

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

The overall year on year inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 9.2 per cent, in September 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 (15.5%); transport (10.2%) and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (7.3%) between September 2021 and September 2022. These three divisions account for over 57 per cent of the weights of the 13 broad categories. The prices of commodities under furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance recorded a 10.7 per cent increase during the review period.

The CPI increased by 0.9 per cent from an index of 125.58 in August 2022 to 126.73 in September 2022. The month-to-month Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index increased by 0.3 per cent between August 2022 and September 2022.

Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation

Base Feb 2019=100		
Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
September 2021	116.08	6.9
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

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

	Weight %	% Change on last month (September 2022 / August 2022)	% Change on same month of the previous year (September 2022 / September 2021)
13 COICOP Divisions			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.9094	0.3	15.5
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.3289	0.4	4.8
Clothing and Footwear	2.9914	0.2	2.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.6124	2.5	7.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.7372	0.5	10.7
Health	2.9116	0.1	1.6
Transport	9.6468	3.6	10.2
Information and Communication	7.7840	0.1	0.9
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.7219	0.5	3.5
Education Services	5.5620	0.0	1.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.0991	0.3	4.8
Insurance and Financial Services	2.2423	0.0	0.5
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.4532	0.7	5.4
Total	100.00	0.9	9.2

As shown in Table 3, relative to August 2022, prices of maize flour- loose, beans and aromatic unbroken rice increased by 8.4, 3.5 and 2.9 per cent in September 2022, respectively. During the same period, prices of tomatoes and carrots dropped by 10.2 per cent and 7.2 per cent, respectively. Relative to last month, a number of quick growing vegetables showed price falls.

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price September 2021	Average Price August 2022	Average Price September 2022	% Change over last month September 2022/ August 2022	% Change over last year September 2022/ September 2021
Maize Flour - Loose	1	Kg	57.15	78.38	84.95	8.4	48.7
Beans	1	Kg	130.15	144.90	149.91	3.5	15.2
Aromatic Unbroken Rice (Pishori/Basmati e.t.c)	2	Kg	442.30	519.85	534.82	2.9	20.9
Sugar	1	Kg	110.93	135.18	138.35	2.3	24.7
Beef - With Bones	1	Kg	481.45	519.47	522.59	0.6	8.5
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	56.46	59.80	57.93	(3.1)	2.6
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kg	112.49	124.10	119.66	(3.6)	6.4
Spinach	1	Kg	65.49	69.44	66.46	(4.3)	1.5
Carrots	1	Kg	78.79	98.59	91.48	(7.2)	16.1
Tomatoes	1	Kg	99.50	104.22	93.64	(10.2)	(5.9)
Electricity	50	Kilowatts	903.95	796.83	963.73	20.9	6.6
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	5,019.41	4,373.12	5,040.70	15.3	0.4
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	111.74	129.86	148.86	14.6	33.2
House rent - 3 bedroom unit	1	Per Month	25,236.06	26,420.67	26,659.82	0.9	5.6
Laundry Soap/Bar Soap	800	Gram	124.14	168.20	169.46	0.7	36.5
Diesel	1	Litre	116.51	140.91	165.91	17.7	42.4
Petrol	1	Litre	135.54	159.94	180.05	12.6	32.8
City Bus/Matatu Fares (Town centre to Uthiru)	1	Ticket	40.00	40.00	50.00	25.0	25.0

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 2.5 per cent between August 2022 and September 2022 due to increase in prices of Electricity 50 Kilowatts and 200 Kilowatts, which increased by 20.9 per cent and 15.3 per cent, respectively. The rise in the cost of electricity was mainly driven by a 46.7 per cent increase in fuel energy cost. The price of kerosene/paraffin also rose by 14.6 per cent.

Transport Index increased by 3.6 per cent between September 2022 and August 2022. This was mainly attributed to increase in prices of diesel and petrol, which rose by 17.7 per cent and 12.6 per cent, respectively.



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