 per cent from an index of 133.01 in May 2023 to 134.01 in June 2023.

**Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation**

Month	Overall CPI	Base Feb 2019=100
		Inflation Rate
June 2022	124.22	7.9
July 2022	125.05	8.3
August 2022	125.58	8.5
September 2022	126.73	9.2
October 2022	127.86	9.6
November 2022	128.31	9.5
December 2022	128.99	9.1
January 2023	129.29	9.0
February 2023	130.13	9.2
March 2023	131.18	9.2
April 2023	131.83	7.9
May 2023	133.01	8.0
June 2023	134.01	7.9

**Table 2: One and Twelve-Month Changes in the Consumer Price Indices**

	Weight %	% Change on last month (June 2023/ May 2023)	% Change on same month of the previous year (June 2023/ June 2022)
<b>13 COICOP Divisions</b>			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.9094	1.3	10.3
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.3289	0.7	10.3
Clothing and Footwear	2.9914	0.2	3.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.6124	0.6	9.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.7372	0.5	5.1
Health	2.9116	0.3	2.6
Transport	9.6468	0.2	9.4
Information and Communication	7.7840	0.2	1.4
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.7219	0.3	5.3
Education Services	5.5620	0.1	2.2
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.0991	0.4	5.7
Insurance and Financial Services	2.2423	0.0	1.2
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.4532	0.7	8.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>7.9</b>

The month-to-month Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index increased by 1.3 per cent between May 2023 and June 2023, as shown in Table 2. Notable, the prices for carrots, onions (leeks and bulbs), tomatoes and maize grain-loose increased by 9.0, 7.3, 6.4 and 5.5 per cent, respectively between May 2023 and June 2023. During the same period, prices of potatoes, avocado, kales (sukuma wiki) and cabbages declined by 6.1, 4.6, 2.7 and 0.3 per cent, respectively, as highlighted in Table 3.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.6 per cent between May 2023 and June 2023, as shown in Table 2. This was mainly due to increase in prices of electricity 200 kilowatts by 4.2 per cent between May 2023 and June 2023, detailed in Table 3. During the same period, the prices of gas/LPG declined by 1.8 per cent.

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

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price June 2022 (Ksh)	Average Price May 2023 (Ksh)	Average Price June 2023 (Ksh)	% Change over last month June 2023/ May 2023	% Change over last year June 2023/ June 2022
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kg	84.85	107.98	101.41	(6.1)	19.5
Avocado	1	Kg	72.76	80.67	77.00	(4.6)	5.8
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	58.42	58.66	57.07	(2.7)	(2.3)
Cabbages	1	Kg	49.86	58.59	58.40	(0.3)	17.1
Sugar	1	Kg	129.55	194.29	204.76	5.4	58.1
Fortified Maize flour	2	Kg	177.34	192.46	202.98	5.5	14.5
Maize Grain - Loose	1	Kg	65.89	81.61	86.13	5.5	30.7
Tomatoes	1	Kg	112.27	104.98	111.66	6.4	(0.5)
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kg	134.58	129.99	139.52	7.3	3.7
Carrots	1	Kg	93.18	111.28	121.29	9.0	30.2
Gas/LPG	13	Kg	3,218.22	3,125.40	3,069.01	(1.8)	(4.6)
House - One bedroom	1	Per Month	12,272.84	12,502.42	12,511.87	0.1	1.9
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	128.86	161.83	162.19	0.2	25.9
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	4,373.12	6,436.28	6,707.02	4.2	53.4
Diesel	1	Litre	140.91	169.10	167.98	(0.7)	19.2
Petrol	1	Litre	159.94	183.29	182.63	(0.4)	14.2

Whereas prices of diesel and petrol decreased by 0.7 per cent and 0.4 per cent, respectively, between May 2023 and June 2023, as shown in Table 3, the Transport Index went up slightly by 0.2 per cent (Table 2). This was mainly due to increase in prices of fares for city buses and flights during that period.



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