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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR AUGUST, 2017

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASED TO 5.5 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ended August 2017 increased to 5.5 percent compared to the 4.1 percent recorded during the year ended July 2017. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate increased to 6.1 percent for the year ended August 2017 compared to the 2.7 percent recorded during the year ended July 2017. The overall Index increased to 105.2 in August 2017 compared to the 99.6 recorded in August 2016 (**Table 1**).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR AUGUST, 2017

(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			Aug 2017 to July 2017 % Change	Aug 2016 to Aug 2017 % Change
		Aug-16	Jul-17	Aug-17		
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	100.1	104.5	106.2	1.6	6.1
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	100.0	103.3	103.3	0.0	3.3
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	98.6	104.0	103.9	-0.1	5.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	99.1	108.0	109.7	1.6	10.7
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	100.0	101.5	101.4	-0.1	1.4
Health	2.1	99.5	103.6	103.6	0.0	4.1
Transport	9.6	100.4	102.2	101.5	-0.6	1.1
Communication	4.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Recreation and Culture	1.3	99.3	102.3	102.3	0.0	3.0
Education	1.9	96.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	4.1
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	100.1	101.1	101.1	0.0	1.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	98.0	100.3	100.3	0.0	2.4
All Items	100.0	99.6	104.2	105.2	1.0	5.5

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food increased to 5.7 percent for the year ended August 2017 compared to the 2.3 recorded for the year ended July 2017. The overall index for food increased to 106.2 in August 2017 compared to the 100.6 in August 2016, while overall index for non-food increased to 104.4 compared to the 98.9 in August 2016. Annual inflation rate for non-food decreased to 5.6 percent in August 2017 compared to the 5.7 percent in July 2017 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to rise for food inflation were Thailand Rice, Mbeya Rice, Maize Flour Wheat Flour, Green Cooking Bananas, Sugar by 5.1%, 3.4%, 12.4%, 1.2%, 2.5%, 3.2%, 10.2%, respectively.

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON FOOD STATISTICS

Group	Weights	INDICES			Aug 2017 to July 2017 % Change	Aug 2016 to Aug 2017 % Change
		Aug-16	Jul-17	Aug-17		
Food	42.7	100.6	104.5	106.2	1.7	5.7
Non Food	57.3	98.9	103.9	104.4	0.4	5.6
All Item	100.0	99.6	104.2	105.2	1.0	5.5

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASED TO 1.0 PERCENT IN AUGUST 2017

During August 2017 the monthly headline inflation rate increased to 1.0 percent compared to minus 0.5 percent recorded in July 2017. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the year ended August 2017 increased to 1.6 percent compared to the minus 0.9 for the year ended July 2017 (Table 1). The increases of monthly inflation rate was due to increase of prices of items such as Thailand rice 0.8%, and Kerosene 1.7%. (Table 3).

