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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR JUNE, 2018

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASED TO 3.5 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ended June 2018 increased to 3.5 percent compared to 2.7 percent recorded during the year ended May 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate increased to 2.3 percent for the year ended June 2018 compared to negative 0.3 percent recorded during the year ended May 2018. The overall Index increased to 108.4 in June 2018 compared to the 104.7 recorded in June 2017 (**Table 1**).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JUNE, 2018

(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

			INDICES		% Change	AN. 2017 = 100)
Description	Weights	June-17	May-18	June-18	on last Month (May 2018 to June 2018)	% Change on same Month of previous year (June 2017 to June 2018)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	105.5	106.8	107.9	1.0	2.3
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	100.0	103.3	103.3	0.0	3.3
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	104.1	105.3	105.3	0.0	1.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	108.6	111.1	112.8	1.5	3.8
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	101.2	113.7	114.3	0.5	12.9
Health	2.1	103.5	105.9	106.2	0.3	2.6
Transport	9.6	102.6	110.6	110.7	0.0	7.8
Communication	4.2	100.0	100.5	99.1	-1.3	-0.9
Recreation and Culture	1.3	102.3	105.1	105.1	0.0	2.8
Education	1.9	100.0	105.3	105.3	0.0	5.3
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	100.0	102.0	102.0	0.0	2.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	100.2	101.8	102.7	0.9	2.5
All Items	100.0	104.7	107.6	108.4	0.7	3.5

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food increased 2.3 percent for the year ended June 2018 compared to negative 0.4 percent recorded for the year ended May 2018. The overall index for food increased to 107.9 in June 2018 compared to 105.5 in June 2017, while overall index for non-food increased to 108.7 in June 2018 compared to 104.1 in June 2017. Annual inflation rate for non-food decreased to 4.4 percent in June 2018 compared to 5.1 percent in May 2018 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to increase for Annual inflation rate were Thailand Rice (4.7%), Basmat Rice (3.4%) Fish (17.6%), Petrol (6.9%), Diesel (11.1%) and Kerosene (20.8%) (Table 3)

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON FOOD STATISTICS

			INDICES	May 2018 to	June 2017 to	
Group	Weights	June-17	May-18	June-18	June 2018 % Change	June 2018 % Change
Food	42.7	105.5	106.9	107.9	1.0	2.3
Non Food	57.3	104.1	108.2	108.7	0.5	4.4
All Item	100.0	104.7	107.6	108.4	0.7	3.5

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASED TO 0.7 PERCENT IN JUNE, 2018

During June 2018 the monthly headline inflation rate decreased to 0.7 percent compared to 1.5 percent recorded in May 2018. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the year ended June 2018 decreased to 1.0 percent compared to 3.8 percent for the year ended May 2018 (Table 1). The decreases of monthly inflation rate was due to decrease of prices of items such as Mbeya Rice (2.4%), Maize Flour (2.0%), Sugar (2.0%) and Cement (0.2%) (Table 3).

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

		AV	%	%		
Items	Unit	June -17	May -18	June -18	Monthly	Annually
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,321	1,383	1,383	0.0	4.7
Mbeya	1 kg	2,474	2,476	2,416	-2.4	-2.3
Jasmi	1 kg	1,939	1,937	1,937	0.0	-0.1
Basmat	1 kg	3,382	3,461	3,496	1.0	3.4
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	363	363	363	0.0	0.0
Maize Flour	1kg	2,062	1,233	1,208	-2.0	-41.4
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,319	1,319	1,319	0.0	0.0
Fish	1kg	8,313	8,402	9,777	16.4	17.6
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,369	7,492	7,492	0.0	1.7
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,999	996	1,555	56.0	-22.2
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	5,204	2,811	3,282	16.8	-36.9
Sugar	1kg	1,920	1,856	1,818	-2.0	-5.3
Cement	50 kg	14,871	14,748	14,722	-0.2	-1.0
Kerosene	1 litre	1,440	1,740	1,740	0.0	20.8
Petrol	1 litre	2,110	2,255	2,255	0.0	6.9
Diesel	1 litre	2,025	2,250	2,250	0.0	11.1

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from June, 2015 – June, 2018

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Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Explanatory Note

Inflation Rate 9 % 0 0

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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 products 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.

Jun-15 Sep-15 Dec-15 Mar-16 Jun-16 Sep-16 Dec-16 Mar-17 Jun-17 Sep-17 Dec-17 Mar-18 Jun-18 Months

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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