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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR MAY, 2019

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASED TO 3.1 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ending May 2019 increased to 3.1 percent compared to 2.9 percent recorded during the year ended April 2019. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate decreased to 2.3 percent in May 2019 from 3.3 percent recorded in April 2019. The overall Index increased to 110.9 in May 2019 compared to 107.6 recorded in May 2018 (Table 1).

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

(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (April 2019 to May 2019)	% Change on same Month of previous year (May 2018 to May 2019)
		May 2018	April 2019	May 2019		
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	106.8	106.3	109.3	2.8	2.3
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	103.3	110.2	110.2	0.0	6.6
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	105.3	105.6	107.2	1.5	1.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	111.1	112.6	114.2	1.4	2.8
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	113.7	116.7	117.0	0.3	3.0
Health	2.1	105.9	109.4	109.5	0.0	3.4
Transport	9.6	110.6	112.2	113.1	0.8	2.2
Communication	4.2	100.5	114.8	114.8	0.0	14.2
Recreation and Culture	1.3	105.1	107.5	108.1	0.6	2.9
Education	1.9	105.3	109.7	109.7	0.0	4.2
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	102.0	106.3	106.3	0.0	4.1
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	101.8	106.0	106.7	0.7	4.9
All Items	100.0	107.6	109.1	110.9	1.7	3.1

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food decreased to 2.3 percent for the year ending May 2019 compared to 3.3 percent recorded for the year ended April, 2019. The overall index for food increased to 109.4 in May 2019 compared to 106.9 recorded in May 2018, while overall index for non-food increased to 112.1 in May 2019 compared to 108.2 in May 2018. Annual inflation rate for non-food increased to 3.6 percent in May 2019 compared to 2.6 per cent in April 2019 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to increase for Annual inflation rate were Thailand Rice (13.9%), Maize Flour (1.4%), Wheat Flour (2.6%), Green Cooking Banana (37.3%), Yellow Cooking Bananas (5.0%), White Sugar (4.7%), Cement (18.0%), Petrol (0.2%) and Diesel (1.8%) (**Table 3**).

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (April 2019 to May 2019)	% Change on same Month of previous year (May 2018 to May 2019)
		May 2018	April 2019	May 2019		
Food	42.7	106.9	106.3	109.4	2.9	2.3
Non-Food	57.3	108.2	111.2	112.1	0.8	3.6
All Item	100.0	107.6	109.1	110.92	1.7	3.1

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASE TO 1.7 PERCENT IN MAY, 2019

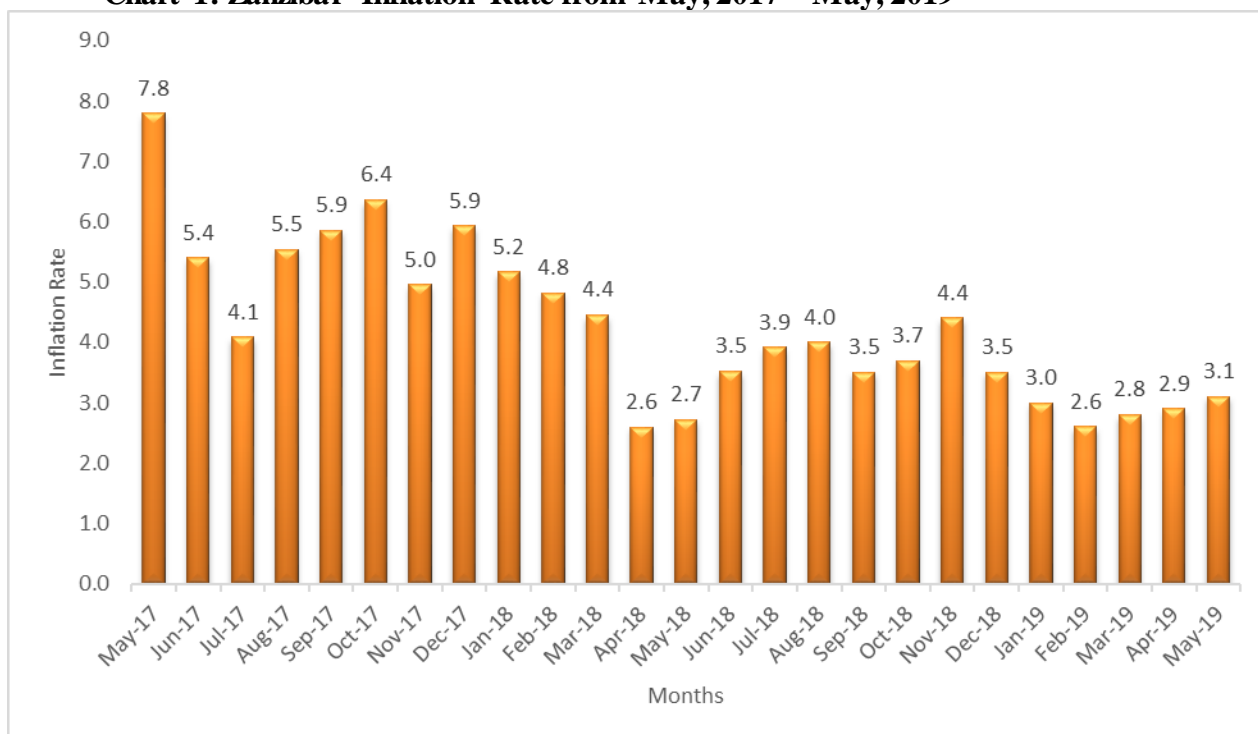
During May 2019 the monthly headline inflation rate increased to 1.7 percent compared with 0.8 percent recorded for the year ended April 2019. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the year ending May, 2019 increased to 2.8 percent compared to 1.8 percent for the year ended April 2019 (Table 1). The increase of monthly inflation rate was due to increase of prices of items such as Thailand rice (0.4%), Maize Flour (4.5%), Green Cooking Bananas (7.1%), Yellow Bananas (47.0%), Petrol (3.9%) and Kerosene (0.7%) (**Table 3**).

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

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		May 2018	April 2019	May 2019		
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,383	1,569	1,575	0.4	13.9
Mbeya	1 kg	2,476	2,252	2,230	-1.0	-9.9
Jasni	1 kg	1,937	2,074	2,074	0.0	7.1
Basmat	1 kg	3,461	3,696	3,723	0.7	7.6
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	363	408	408	0.0	12.2
Maize Flour	1kg	1,233	1,196	1,250	4.5	1.4
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,319	1,365	1,354	-0.8	2.6
Fish	1kg	8,402	8,219	9,542	16.1	13.6
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,492	7,591	7,683	1.2	2.5
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	996	1,277	1,369	7.1	37.3
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	2,811	2,009	2,953	47.0	5.0
White Sugar	1kg	1,856	1,977	1,942	-1.7	4.7
Cement	50 kg	14,748	17,263	17,403	0.8	18.0
Kerosene	1 litre	1,740	1,683	1,695	0.7	-2.6
Petrol	1 litre	2,255	2,175	2,260	3.9	0.2
Diesel	1 litre	2,250	2,300	2,290	-0.4	1.8

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from May, 2017 – May, 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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