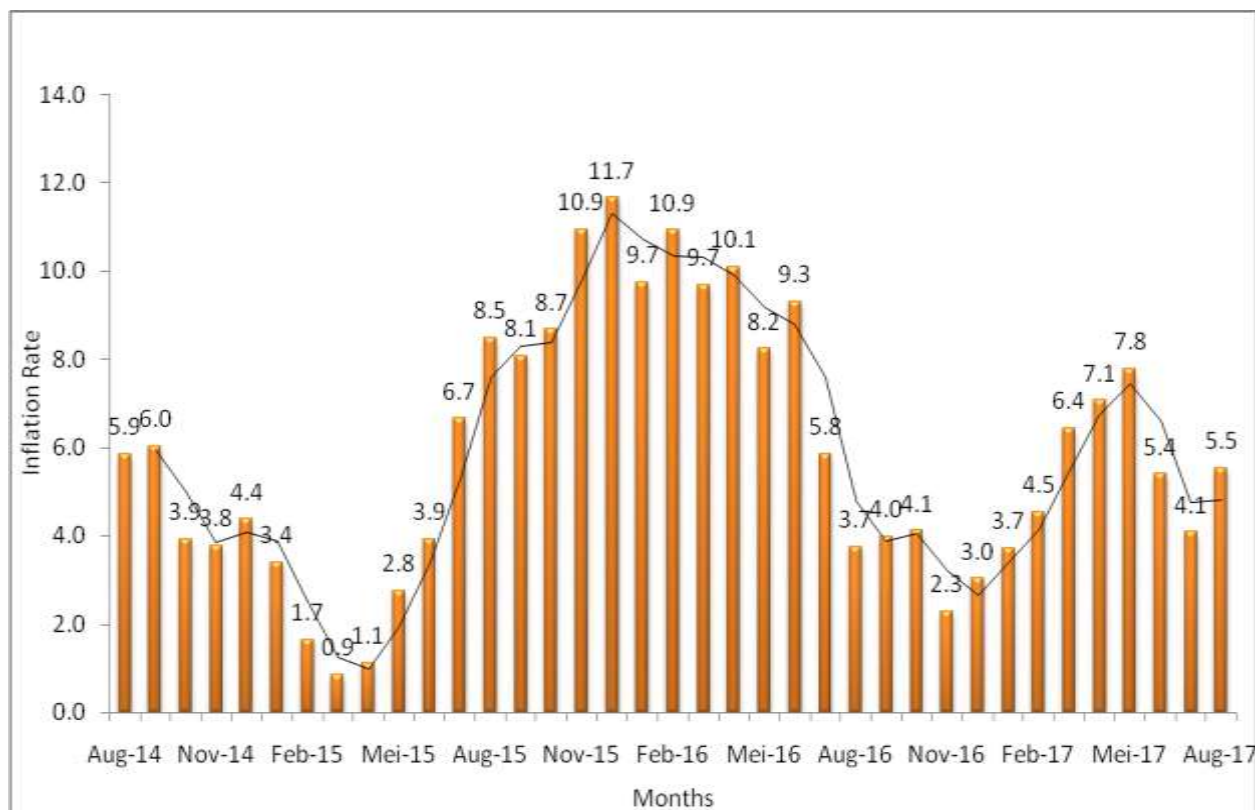
Other items are Coconut 24.4%, Cassava 8.1%, Yams 58.3%, Traditional Chicken 12.7%, Industrial Chicken 6.6%, Limes 15.2%,

Table 3: Monthly Average Prices for Selected Items 2016 - 2017

Items	Unit	16-Aug	17-Jul	17-Aug	% Monthly	% Annually
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,283	1,338	1,349	0.8	5.1
Mbeya	1 kg	2,295	2,422	2,373	-2.0	3.4
Jasmi	1 kg	1,864	1,951	1,920	-1.6	3.0
Basmat	1 kg	3,388	3,453	3,453	0.0	1.9
Flatbread (Boflo)	143g	363	363	363	0.0	0.0
Maize Flour	1kg	1,282	1,838	1,440	-21.6	12.4
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,297	1,319	1,313	-0.4	1.2
Fish	1kg	8,661	8,453	8,208	-2.9	-5.2
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,613	7,550	7,494	-0.7	-1.6
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,172	1,315	1,201	-8.6	2.5
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	2,866	3,495	2,958	-15.4	3.2
Sugar	1kg	1,732	1,914	1,908	-0.3	10.2
Cement	50 kg	15,589	14,871	14,871	0.0	-4.6
Kerosene	1 litre	1,385	1,385	1,408	1.7	1.7
Petrol	1 litre	1,970	2,035	2,000	-1.7	1.5
Diesel	1 litre	1,955	1,975	1,930	-2.3	-1.3

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from August, 2014 – August, 2017



Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Explanatory Note

The CPI measures the average percentage changes over time (between two time periods) in the prices of a “basket” of consumer goods and services acquired by households (the market basket) in Zanzibar. The Zanzibar CPI covers prices of 343 products collected in 641 outlets in Unguja and Pemba urban Centers. The goods and services included in the ZCPI basket are classified according to the UN COICOP (Classification of Individual Consumption According by Purpose) with 12 divisions.

The ZCPI weights are based on both monetary and non-momentary expenditures relating to consumption for households in Zanzibar for the 2014/15 Household Budget Survey (HBS). The weight is based on expenditures of both urban and rural households. Both base price and index has reference period of January 2017.

The computation of indices at elementary level based on geometric mean of the price relative while at higher level the Laspeyres formula was to compute the aggregate indices.

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