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### ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR OCTOBER, 2018

#### ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASED TO 3.7 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ending October 2018 increased to 3.7 percent compared to 3.5 percent recorded during the year ended September 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate increased to 2.6 percent in October 2018 from 0.1 percent recorded in September 2018. The overall Index increased to 108.3 in October 2018 compared to the 104.5 recorded in October 2017 (**Table 1**).

**TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR OCTOBER, 2018**

(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (September 2018 to October 2018 )	% Change on same Month of previous year (October 2017 to October 2018)
		October 2017	September 2018	October 2018		
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	103.9	105.6	106.6	0.9	2.6
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	103.3	110.2	110.2	0.0	6.6
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	103.7	105.2	105.4	0.1	1.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	110.2	114.5	114.5	0.0	3.9
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	101.8	115.4	114.9	-0.5	12.9
Health	2.1	104.2	106.4	106.4	0.0	2.1
Transport	9.6	103.9	112.9	113.0	0.1	8.7
Communication	4.2	100.0	99.1	99.1	0.0	-0.9
Recreation and Culture	1.3	102.5	105.1	105.1	0.0	2.5
Education	1.9	100.0	105.4	105.4	0.0	5.4
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	101.1	100.2	100.2	0.0	-0.8
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	100.3	102.7	102.9	0.2	2.5
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>104.5</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

## ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food increased to 2.7 percent for the year ending October 2018 compared to 0.0 percent recorded for the year ended September, 2018. The overall index for food increased to 106.6 in October 2018 compared to 103.8 recorded in October 2017, while overall index for non-food increased to 109.6 in October 2018 compared to 104.9 in October 2017. Annual inflation rate for non-food decreased to 4.5 percent in October 2018 compared to 6.1 per cent in September 2018 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to increase for Annual inflation rate were Thailand Rice (17.9%), Fish items (2.1%), Cement (0.3%), Kerosene (20.9%), Petrol (13.0%) and Diesel (15.3%) (**Table 3**)

**TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS**

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (September 2018 to October 2018 )	% Change on same Month of previous year (October 2017 to October 2018)
		October 2017	September 2018	October 2018		
Food	42.7	103.8	105.6	106.6	1.0	2.7
Non Food	57.3	104.9	109.7	109.6	0.0	4.5
<b>All Item</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>

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## MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASED TO 0.4 PERCENT IN OCTOBER, 2018

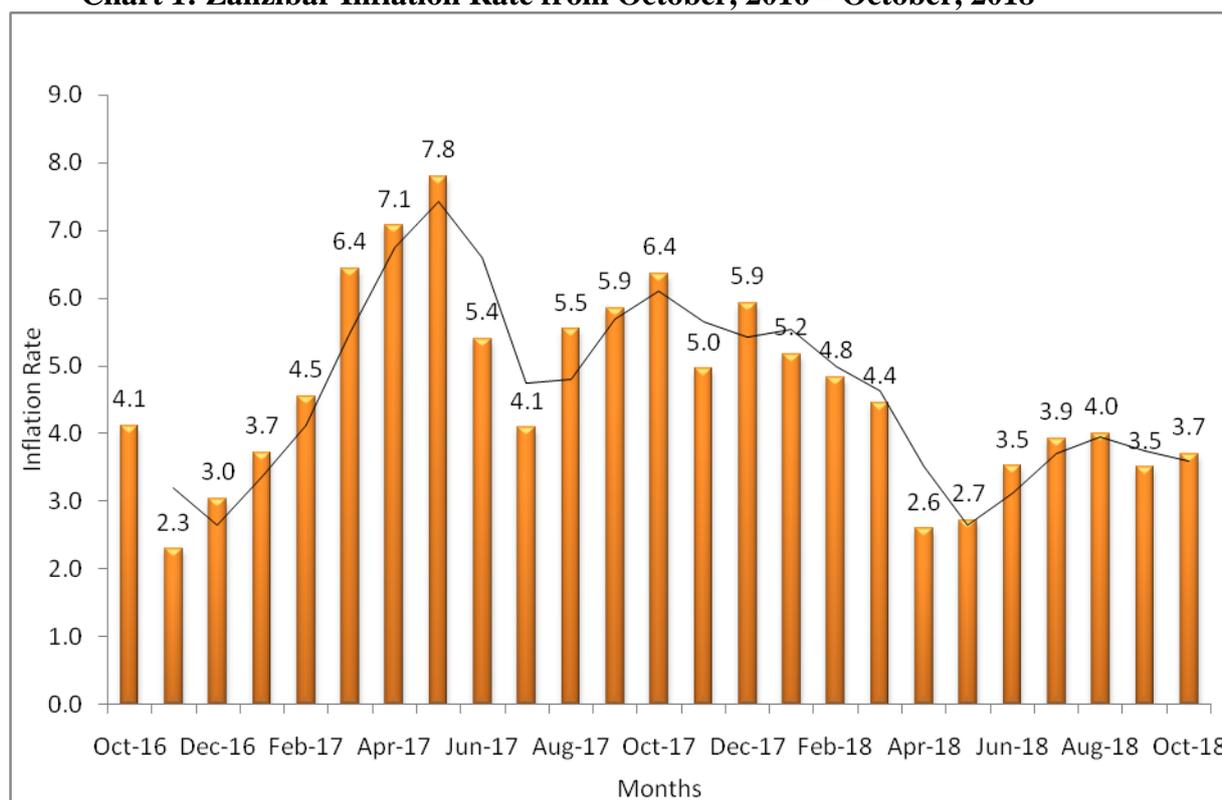
During October 2018 the monthly headline inflation rate increased to 0.4 percent compared to negative 1.3 percent recorded in September 2018. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the year ending October, 2018 is increased to 0.9 percent compared to negative 2.4 percent for the year ended September 2018 (Table 1). The increase of monthly inflation rate were due to increase of prices of items such as Thailand Rice (15.0%), Diesel (1.5%) (**Table 3**).

**Table 3: Monthly Average Prices for Selected Items 2017 - 2018**

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		October 2017	September 2018	October 2018		
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,354	1,388	1,596	15.0	17.9
Mbeya	1 kg	2,401	2,382	2,365	-0.7	-1.5
Jasmi	1 kg	1,931	1,937	1,937	0.0	0.3
Basmat	1 kg	3,423	3,723	3,696	-0.7	7.9
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	363	363	363	0.0	0.0
Maize Flour	1kg	1,289	1,170	1,159	-1.0	-10.1
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,313	1,313	1,308	-0.4	-0.4
Fish	1kg	8,578	10,004	8,760	-12.4	2.1
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,433	7,492	7,492	0.0	0.8
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,205	1,162	1,134	-2.5	-5.9
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	2,694	2,529	2,276	-10.0	-15.5
Sugar	1kg	1,891	1,793	1,772	-1.2	-6.3
Cement	50 kg	14,898	14,935	14,935	0.0	0.3
Kerosene	1 litre	1,514	1,830	1,830	0.0	20.9
Petrol	1 litre	2,111	2,400	2,390	-0.4	13.2
Diesel	1 litre	2,090	2,375	2,410	1.5	15.3

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

**Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from October, 2016 – October, 2018**



**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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