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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR DECEMBER, 2019

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASED TO 3.3 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ending December 2019 increased to 3.3 percent compared to 3.1 percent recorded during the year ended November 2019. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate increased to 4.3 percent in December 2019 from 4.1 percent recorded in November 2019. The overall Index increased to 112.3 in December 2019 compared to 108.7 recorded in December 2018 (**Table 1**).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR DECEMBER, 2019

(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Monthly	% Annually	Monthly Point Contribution	Yearly Point Contribution
		December 2018	November 2019	December 2019				
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	106.7	109.3	111.2	1.8	4.3	0.8	1.9
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	110.2	134.9	134.9	0.0	22.4	0.0	0.0
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	107.0	107.3	107.1	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	114.2	114.3	114.6	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	114.9	119.3	119.5	0.2	4.0	0.0	0.2
Health	2.1	106.2	114.3	114.3	0.0	7.6	0.0	0.2
Transport	9.6	114.7	114.8	114.3	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.0
Communication	4.2	99.1	114.8	114.8	0.0	15.8	0.0	0.7
Recreation and Culture	1.3	107.7	110.1	110.1	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0
Education	1.9	106.3	109.7	109.7	0.0	3.1	0.0	0.1
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	100.8	106.3	106.3	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	104.2	108.6	108.6	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.1
All Items	100.0	108.7	111.4	112.3			0.8	3.3

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food increased to 4.3 percent for the year ending December 2019 compared to 4.1 percent recorded for the year ended November, 2019. The overall index for food increased to 111.2 in December 2019 compared to 106.7 recorded in December 2018, while overall index for non-food increased to 113.0 in November 2019 compared to 110.2 in December 2018. Annual inflation rate for non-food slightly increase to 2.5 percent in December 2019 compared to 2.4 percent in November 2019 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to increase for Annual inflation rate were Mbeya Rice (1.0%), Maize Flour (45.2%), Wheat Flour (6.0%), Yellow cooking bananas (16.3%), White Sugar (7.2%) and Cement (8.3%) (**Table 3**).

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		December 2018	November 2019	December 2019		
Food	42.7	106.7	109.3	111.2	1.8	4.3
Non-Food	57.3	110.2	113.0	113.0	0.0	2.5
All Item	100.0	108.7	111.4	112.3	0.8	3.3

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE IS 0.5 PERCENT IN DECEMBER, 2019

