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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (ZCPI) FOR MARCH 2026

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE RECORDED 4.93 PERCENT

The Inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Zanzibar for the 12 months to March 2026 decreased to 4.93 percent from 5.07 percent registered in March 2025. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate increased to 9.91 percent in March 2026 compared to 6.95 percent in March 2025. The overall Index increased to 120.65 in March 2026 compared to 114.99 recorded in March 2025 (Table 1).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH 2026

(BASE JULY, 2022 = 100)

Description	Weights 2019/20	Indices			% Annually February 2026	% Annually March 2025	% Monthly	% Annually
		March 2025	February 2026	March 2026				
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	41.856	123.85	135.14	136.13	9.15	6.95	0.73	9.91
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.183	123.48	128.93	128.93	3.10	-0.29	0.00	4.42
Clothing and Footwear	6.321	108.67	110.24	110.42	3.14	4.21	0.16	1.61
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	25.801	107.66	107.45	107.19	-0.20	4.90	-0.24	-0.43
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.832	112.97	115.99	115.56	2.83	3.38	-0.37	2.29
Health	1.295	107.61	109.08	109.08	1.37	-0.38	0.00	1.37
Transport	9.125	110.53	112.42	112.36	2.22	1.52	-0.05	1.66
Information And Communication	4.215	104.74	104.89	104.56	-0.12	2.82	-0.31	-0.17
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.132	106.79	110.87	110.64	4.09	3.64	-0.21	3.61
Education	1.603	108.34	110.43	110.08	1.93	2.60	-0.32	1.61
Restaurants And Accommodation Services	1.445	113.86	121.91	121.57	7.07	0.60	-0.28	6.77
Insurance And Financial Services	0.485	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.706	108.30	110.14	110.46	2.20	3.63	0.29	1.99
ALL ITEMS	100.00	114.99	120.34	120.65	4.82	5.07	0.26	4.93

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food increased to 10.08 percent for the year ended March 2026 compared to 6.37 percent recorded for the year ended March 2025. The overall index for food increased to 136.08 in March 2026 from 123.62 recorded in March 2025, while Annual inflation rate for non-food decreased to 0.94 percent in March 2026 compared to 4.09 percent in March 2025, overall index for non-food increased to 110.14 in March 2026 compared to 109.11 in March 2025, (Table 2). Products contribute to increase annual inflation rate were Mbeya Rice 7.87%, Maize Flour 7.24%, Flat bread 3.79%, Sunflower Cooking Oil 1.25%, Yellow Cooking Banana 61.48%, Green Cooking Banana 20.08%, White Sugar 0.94%, and Petrol 0.10% (Table3).

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Annually February 2026	% Annually March 2025	% Monthly	% Annually
		March 2025	February 2026	March 2026				
Food	40.53	123.62	135.07	136.08	9.30	6.37	0.75	10.08
Non-Food	59.47	109.11	110.31	110.14	1.36	4.09	-0.15	0.94
All Item	100.00	114.99	120.34	120.65	4.82	5.07	0.26	4.93

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION IN MARCH 2026

During March 2026 the monthly headline inflation rate decreased to 0.26 percent compared to 0.50 percent recorded for the month ended February 2026. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the month ended March 2026 increased to 0.73 percent compared to negative 0.03 percent for the month ended February 2026 (Table 1).

The products that contribute to decrease monthly inflation rate are Thailand Rice 1.19%, Fish 5.55%, Brown Sugar 0.41% and Gas in cylinder 0.32%, (Table3).

Table 3: Monthly Average Prices for Selected Items 2025 – 2026

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		March 2025	February 2026	March 2026		
Thailand Rice	1 kg	2,159	2,008	1,984	-1.19	-8.12
Mbeya Rice	1 kg	2,770	2,978	2,988	0.34	7.87
Basmat Rice	1 kg	4,743	4,712	4,712	0.00	-0.65
Jasmin Rice	1 kg	2,872	2,865	2,865	0.00	-0.27
Wheat Flour	1 kg	2,032	1,943	1,943	0.00	-4.36
Maize Flour	1kg	1,743	1,869	1,869	0.00	7.24
Flatbread	1 pc	528	548	548	0.00	3.79
Fish	1 kg	10,858	11,379	10,748	-5.55	-1.01
Sunflower oil	1 litre	7,446	7,473	7,539	0.89	1.25
Edible Cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	6,966	6,883	6,910	0.38	-0.80
Yellow cooking banana	1kg	2,637	3,006	4,258	41.66	61.48
Green cooking banana	1kg	1,635	1,370	1,963	43.32	20.08
Brown sugar	1kg	2,525	2,509	2,498	-0.41	-1.04
White sugar	1kg	2,549	2,546	2,572	1.03	0.94
Gas in cylinder	6kg	25,495	25,495	25,413	-0.32	-0.32
Kerosene	1 litre	3,200	2,900	2,900	0.00	-9.38
Diesel	1 litre	3,135	2,952	2,952	0.00	-5.84
Petrol	1 litre	2,939	2,942	2,942	0.00	0.10

Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from March 2024 – March 2026

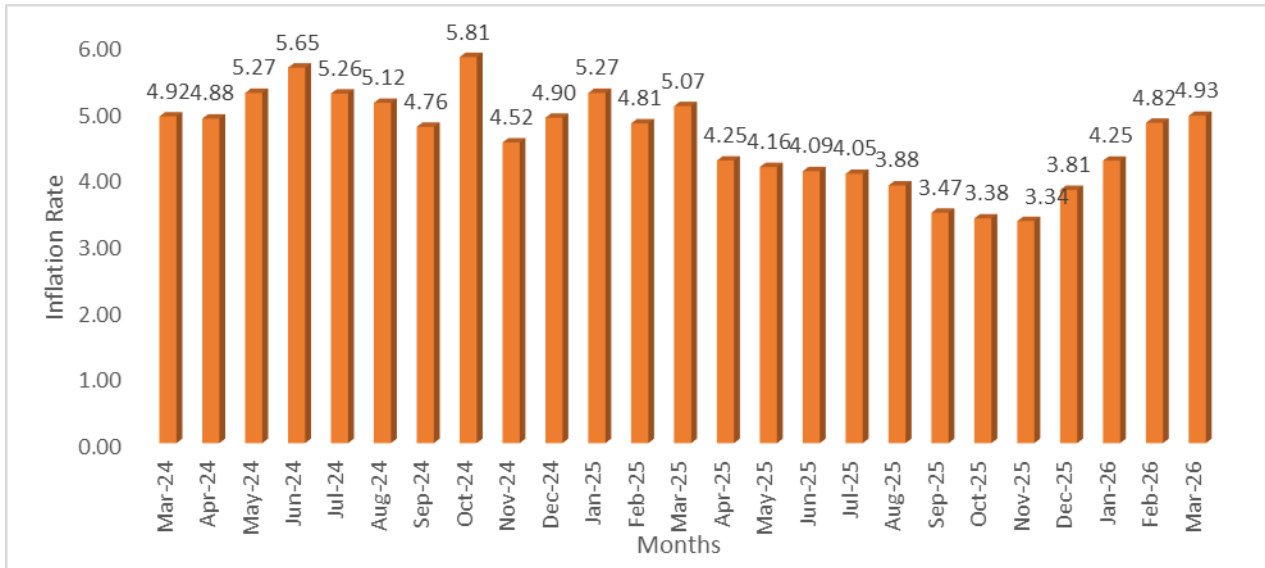
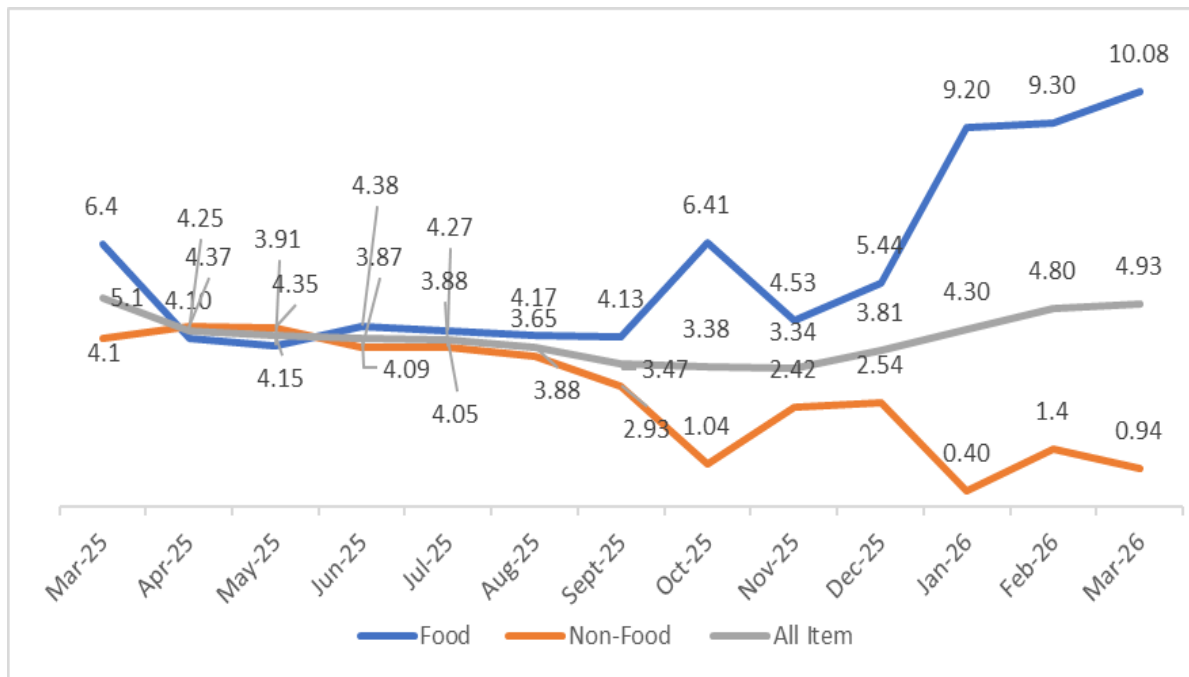


