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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR JANUARY, 2019

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASED TO 3.0 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ending January 2019 decreased to 3.0 percent compared to 3.5 percent recorded during the year ended December 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate increased to 3.6 percent in January 2019 from 2.2 percent recorded in December 2018. The overall Index increased to 108.3 in January 2019 compared to 105.2 recorded in January 2018 (**Table 1**).

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

(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (December 2018 to January 2019)	% Change on same Month of previous year (January 2018 to January 2019)
		January 2018	December 2018	January 2019		
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	101.8	106.7	105.5	-1.1	3.6
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	103.3	110.2	110.4	0.2	6.9
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	105.0	107.0	106.9	-0.1	1.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	111.0	114.2	112.6	-1.4	1.5
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	113.1	114.9	116.4	1.3	2.9
Health	2.1	104.6	106.2	108.9	2.5	4.0
Transport	9.6	109.4	114.7	113.9	-0.7	4.1
Communication	4.2	100.3	99.1	99.1	0.0	-1.1
Recreation and Culture	1.3	103.5	107.7	107.7	0.0	4.0
Education	1.9	105.3	106.3	109.7	3.1	4.2
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	102.0	100.8	106.3	5.4	4.1
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	102.0	104.2	105.6	1.3	3.5
All Items	100.0	105.2	108.7	108.3	-0.4	3.0

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food increased to 3.7 percent for the year ending January 2019 compared to 2.3 percent recorded for the year ended December, 2018. The overall index for food increased to 105.5 in January 2019 compared to 101.7 recorded in January 2018, while overall index for non-food increased to 110.4 in January 2019 compared to 107.7 in January 2018. Annual inflation rate for non-food decreased to 2.4 percent in January 2019 compared to 4.3 percent in December 2018 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to decrease for Annual inflation rate were Mbeya Rice (7.8%), Maize Flour (17.6%), Fish item (2.7%), Yellow Cooking Banana (11.7%) and Sugar (4.4%) (**Table 3**)

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (December 2018 to January 2019)	% Change on same Month of previous year (January 2018 to January 2019)
		January 2018	December 2018	January 2019		
Food	42.7	101.7	106.7	105.5	-1.1	3.7
Non Food	57.3	107.7	110.2	110.4	0.1	2.4
All Item	100.0	105.2	108.7	108.3	-0.4	3.0

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASED TO NEGATIVE 0.4 PERCENT IN JANUARY, 2019

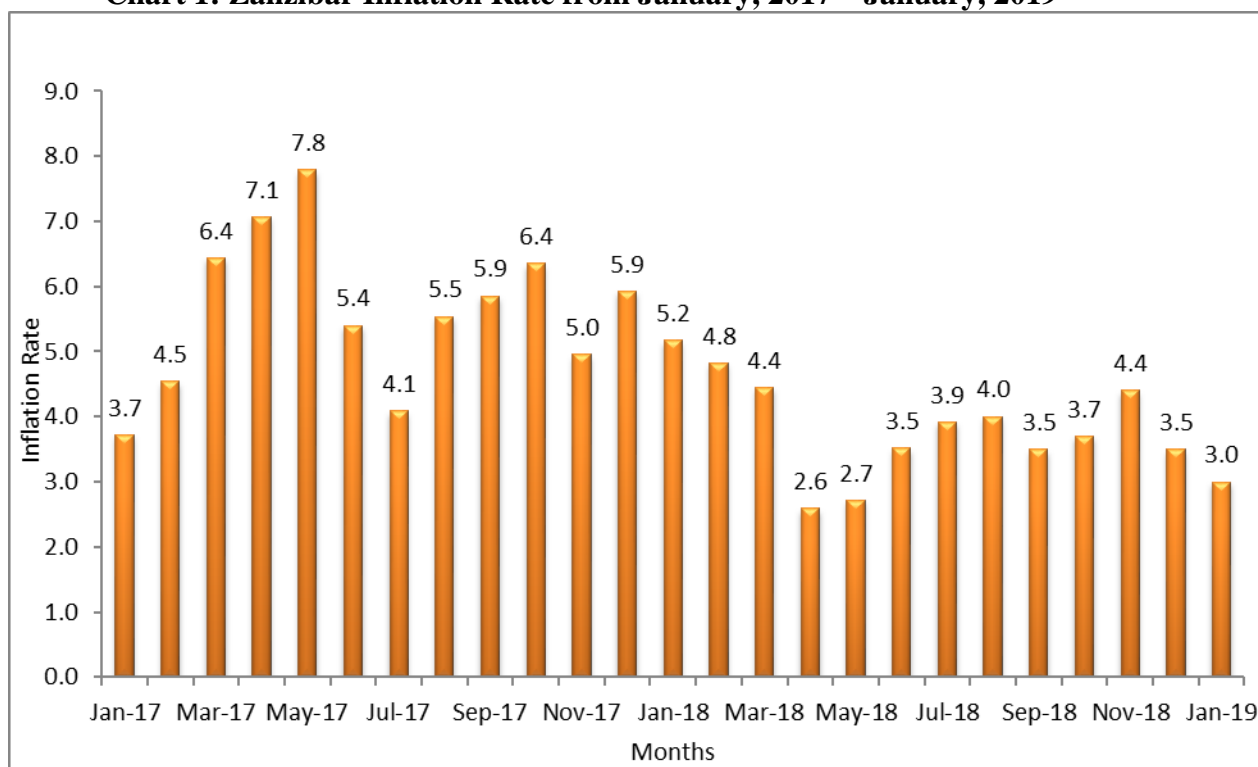
During January 2019 the monthly headline inflation rate decreased to negative 0.4 percent compared to 0.6 percent recorded in December 2018. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the year ending January, 2019 is decreased to negative 1.1 percent compared to 1.6 percent for the year ended December 2018 (Table 1). The decrease of monthly inflation rate was due to decrease of prices of items such as Thailand rice (0.7%), Fish items (8.7%), Kerosene (8.2%), Petrol (5.7%) and Diesel (8.1%) (**Table 3**).

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

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		January 2018	December 2018	January 2019		
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,355	1,643	1,632	-0.7	20.5
Mbeya	1 kg	2,538	2,326	2,342	0.7	-7.8
Jasmi	1 kg	1,937	1,957	2,009	2.7	3.8
Basmat	1 kg	3,449	3,696	3,696	0.0	7.1
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	363	363	363	0.0	0.0
Maize Flour	1kg	1,290	1,047	1,063	1.5	-17.6
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,319	1,308	1,354	3.5	2.6
Fish	1kg	8,656	9,224	8,420	-8.7	-2.7
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,384	7,591	7,591	0.0	2.8
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,014	941	1,111	18.0	9.5
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	2,257	1,845	1,992	8.0	-11.7
Sugar	1kg	1,880	1,769	1,798	1.6	-4.4
Cement	50 kg	14,555	15,400	16,529	7.3	13.6
Kerosene	1 litre	1,619	1,947	1,787	-8.2	10.4
Petrol	1 litre	2,230	2,459	2,320	-5.7	4.0
Diesel	1 litre	2,190	2,539	2,333	-8.1	6.5

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

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