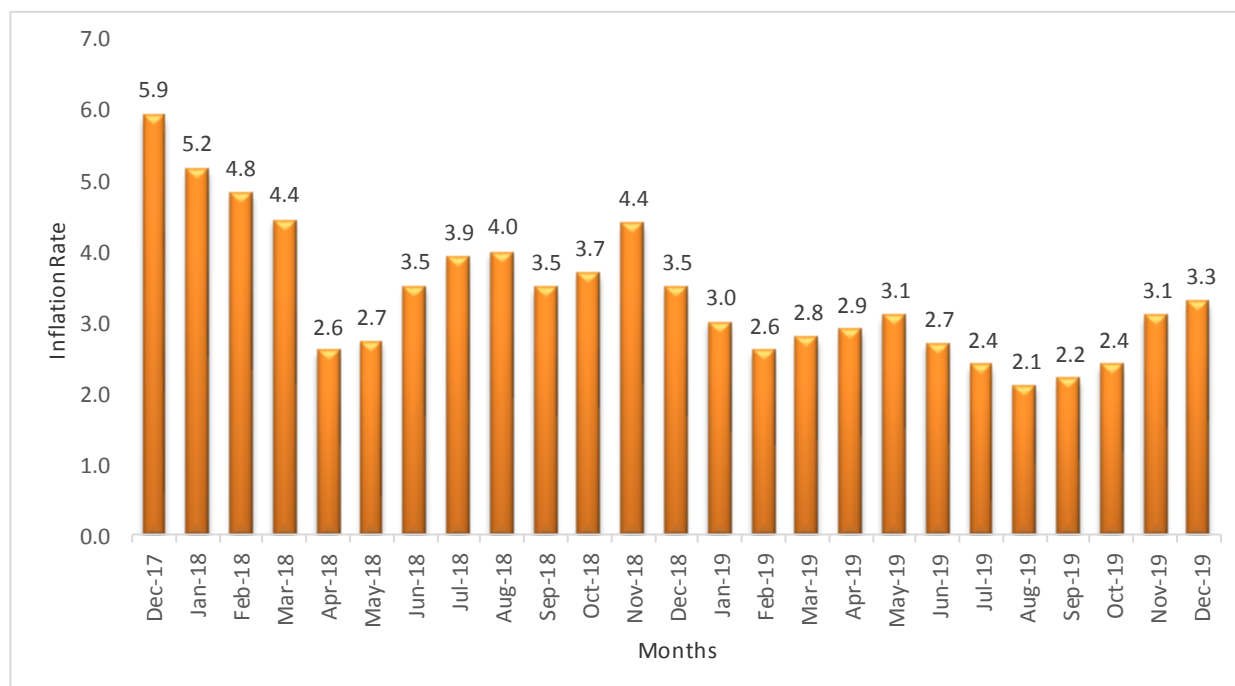
During December 2019 the monthly headline inflation rate increased to 0.8 percent compared with 0.5 percent as recorded in November 2019. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the month ending December, 2019 increased to 1.8 percent compared to 0.6 percent for the month ended November 2019 (Table 1). The increased of monthly inflation rate was due to increase of prices of items such as Mbeya Rice (1.1%), Fish item (0.1%), White Sugar (0.3%). (**Table 3**).

Table 3: Monthly Average Prices for Selected Items 2018 - 2019

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		December 2018	November 2019	December 2019		
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,643	1,637	1,613	-1.4	-1.8
Mbeya	1 kg	2,326	2,323	2,349	1.1	1.0
Jasmi	1 kg	1,957	2,113	2,113	0.0	8.0
Basmat	1 kg	3,696	3,714	3,714	0.0	0.5
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	363	408	408	0.0	12.2
Maize Flour	1kg	1,047	1,526	1,521	-0.4	45.2
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,308	1,387	1,387	0.0	6.0
Fish	1kg	9,224	8,937	8,950	0.1	-3.0
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,591	7,659	7,609	-0.7	0.2
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	941	1,145	1,039	-9.3	10.4
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,845	2,175	2,145	-1.4	16.3
White Sugar	1kg	1,769	1,891	1,897	0.3	7.2
Cement	50 kg	15,400	16,680	16,680	0.0	8.3
Kerosene	1 litre	1,947	1,705	1,664	-2.4	-14.5
Petrol	1 litre	2,459	2,218	2,189	-1.3	-11.0
Diesel	1 litre	2,539	2,270	2,238	-1.4	-11.9

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from December, 2017 – December, 2019



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 items 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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Appendix 1

