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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (ZCPI) FOR MARCH 2025

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE RECORDED 5.07 PERCENT

The Inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Zanzibar for the 12 months to March 2025 increased to 5.07 percent from 4.81 percent registered in February 2025. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate increase to 6.95 percent in March 2025 compared to 6.37 percent in February 2025. The overall Index increased to 114.99 in March 2025 compared to 109.44 recorded in March 2024 (Table 1).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH 2025

(BASE JULY, 2022 = 100)

Description	Weights 2019/20	Indices			% Annually February 2025	% Monthly	% Annually
		March 2024	February 2025	March 2025			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	41.856	115.80	123.81	123.85	6.37	0.03	6.95
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.183	123.84	125.05	123.48	0.98	-1.26	-0.29
Clothing and Footwear	6.321	104.28	106.88	108.67	2.84	1.68	4.21
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	25.801	102.62	107.67	107.66	5.22	-0.01	4.90
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.832	109.28	112.79	112.97	3.60	0.16	3.38
Health	1.295	108.03	107.61	107.61	-1.98	0.00	-0.38
Transport	9.125	108.88	109.98	110.53	1.41	0.50	1.52
Information And Communication	4.215	101.87	105.01	104.74	3.30	-0.26	2.82
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.132	103.03	106.52	106.79	3.38	0.25	3.64
Education	1.603	105.59	108.34	108.34	2.60	0.00	2.60
Restaurants And Accommodation Services	1.445	113.18	113.86	113.86	0.60	0.00	0.60
Insurance And Financial Services	0.485	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.706	104.51	107.77	108.30	3.54	0.50	3.63
ALL ITEMS	100.00	109.44	114.80	114.99	4.81	0.16	5.07

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food increased to 6.37 percent for the year ended March 2025 compared to 5.78 percent recorded for the year ended February 2025. The overall index for food increased to 123.62 in March 2025 from 116.22 recorded in March 2024, while Annual inflation rate for non-food slightly increase to 4.09 percent in March 2025 compared to 4.08 percent in February 2025, overall index for non-food increased to 109.11 in March 2025 compared to 104.82 in February 2024, (Table 2). Products contribute to increase annual inflation rate were Wheat Flour 3.6%, Fish 6.2%, Sunflower Oil 16.9%, Edible Cooking Oils (OKI) 19.9%, Green Cooking Bananas 13.6%, and Diesel 0.7% (Table 3).

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Annually February 2025	% Monthly	% Annually
		March 2024	February 2025	March 2025			
Food	40.53	116.22	123.58	123.62	5.78	0.03	6.37
Non-Food	59.47	104.82	108.83	109.11	4.08	0.26	4.09
All Item	100.00	109.44	114.80	114.99	4.81	0.16	5.07

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION IN MARCH 2025

During March 2025 the monthly headline inflation rate increased to 0.16 percent compared to negative 0.04 percent recorded for the month ended February 2025. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the month ended March 2025 increased to 0.03 percent compared to negative 0.12 percent for the month ended February 2025 (**Table 1**).

The products that contribute monthly inflation rate to increase are Fish 6.5%, Sunflower Oil 0.9%, Edible Cooking Oils (OKI) 2.0%, Yellow Cooking Banana 13.3%, Green Cooking Banana 39.6%, Diesel 6.5% and Petrol 4.3% (Table3).

Table 3: Monthly Average Prices for Selected Items 2024 - 2025

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		March 2024	February 2025	March 2025		
Thailand Rice	1 kg	2,382	2,219	2,159	-2.7	-9.4
Mbeya Rice	1 kg	3,105	2,796	2,770	-0.9	-10.8
Basmat Rice	1 kg	4,743	4,771	4,743	-0.6	0.0
Jasmin Rice	1 kg	2,903	2,940	2,872	-2.3	-1.1
Wheat Flour	1 kg	1,960	2,106	2,032	-3.5	3.6
Maize Flour	1kg	1,988	1,793	1,743	-2.8	-12.3
Flatbread	1 pc	548	528	528	0.0	-3.7
Fish	1 kg	10,226	10,195	10,858	6.5	6.2
Sunflower oil	1 litre	6,371	7,381	7,446	0.9	16.9
Edible Cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	5,809	6,829	6,966	2.0	19.9
Yellow cooking banana	1kg	3,486	2,328	2,637	13.3	-24.4
Green cooking banana	1kg	1,440	1,171	1,635	39.6	13.6
Brown sugar	1kg	3,107	2,584	2,525	-2.3	-18.7
White sugar	1kg	3,107	2,617	2,549	-2.6	-18.0
Kerosene	1 litre	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0	0.0
Diesel	1 litre	3,114	2,945	3,135	6.5	0.7
Petrol	1 litre	3,118	2,819	2,939	4.3	-5.7

Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from March 2023 – March 2025