Chart 2: Zanzibar Inflation Rate for Food, Nonfood and All Items from March 2025 – March 2026



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 398 items collected in 670 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 13 divisions.

The ZCPI weights are based on both monetary and non-momentary expenditures relating to consumption for households in Zanzibar for the 2019/20 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 July 2022.

The computation of indices at elementary level based on geometric mean of the price relative while at higher level the Laspeyres formula was used 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	43.08	8.12	48.8	6.32								
2024												
Jan	115.53	107.00	103.79	97.32	2.88	-0.43	0.51	3.3	9.02	5.2	1.83	0.05
Feb	116.29	107.28	103.94	107.38	0.66	0.26	0.15	10.34	8.71	4.52	1.86	19.43
March	115.72	108.68	104.02	107.25	-0.49	1.3	0.08	-0.12	7.47	8.01	2.03	21.17
April	119.99	109.79	104.13	106.49	3.69	1.03	0.1	-0.7	7.89	7.71	1.53	11.47
May	120.26	110.26	103.86	117.28	0.22	0.42	-0.26	10.13	8.74	9.65	1.25	35.42
June	121.07	112.99	103.96	119.06	0.68	2.48	0.09	1.51	10.35	5.50	1.25	29.71
July	121.25	114.94	103.97	103.20	0.15	1.72	0.02	-13.32	9.01	11.32	0.67	1.61
Aug	122.31	113.39	103.98	111.69	0.87	-1.35	0.01	8.22	8.75	8.94	0.99	12.28
Sep	123.12	117.61	103.97	112.91	0.66	3.73	-0.01	1.10	7.36	11.61	1.04	12.98
Oct	121.30	122.52	105.08	108.91	1.47	4.18	1.07	3.54	8.18	15.68	1.85	12.21
Nov	120.08	112.91	105.44	91.62	-1.01	-7.85	0.34	-15.88	6.73	6.15	2.12	-4.80
Dec	121.40	108.81	105.79	98.25	1.10	-3.63	0.34	7.24	8.11	1.25	2.45	4.29
2025												
Jan	123.64	115.82	106.94	98.75	1.84	6.44	1.09	0.51	7.01	8.24	3.04	1.04
Feb	123.50	115.42	107.03	104.31	-0.11	-0.35	0.08	5.63	6.20	7.58	2.97	-2.86
March	123.53	115.80	107.31	102.07	0.03	0.33	0.26	-2.15	6.76	6.56	3.16	-4.83
April	125.50	118.63	107.50	98.60	1.59	2.44	0.18	-3.40	4.59	8.05	3.24	-7.41
May	125.55	116.67	107.61	103.59	0.03	-1.65	0.10	5.06	4.40	5.82	3.61	-11.68
June	126.94	116.16	107.65	101.14	1.11	-0.44	0.04	-2.36	4.84	2.81	3.55	-15.05
July	127.04	117.13	107.82	94.17	0.08	0.83	0.16	-6.89	4.77	1.90	3.71	-8.75
Aug	128.02	114.35	107.73	107.00	0.77	-2.37	-0.08	13.63	4.67	0.85	3.61	-4.19
Sep	129.20	112.03	107.92	117.05	0.63	-2.04	0.17	9.39	4.63	-4.75	3.80	3.67
Oct	129.96	108.39	107.86	101.60	0.7	-3.25	-0.05	-13.20	6.94	-11.54	2.65	-6.72
Nov	126.31	111.02	107.96	104.65	-2.65	2.43	0.09	3.00	5.17	-1.68	2.40	14.22
Dec	128.88	109.22	108.02	107.05	1.96	-1.62	0.06	2.43	6.06	0.38	2.11	9.10
2026												
Jan	135.09	107.49	108.48	107.91	4.70	-1.58	0.42	0.67	9.04	-7.19	1.44	9.28
Feb	135.07	114.51	108.57	111.03	-0.02	6.53	0.08	2.89	9.13	-0.78	1.44	6.44
March	136.08	114.19	108.42	103.57	0.70	-0.29	-0.13	-6.72	9.87	-1.40	1.04	1.47

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