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## CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR AUGUST 2014

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for August 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 0.94 per cent from 150.60 in July to 152.02 in August 2014. The overall inflation rate stood at 8.36 per cent in August 2014.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (August 2014/ July 2014)	% Change on same month of previous year (August 2014/ August 2013)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.75	10.85
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.06	4.44
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.33	4.95
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.32	6.98
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.20	5.44
Health	3.13	0.20	6.37
Transport	8.66	0.73	11.68
Communication	3.82	0.00	0.67
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.44	12.73
Education	3.14	0.00	5.44
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.26	6.86
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.26	4.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>8.36</b>

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

February 2009=100		
Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation

Aug-13	140.29	6.67
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

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

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price August 2013	Average Price July 2014	Average Price August 2014	% change on last month	% change on same month last year
Fresh Packeted Milk	500 MI	47.02	48.51	48.69	0.4	3.6
Fresh Unpackaged Milk	1000 ml	52.68	52.31	52.99	1.3	0.6
Offals - Matumbo	1 Kg	206.64	218.26	220.61	1.1	6.8
Mutton/Goat Meat	1 Kg	409.31	437.76	439.59	0.4	7.4
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	41.86	46.52	46.61	0.2	11.3
Mangoes	1 Kg	61.54	64.49	67.96	5.4	10.4
Beans	1 Kg	96.71	107.22	106.16	-1.0	9.8
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	106.33	118.04	116.94	-0.9	10.0
Gas LPG	13 Kg	2575.93	3042.80	3109.67	2.2	20.7
Charcoal	4 Kg	71.68	73.11	73.52	0.6	2.6
Electricity	50 Kwh	566.50	691	689.50	-0.3	21.7
Electricity	200 Kwh	3052.00	3919	3913.00	-0.2	28.2
Matatu Fares	250 Km	348.83	394.21	397.92	0.9	14.1
Petrol	1 litre	113.01	116.67	117.30	0.5	3.8
Country Bus Fares	350 Km	827.64	945.30	951.91	0.7	15.0
Diesel	1 litre	105.29	106.50	105.45	-1.0	0.2

Between July and August 2014, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.75 per cent. This aggregate rise in rate of food inflation came as a result of observed increases in the prices of several food commodities outweighing some notable falls in the prices of other food items.

Over the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.32 per cent. This was due to increase in the cost of main

cooking fuels as well as house rents. As shown in Table 3, electricity cost remained almost at the same level as in July 2014. However, a recent revision of power tariffs caused higher electricity charges to the consumers in August 2014 compared to the same period in 2013.

During the same review period, the Transport Index increased by 0.73 per cent. This was due to rise in the cost of petrol and matatu/bus and air travel fares which outweighed an observed slight fall in the cost of diesel.