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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR MAY 2015

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for May, 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 Nairobi and 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 0.81 per cent from 158.70 in April 2015 to 159.98 in May 2015. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.87 per cent in May 2015.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (May 2015/ Apr 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (May 2015/ May 2014)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.06	13.20
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	-0.02	1.92
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.76	4.52
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	1.30	2.35
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.45	4.31
Health	3.13	1.42	5.05
Transport	8.66	-1.34	-3.52
Communication	3.82	0.16	0.61
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.32	3.31
Education	3.14	0.01	3.83
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	1.37	5.70
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	1.28	5.19
Total	100.00	0.81	6.87

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
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
May-2015	159.98	6.87

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price May 2014	Average Price April 2015	Average Price May 2015	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Irish Potatoes	1 Kg	58.17	63.61	67.58	6.24	16.18
Onions	1 Kg	122.01	104.43	115.59	10.69	-5.26
Sifted Maize Flour	2 Kg	119.83	106.90	110.48	3.35	-7.80
Beans	1 Kg	103.85	114.38	121.21	5.98	16.72
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	365.13	388.67	392.65	1.02	7.54
Capsicums (Pilipili Hoho)	1 Kg	141.77	185.64	181.08	-2.45	27.73
Spinach	1 Kg	51.07	47.73	45.70	-4.24	-10.51
Cabbages	1 Kg	54.01	49.26	47.39	-3.79	-12.25
Fresh Unpacketed Milk	1000 Ml	55.53	58.83	57.47	-2.31	3.50
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	49.89	42.79	39.65	-7.35	-20.53
Electricity	50 KW/h	625.20	493.12	507.62	2.94	-18.81
Electricity	200 KW/h	3,229.20	3,395.80	3,453.80	1.71	6.96
Charcoal	4 Kg tin	73.27	74.66	75.54	1.19	3.10
Kerosene	1 litre	83.73	58.17	60.20	3.49	-28.10
LPG Gas	13 Kg	3,075.06	2,529.56	2,424.69	-4.15	-21.15

Petrol	1 litre	115.17	90.22	93.76	3.92	-18.59
Diesel	1 litre	106.24	78.44	80.30	2.37	-24.42
Country Bus Fares	About 350 Km	938.43	939.93	913.07	-2.86	-2.70
Matatu Fares	About 200 Km	391.85	391.02	378.02	-3.33	-3.53

Between April and May 2015, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.06 per cent. The *month to month* food inflation was lower than the 3.92 per cent recorded during the previous month. As indicated in Table 3 above, food inflation eased due to decreases in prices of some food items. The relief in inflationary pressure was more pronounced among the lower income groups and mainly resulted from an improved supply of green vegetables especially *sukuma wiki* as a result of the prevailing rainy weather conditions.

Over the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 1.30 per cent mainly due to the observed cost increases in respect of house rents, electricity, kerosene, charcoal and other utilities.

During the same review period, the Transport Index declined by 1.34 per cent. Although there were notable rises in the cost of petrol and diesel, these were outweighed by equally notable falls in the cost of matatu fares, bus fares and other goods and services within the transport sector.