	Indices				Monthly % Change				Annually % Change				
	Food ¹	Energy ² and Fuels	Core Exclude Food and Energy	Fish and Sea Food	Food	Energy and Fuels	Core Exclude Food and Energy	Fish and Sea Food	Food	Energy and Fuels	Core Exclude Food and Energy	Fish and Sea Food	
	Share	46.7	7.3	45.1	6.9								
2017	Jan	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0								
	Feb	100.2	101.6	100.1	101.6	0.2	1.6	0.1	1.6				
	Mar	101.0	100.7	100.5	100.1	0.9	-0.9	0.3	-1.5				
	Apr	103.8	102.6	103.1	103.0	2.8	1.9	2.6	2.9				
	May	106.7	103.5	103.1	99.7	2.8	0.8	0.0	-3.2				
	Jun	105.1	106.1	104.1	100.5	-1.5	2.6	1.0	0.8				
	Jul	104.2	104.6	104.0	97.9	-0.8	-1.5	-0.1	-2.6				
	Aug	105.8	108.9	103.9	101.3	1.5	4.2	-0.2	3.5				
	Sep	105.2	111.1	102.2	106.1	-0.6	2.0	-1.6	4.7				
	Oct	103.5	109.9	104.4	105.1	-1.6	-1.1	2.1	-0.9				
	Nov	101.4	108.1	104.7	96.3	-2.0	-1.6	0.3	-8.4				
	Dec	104.1	111.6	105.0	111.0	2.7	3.3	0.3	15.3				
2018	Jan	101.8	111.9	107.6	105.3	-2.3	0.3	2.5	-5.2	1.8	11.9	7.6	5.3
	Feb	101.4	111.8	107.7	104.7	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	1.3	10.1	7.6	3.1
	Mar	101.5	113.0	107.8	101.1	0.1	1.0	0.1	-3.5	0.5	12.2	7.3	1.0
	Apr	102.8	113.9	108.1	100.2	1.3	0.8	0.3	-0.9	-1.0	11.0	4.9	-2.7
	May	106.5	112.0	108.1	101.4	3.6	-1.7	0.0	1.2	-0.2	8.2	4.9	1.7
	Jun	107.4	116.1	108.2	114.2	0.9	3.7	0.0	12.6	2.3	9.4	3.9	13.6
	Jul	105.8	120.5	108.8	117.9	-1.5	3.8	0.6	3.2	1.6	15.2	4.6	20.4
	Aug	107.6	123.7	108.8	131.5	1.7	2.6	0.0	11.5	1.7	13.6	4.8	29.7
	Sep	105.2	120.2	108.8	123.8	-2.3	-2.8	0.0	-5.8	0.0	8.2	6.5	16.7
	Oct	106.1	120.2	108.8	112.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	-8.9	2.4	9.4	4.2	7.3
	Nov	104.6	120.9	109.5	99.1	-1.4	0.6	0.6	-12.1	3.2	11.9	4.6	2.9
	Dec	106.2	119.4	109.6	115.0	1.5	-1.2	0.1	16.0	2.0	7.0	4.4	3.6
2019	Jan	105.5	115.3	110.0	99.1	-0.6	-3.4	0.3	-13.8	3.7	3.1	2.2	-5.8
	Feb	105.4	113.8	109.4	101.2	-0.1	-1.4	-0.5	2.2	3.9	1.7	1.5	-3.3
	Mar	104.6	116.4	110.6	95.2	-0.8	2.3	1.1	-6.0	3.1	3.1	2.6	-5.9
	Apr	106.3	115.4	111.0	97.0	1.6	-0.8	0.3	2.0	3.4	1.4	2.6	-3.1
	May	109.1	119.0	111.5	115.2	2.7	3.1	0.5	18.7	2.5	6.3	3.1	13.6
	Jun	110.2	116.7	111.7	119.5	1.0	-2.0	0.1	3.8	2.5	0.5	3.3	4.7
	Jul	108.2	117.5	112.5	118.9	-1.8	0.7	0.7	-0.5	2.2	-2.5	3.4	0.9
	Aug	110.2	117.8	112.3	123.1	1.8	0.3	-0.2	3.5	2.4	-4.7	3.2	-6.4
	Sep	107.1	116.8	112.7	122.6	-2.8	-0.9	0.4	-0.4	1.9	-2.9	3.6	-0.9
	Oct	108.4	118.0	112.4	122.9	1.2	1.1	-0.3	0.2	2.2	-1.8	3.3	9.0
	Nov	109.1	118.5	112.8	115.5	0.6	0.4	0.3	-6.1	4.2	-2.0	3.0	16.5
	Dec	110.9	119.0	112.7	115.5	1.7	0.4	-0.1	0.0	4.4	-0.3	2.8	0.4

¹ Food - combining food consumed at home and food consumed in restaurants

² Energy and Fuels - Combining Electricity and other Fuels for use at Home with Petrol and Diesel