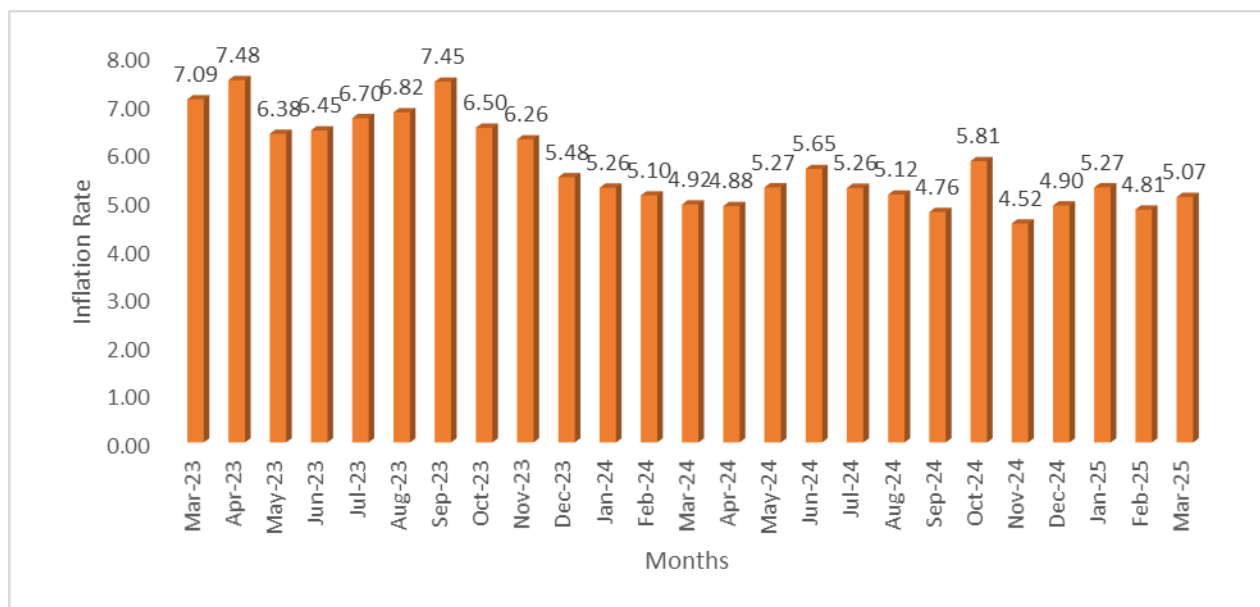
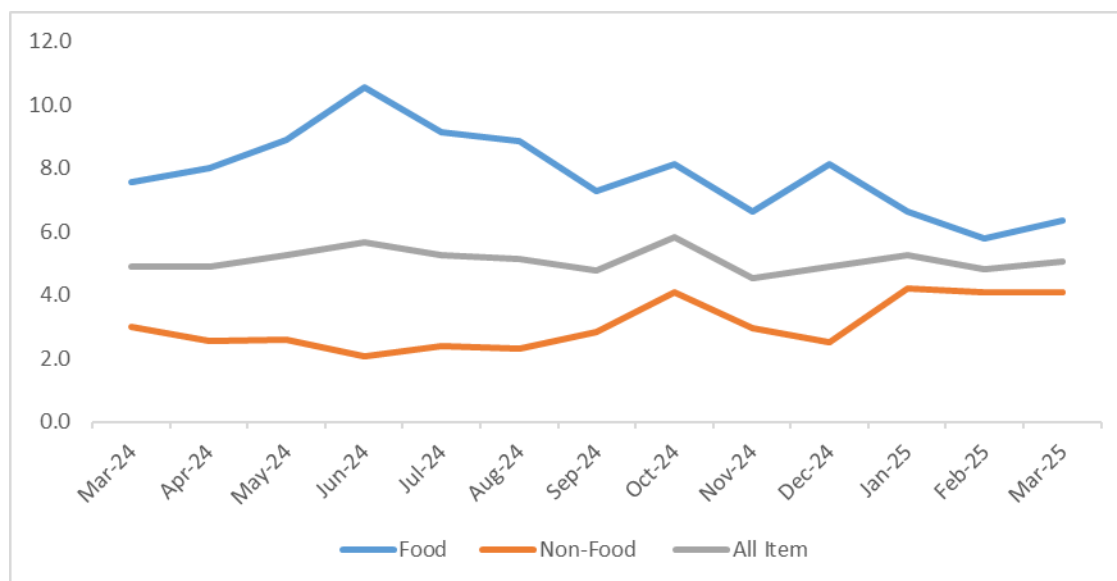


Chart 2: Zanzibar Inflation Rate for Food, Nonfood and All Items from March 2024 – March 2025



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								
2023	Jan	105.98	101.71	101.93	97.27	2	2.2	1.36	0.91	10.94	11.68	5.57	10.23
	Feb	106.97	102.65	102.04	89.91	0.94	0.11	0.92	-7.57	9.92	8.71	5.8	-1.68
	Mar	107.67	100.62	101.95	88.51	0.66	-1.97	-0.09	-1.55	9.71	7.03	4.82	-0.17
	April	111.21	101.94	102.56	95.53	3.28	1.31	0.59	7.93	10.95	8.69	4.32	0.76
	May	110.59	100.55	102.58	86.61	-0.56	-1.36	0.02	-9.35	9.11	8.41	3.75	-4.96
	June	109.72	107.1	102.67	91.79	-0.78	6.51	0.09	5.99	10.13	6.67	3.17	-7.55
	July	111.23	103.25	103.28	101.56	1.37	-3.59	0.59	10.65	11.23	3.25	3.28	1.56
	Aug	112.47	104.08	102.97	99.47	1.12	0.81	-0.3	-2.06	11.37	5	3.06	-3.2
	Sep	114.68	105.38	102.9	99.94	1.96	1.25	-0.06	0.47	13.47	3.84	2.7	0.64
	Oct	112.14	105.91	103.17	97.06	-2.22	0.51	0.26	-2.88	10.72	6.25	2.79	7.89
	Nov	112.51	106.36	103.24	96.23	0.33	0.42	0.07	-0.86	10.04	7.01	2.74	-0.15
	Dec	112.3	107.47	103.26	94.21	-0.19	1.04	0.02	-2.1	8.08	7.98	2.69	-2.26
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

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