

CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JANUARY 2022

The overall year on year inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 5.39 per cent, in January 2022. This was mainly due to an increase in prices of commodities under; food and non-alcoholic beverages (8.89 per cent); transport (6.84 per cent); and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (5.11 per cent) between January 2021 and January 2022, as presented in Tables 1 and 2.

The CPI increased by 0.31 per cent from an index of 118.274 in December 2021 to 118.642 in January 2022. The month-to-month Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index increased by 1.07 per cent between December 2021 and January 2022. This was mainly attributed to increase in prices of some food items, which outweighed the decrease in prices of others.

Table 1: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation

Base Feb 2019=100

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
January 2021	112.576	5.69
February 2021	113.365	5.78
March 2021	113.814	5.90
April 2021	114.746	5.76
May 2021	114.977	5.87
June 2021	115.110	6.32
July 2021	115.446	6.55
August 2021	115.710	6.57
September 2021	116.077	6.91
October 2021	116.674	6.45
November 2021	117.203	5.80
December 2021	118.274	5.73
January 2022	118.642	5.39

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

	Weight %	% Change on last month January 2022/ December 2021	% Change on same month of the previous year January 2022/January 2021
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Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	1.07	8.89
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	0.17	3.47
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	-0.02	2.06
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	-0.75	5.11
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	0.69	4.95
Health	2.91	0.12	0.94
Transport	9.65	-0.11	6.84
Information and Communication	7.78	0.10	2.48
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	0.00	0.68
Education Services	5.56	0.02	1.02
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	0.04	0.21
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	0.03	0.60
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	0.09	2.77
Total	100.00	0.31	5.39

As shown in Table 3, relative to December 2021, prices of maize flour-sifted, kale-sukuma wiki, spinach and Irish potatoes increased by 6.41, 5.69, 5.66 and 3.87 in January 2022, respectively. During the same period, prices of mangoes, tomatoes and carrots decreased by 3.98, 0.65 and 0.07 per cent, respectively. Prices of food items in January 2022 were relatively high compared with prices of food items recorded in January 2021.

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price January 2021	Average Price December 2021	Average Price January 2022	% Change over last month January 2022/ December 2021	% Change over last year January 2022/ January 2021
Maize Flour - Loose	1	Kg	48.95	51.65	53.02	2.64	8.32
Maize Flour - Sifted	2	Kg	117.36	118.71	126.31	6.41	7.63
Wheat Flour-White	2	Kg	125.64	142.90	144.45	1.09	14.97
Mangoes	1	Kg	102.41	114.12	109.58	-3.98	7.00
Spinach	1	Kg	55.77	64.36	68.00	5.66	21.93
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	50.71	56.17	59.36	5.69	17.06
Cabbages	1	Kg	39.15	49.28	49.96	1.38	27.62
Tomatoes	1	Kg	95.40	103.40	102.72	-0.65	7.68
Carrots	1	Kg	72.59	81.41	81.35	-0.07	12.07
Onion -Leeks and Bulbs	1	Kg	106.20	123.45	127.94	3.64	20.48
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kg	68.44	73.32	76.16	3.87	11.29
House Rent - Single Room	1	Per Month	3,639.92	3,778.37	3,793.24	0.39	4.21
Electricity	200	Kilowatts	4,812.64	5,185.96	4,373.12	-15.67	-9.13
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Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	88.07	106.46	106.46	0.00	20.88
Petrol	1	Litre	107.86	130.54	130.54	0.00	21.03

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, decreased by 0.75 per cent between December 2021 and January 2022. This was mainly attributed to decrease in prices of electricity as indicated in Table 3. During the same period, Transport Index decreased by 0.11 per cent as there was no change in prices of petrol and diesel as shown in Table 3.



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