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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR MARCH, 2021

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE RECORDED 1.5 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ended March 2021 increased to 1.5 percent compare to 0.7 percent for the year ended February 2021. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate increased to 2.5 percent in March 2021 from 0.3 percent recorded in February 2021. The overall Index increased to 115.3 in March 2021 compared to 113.6 recorded in March 2020 (**Table 1**).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH, 2021
(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Monthly	% Annually	Monthly Point Contribution	Yearly Point Contribution
		March 2020	February 2021	March 2021				
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	112.9	115.6	115.7	0.1	2.5	0.0	1.1
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	134.9	135.1	135.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	107.3	108.2	108.2	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	115.5	117.4	116.8	-0.5	1.1	-0.1	0.2
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	120.2	122.3	122.3	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.1
Health	2.1	122.0	126.9	128.6	1.3	5.5	0.0	0.1
Transport	9.6	115.0	110.6	111.9	1.2	-2.7	0.1	-0.3
Communication	4.2	114.8	114.9	114.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Recreation and Culture	1.3	112.9	112.3	112.3	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0
Education	1.9	113.2	125.3	125.3	0.0	10.7	0.0	0.2
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	107.1	107.1	107.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	109.5	110.0	110.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
All Items	100.0	113.6	115.2	115.3			0.1	1.5

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food increased to 2.5 percent for the year ended March 2021 compared to 0.3 percent recorded for the year ended February 2021. The overall index for food increased to 115.8 in March 2021 compared to 113.0 recorded in March 2020, while overall index for non-food increased to 115.0 in March 2021 compared to 114.1 in March 2020. Annual inflation rate for non-food slightly decreased to 0.8 percent in March 2021 compared to 0.9 percent in February 2020 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to increase for Annual inflation rate were Thailand Rice (5.1%), White sugar (0.6%), Wheat flour (5.2%), Yellow cooking banana (4.0%), Green cooking banana (25.8%), Fish items (5.5%), and Edible Cooking Oils (OKI) (11.8%) (**Table 3**).

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		March 2020	February 2021	March 2021		
Food	42.7	113.0	115.7	115.8	0.1	2.5
Non-Food	57.3	114.1	114.9	115.0	0.1	0.8
All Item	100.0	113.6	115.2	115.3	0.1	1.5

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASE TO 0.1 PERCENT IN MARCH, 2021

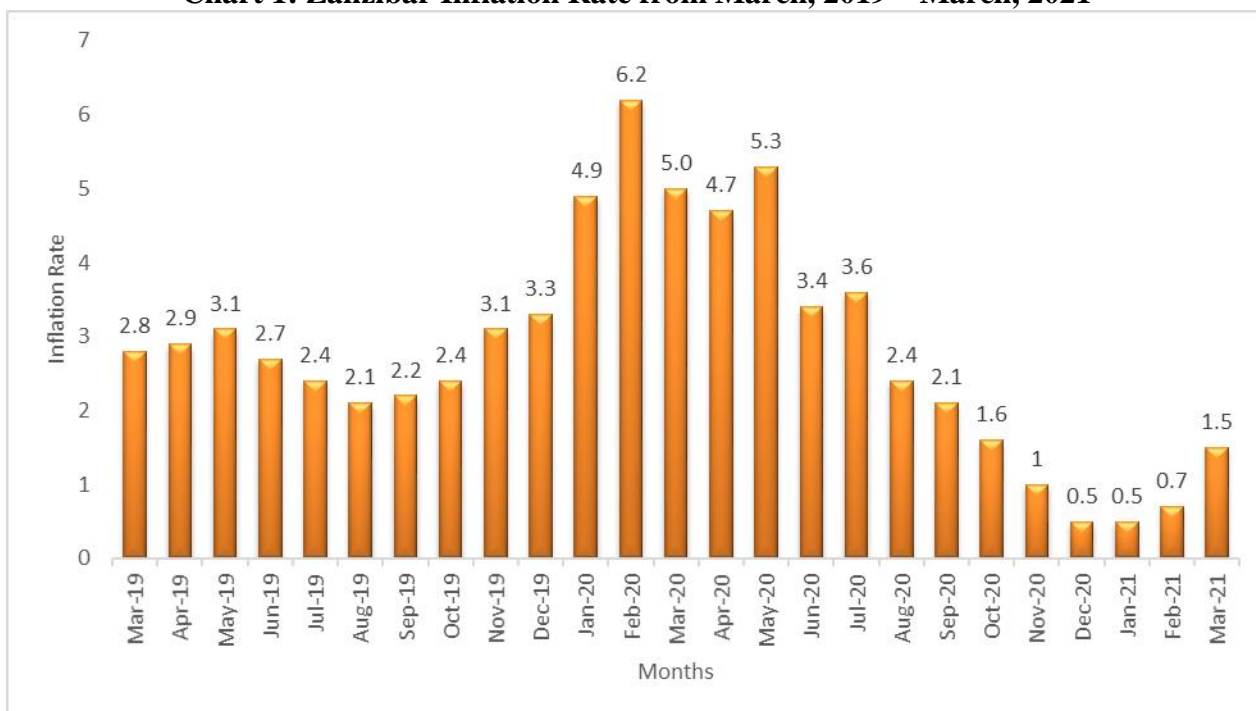
During March 2021 the monthly headline inflation rate decreased to 0.1 percent, compared to 1.0 percent recorded for the month ended February 2021. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the month ended March, 2021 is 0.1 percent compared to 0.4 percent for the month ended February 2021 (**Table 1**). The products that contribute to decrease monthly inflation rate are Mbeya Rice (1.2%), Fish Items (5.0%) and Cement (3.2%). (**Table 3**)

