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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR NOVEMBER 2015

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for November, 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 0.52 per cent from 162.13 in October 2015 to 162.97 in November 2015. The overall inflation rate stood at 7.32 per cent in November 2015.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (November 2015/ October 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (November 2015/ November 2014)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.08	12.67
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.26	3.25
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.24	4.53
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	-0.13	4.18
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.35	4.85
Health	3.13	0.18	4.99
Transport	8.66	-0.37	-1.25
Communication	3.82	0.01	1.15
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.06	2.52
Education	3.14	0.05	4.06
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.02	4.62
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.13	4.54
Total	100.00	0.52	7.32

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
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
Jun-2015	160.46	7.03
Jul-2015	160.57	6.62
Aug-2015	160.90	5.84
Sep-2015	161.33	5.97
Oct-2015	162.13	6.72
Nov-2015	162.97	7.32

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price November 2014	Average Price October 2015	Average Price November 2015	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	46.46	73.77	78.14	5.93	68.20
Green Maize	1 Cobb	20.11	24.35	25.13	3.19	24.97
Avocado	1 Kg	40.54	47.35	50.07	5.75	23.50
Peas	1 Kg	110.6	126.3	129.1	2.23	16.68
Ripe Bananas	1 Kg	68.30	77.37	78.92	2.01	15.55
Beans	1 Kg	105.1	118.8	119.1	0.24	13.31
Tomatoes	1 Kg	83.30	100.72	107.56	6.79	29.12
Sukuma Wiki (Kales)	1 Kg	30.97	38.84	37.47	-3.53	20.99
Onions	1 Kg	90.54	121.58	124.30	2.23	37.29
House rent	One room	3,611.80	3,835.75	3,868.95	0.87	7.12
Gas - (LPG)	13 Kg	3,033.28	2,401.31	2,386.66	-0.61	-21.32
Electricity	50 KWh	554.60	602.74	545.90	-9.43	-1.57
Electricity	200 KWh	3,641.72	3,672.46	3,445.10	-6.19	-5.40
Kerosene	1 litre	77.2	57.00	55.77	-2.15	-27.79
Petrol	1 litre	108.5	94.16	91.34	-3.00	-15.85
Diesel	1 litre	97.8	83.38	80.61	-3.32	-17.61

Between October and November 2015, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.08 per cent. This aggregate increase in the food index was a result of rise in prices of several food items which outweighed the decreases.

Over the same review period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, decreased by 0.13 per cent. As indicated in Table 3 above, this aggregate decrease was mainly due to cost decreases in electricity, kerosene and cooking gas. The cost of consuming 50 and 200 KWh of electricity for instance decreased by 9.4 and 6.1 per cent respectively, mainly on account lower forex adjustment charges in November compared to October 2015.

The Transport Index decreased by 0.37 per cent in November 2015 compared to the previous month. This was mainly attributed to decreases in the cost of petrol and diesel.