

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR OCTOBER 2022

The overall year on year inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 9.6 per cent, in October 2022. As presented in Tables 1 and 2, the rise in inflation was largely due to increase in prices of commodities under food and non-alcoholic beverages (15.8%); transport (11.6%) and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (7.1%) between October 2021 and October 2022. These three divisions account for over 57 per cent of the weights of the 13 broad categories. Prices of commodities under furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance recorded a 10.9 per cent increase over the period.

The CPI increased by 0.9 per cent from an index of 126.73 in September 2022 to 127.86 in October 2022. The month-to-month Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index increased by 1.4 per cent between September 2022 and October 2022.

Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation

Base Feb 2019=100		
Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
October 2021	116.67	6.4
November 2021	117.20	5.8
December 2021	118.27	5.7
January 2022	118.64	5.4
February 2022	119.13	5.1
March 2022	120.14	5.6
April 2022	122.17	6.5
May 2022	123.12	7.1
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

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

	Weight %	% Change on last month (October 2022/ September 2022)	% Change on same month of the previous year (October 2022/ October 2021)
13 COICOP Divisions			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.9094	1.4	15.8
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.3289	2.1	6.7
Clothing and Footwear	2.9914	0.3	2.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.6124	0.5	7.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.7372	0.5	10.9
Health	2.9116	0.1	1.6
Transport	9.6468	1.0	11.6
Information and Communication	7.7840	0.2	1.0
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.7219	0.5	3.9
Education Services	5.5620	0.0	1.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.0991	0.6	5.3
Insurance and Financial Services	2.2423	0.0	0.5
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.4532	0.8	6.1
Total	100.00	0.9	9.6

As shown in Table 3, relative to September 2022, prices potatoes (Irish), sugar and beans increased by 12.5, 12.0 and 7.5 per cent, respectively in October 2022. During the same period, prices of cooking oil (salad) and carrots dropped by 3.5 per cent and 2.4 per cent, respectively. In addition, price of maize flour-sifted dropped by 1.7 per cent between September 2022 and October 2022 though relative to October 2021 the prices remained high.

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price October 2021	Average Price September 2022	Average Price October 2022	% Change over last month October 2022/ September 2022	% Change over last year October 2022/ October 2021
Cooking Oil (Salad)	1	Litre	274.22	379.84	366.48	(3.5)	33.6
Carrots	1	Kilogram	79.17	91.48	89.28	(2.4)	12.8
Tomatoes	1	Kilogram	103.01	93.64	91.41	(2.4)	(11.3)
Maize Flour - Sifted	2	Kilogram	133.05	180.80	177.66	(1.7)	33.5
Fresh unpacked cow milk / Fresh Cream	1	Litre	59.58	68.98	69.76	1.1	17.1
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kilogram	56.64	57.93	60.13	3.8	6.2
Oranges	1	Kilogram	69.65	70.61	73.46	4.0	5.5
Mangoes	1	Kilogram	114.78	117.50	123.78	5.3	7.8
Beans	1	Kilogram	129.56	149.91	161.13	7.5	24.4
Sugar	1	Kilogram	113.70	138.35	154.95	12.0	36.3
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kilogram	68.45	80.69	90.78	12.5	32.6
Beer (Lagers, Stouts)	500	Millilitre	188.85	198.63	202.55	2.0	7.3
Spirits	250	Millilitre	369.15	387.38	395.18	2.0	7.1
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	104.46	148.86	147.87	(0.7)	41.6
House rent (one bedroom)	1	Per Month	12,193.41	12,324.51	12,394.22	0.6	1.6
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	5,103.91	5,040.70	5,133.06	1.8	0.6
Electricity	50	Kilowatts	903.95	963.73	986.82	2.4	9.2
Diesel	1	Litre	111.51	165.91	163.92	(1.2)	47.0
Petrol	1	Litre	130.54	180.05	179.06	(0.6)	37.2

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.5 per cent between September 2022 and October 2022 due to increase in prices of 50 Kilowatts and 200 Kilowatts electricity units, which increased by 2.4 per cent and 1.8 per cent, respectively. On the other hand, the prices of kerosene decreased by 0.7 per cent in the review period.

Transport Index increased slightly by 1.0 per cent between 2022 October and September 2022 due to increase in *matatu* fares, taxi fares among others. However, the prices of diesel and petrol dropped slightly by 1.2 per cent and 0.6 per cent, respectively, although well above October 2021 prices.



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