Table 3: Monthly Average Prices for Selected Items 2020 - 2021

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		March 2020	February 2021	March 2021		
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,520	1,591	1,597	0.4	5.1
Mbeya	1 kg	2,384	2,100	2,074	-1.2	-13.0
Jasmi	1 kg	2,103	2,053	2,053	0.0	-2.4
Basmat	1 kg	3,742	3,663	3,717	1.5	-0.7
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	408	423	423	0.0	3.8
Maize Flour	1kg	1,637	1,386	1,386	0.0	-15.3
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,387	1,460	1,460	0.0	5.2
Fish	1kg	9,121	10,128	9,619	-5.0	5.5
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,683	8,410	8,591	2.2	11.8
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,113	1,348	1,400	3.9	25.8
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	2,296	2,323	2,387	2.8	4.0
White Sugar	1kg	1,897	1,909	1,909	0.0	0.6
Cement	50 kg	16,864	13,786	13,348	-3.2	-20.8
Kerosene	1 litre	1,701	1,376	1,471	6.9	-13.5
Petrol	1 litre	2,225	1,934	2,026	4.8	-8.9
Diesel	1 litre	2,260	1,960	2,041	4.1	-9.7

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from March, 2019 – March, 2021



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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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	46.7	7.3	45.1	6.9									
2019	Jan	105.5	115.3	110.0	99.1	-0.6	-3.4	0.3	-13.8	3.7	3.1	2.2	-5.8
	Feb	105.4	113.8	109.4	101.2	-0.1	-1.4	-0.5	2.2	3.9	1.7	1.5	-3.3
	Mar	104.6	116.4	110.6	95.2	-0.8	2.3	1.1	-6.0	3.1	3.1	2.6	-5.9
	Apr	106.3	115.4	111.0	97.0	1.6	-0.8	0.3	2.0	3.4	1.4	2.6	-3.1
	May	109.1	119.0	111.5	115.2	2.7	3.1	0.5	18.7	2.5	6.3	3.1	13.6
	Jun	110.2	116.7	111.7	119.5	1.0	-2.0	0.1	3.8	2.5	0.5	3.3	4.7
	Jul	108.2	117.5	112.5	118.9	-1.8	0.7	0.7	-0.5	2.2	-2.5	3.4	0.9
	Aug	110.2	117.8	112.3	123.1	1.8	0.3	-0.2	3.5	2.4	-4.7	3.2	-6.4
	Sep	107.1	116.8	112.7	122.6	-2.8	-0.9	0.4	-0.4	1.9	-2.9	3.6	-0.9
	Oct	108.4	118.0	112.4	122.9	1.2	1.1	-0.3	0.2	2.2	-1.8	3.3	9.0
	Nov	109.1	118.5	112.8	115.5	0.6	0.4	0.3	-6.1	4.2	-2.0	3.0	16.5
	Dec	110.9	119.0	112.7	118.5	1.7	0.4	-0.1	2.6	4.4	-0.3	2.8	3.0
2020	Jan	113.2	119.1	113.2	120.4	2.1	0.1	0.5	1.6	7.3	3.3	3.0	21.5
	Feb	114.6	120.0	113.5	115.6	1.2	0.7	0.3	-4.0	8.7	5.4	3.8	14.1
	Mar	112.5	121.3	113.6	119.1	-1.9	1.1	0.1	3.1	7.5	4.2	2.7	25.2
	Apr	114.3	119.3	113.3	118.9	0.5	1.6	-0.3	-0.1	7.6	3.3	2.1	22.6
	May	118.2	125.2	114.0	125.4	3.4	5.0	0.7	5.4	8.3	5.2	2.2	8.8
	June	116.6	119.3	112.9	126.1	-1.3	-4.7	-1.0	0.6	5.8	2.3	1.1	5.5
	July	108.2	117.5	112.5	118.9	-1.4	2.9	0.5	-0.5	6.3	4.6	0.8	5.5
	Aug	110.2	117.8	122.3	123.1	0.2	-9.2	0.4	8.2	4.6	-5.4	1.4	10.3
	Sep	107.2	116.8	112.7	122.6	-3.4	1.5	0.2	-10.4	3.9	-3.1	1.2	-0.8
	Oct	108.4	118.0	112.4	122.6	1.2	1.1	-0.3	0.2	2.2	-1.8	3.3	9.0
	Nov	110.6	116.5	114.0	113.9	-0.2	0.6	0.0	-1.6	1.4	-1.7	1.1	-1.3
	Dec	111.8	113.7	113.8	118.6	1.1	-2.4	-0.1	4.1	0.8	-4.5	1.0	0.1
2021	Jan	114.6	110.2	114.3	124.2	2.5	-3.1	0.4	4.7	1.2	-7.5	1.0	3.1
	Feb	115.0	120.3	114.7	124.9	0.4	9.2	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	1.1	8.1
	Mar	115.1	118.9	115.1	114.6	0.1	-1.2	0.3	-8.2	2.3	-2.0	1.3	-3.7

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