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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JANUARY 2015

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for January 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 0.61 per cent from 152.51 in December 2014 to 153.43 in January 2015. The overall inflation rate stood at 5.53 per cent in January 2015.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (Jan 2015/ Dec 2014)	% Change on same month of previous year (Jan 2015/ Jan 2014)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.96	7.67
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.47	1.87
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.55	4.36
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.55	4.11
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.42	4.54
Health	3.13	0.89	4.96
Transport	8.66	-1.39	5.31
Communication	3.82	0.06	0.50
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.51	3.44
Education	3.14	3.28	4.88
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.07	4.92
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.29	4.31
Total	100.00	0.61	5.53

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Jan-2014	145.40	7.21
Feb-2014	145.95	6.86
Mar-2014	146.61	6.27
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

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price January 2014	Average Price December 2014	Average Price January 2015	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Beef With Bones	1 Kg	355.98	386.66	387.96	0.3	9.0
Cabbages	1 Kg	51.70	29.14	32.56	11.7	-37.0
Sukuma Wiki (Kales)	1 Kg	45.01	31.23	32.97	5.6	-26.7
Tomatoes	1 Kg	81.28	83.89	90.06	7.4	10.8
Onions	1 Kg	114.53	91.81	94.24	2.6	-17.7
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	52.05	46.39	46.32	-0.2	-11.0
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	112.21	103.93	100.93	-2.9	-10.1
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	43.84	42.57	42.18	-0.9	-3.8
Maize Flour - Loose	1 Kg	56.90	45.77	44.59	-2.6	-21.6
Matatu Fares	About 250 Km	365.55	405.29	403.45	-0.5	10.4
Country Bus Fares	About 350 Km	902.61	972.58	964.01	-0.9	6.8
Kerosene	1 litre	85.81	72.30	66.53	-8.0	-22.5
Gas(LPG)	13 Kg	2,995.22	3,018.45	2,954.36	-2.1	-1.4
Electricity	50 KW/h	526.7	521.54	502.4	-3.7	-4.6
Electricity	200 KW/h	3,285.9	3,509.48	3,432.92	-2.2	4.5
Diesel	1 litre	106.26	91.79	84.30	-8.2	-20.7
Petrol	1 litre	111.98	102.86	93.75	-8.9	-16.3

Between December 2014 and January 2015, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.96 per cent. As indicated in Table 3 above, the increase in food inflation resulted from observed rises in the prices of several food commodities which outweighed notable falls in the prices of others.

Over the same period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.55 per cent. This increase was observed mainly as a result of higher costs of house rents which outweighed notable falls in the cost of cooking fuels including electricity, kerosene and cooking gas. Contributing to lower cost of electricity was fuel cost adjustment which decreased from KSh 2.87 per KWh in December 2014 to KSh 2.53 per KWh in January 2015.

Following a seasonal pattern, the Education Index increased by 3.28 per cent between December 2014 and January 2015. This was mainly as a result of upward adjustments of private school tuition fees at the beginning of the year.

During the same review period, the Transport Index decreased by 1.39 per cent. This resulted mainly from significant reductions in the pump prices of petrol and diesel