

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR NOVEMBER 2022

The overall year on year inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 9.5 per cent, in November 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 (15.4%); transport (11.7%) and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (6.1%) between November 2021 and November 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 10.6 per cent increase over the period.

The CPI increased by 0.3 per cent from an index of 127.86 in October 2022 to 128.31 in November 2022. The month-to-month Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index increased by 0.6 per cent between October 2022 and November 2022.

Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation

Base Feb 2019=100		
Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
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
November 2022	128.31	9.5

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

	Weight %	% Change on last month (November 2022/ October 2022)	% Change on same month of the previous year (November 2022/ November 2021)
13 COICOP Divisions			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.9094	0.6	15.4
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.3289	1.0	7.2
Clothing and Footwear	2.9914	0.5	2.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.6124	-0.4	6.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.7372	0.3	10.6
Health	2.9116	0.2	1.7
Transport	9.6468	-0.1	11.7
Information and Communication	7.7840	0.1	1.1
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.7219	0.3	4.0
Education Services	5.5620	0.2	1.3
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.0991	0.9	6.2
Insurance and Financial Services	2.2423	0.8	1.3
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.4532	1.0	7.0
Total	100.00	0.3	9.5

As shown in Table 3, relative to October 2022, prices of cabbages, potatoes (Irish), kales-*sukumawiki* and beans increased by 8.4, 6.9, 3.0 and 1.8 per cent, respectively in November 2022. During the same period, prices of cooking oil (salad), tomatoes and fortified maize flour dropped by 6.0, 2.2, and 1.0 per cent, respectively.

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price November 2021	Average Price October 2022	Average Price November 2022	% Change over last month November 2022/ October 2022	% Change over last year November 2022/ November 2021
Cooking Oil (Salad)	1	Litre	289.95	366.48	344.51	(6.0)	18.8
Tomatoes	1	Kilogram	98.89	91.41	89.43	(2.2)	(9.6)
Fortified Maize flour	2	Kilogram	134.46	179.61	177.78	(1.0)	32.2
Fresh unpacked cow milk / Fresh Cream	1	Litre	60.19	69.76	70.58	1.2	17.3
Sugar	1	Kilogram	127.27	154.95	156.78	1.2	23.2
Beans	1	Kilogram	129.09	161.13	163.98	1.8	27.0
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kilogram	56.07	60.13	61.90	3.0	10.4
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kilogram	70.74	90.78	97.07	6.9	37.2
Cabbages	1	Kilogram	48.82	51.49	55.84	8.4	14.4
Beer (Lagers, Stouts)	500	Millilitre	189.56	202.55	205.42	1.4	8.4
Electricity	50	Kilowatts	921.43	986.82	940.74	(4.7)	2.1
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	5,089.31	5,133.06	4,948.74	(3.6)	(2.8)
Gas/LPG	13	Kilogram	2,611.18	3,083.99	3,004.75	(2.6)	15.1
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	105.46	147.87	146.86	(0.7)	39.3
House rent- single room	1	Per Month	3,769.29	3,871.97	3,888.80	0.4	3.2
Diesel	1	Litre	111.51	163.92	162.91	(0.6)	46.1
Petrol	1	Litre	130.54	179.06	178.05	(0.6)	36.4

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, decreased by 0.4 per cent between October 2022 and November 2022. This was mainly due to drop in prices of 50 Kilowatts electricity units, 200 Kilowatts electricity units, gas/LPG and kerosene by 4.7, 3.6, 2.6 and 0.7 per cent, respectively.

The Transport Index decreased slightly by 0.1 per cent between October 2022 and November 2022 due to a drop in the prices of diesel and petrol by 0.6 per cent. However, the prices of diesel and petrol in November 2022 were still high compared to November 2021 prices.



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