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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR SEPTEMBER, 2018

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASED TO 3.5 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ended September 2018 decreased to 3.5 percent compared to 4.0 percent recorded during the year ended August 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate decreased to 0.1 percent in September 2018 from 1.9 percent recorded in August 2018. The overall Index increased to 107.9 in September 2018 compared to the 104.3 recorded in September 2017 (**Table 1**).

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

(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (August 2018 to September 2018)	% Change on same Month of previous year (September 2017 to September 2018)
		September 2017	August 2018	September 2018		
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	105.6	108.2	105.6	-2.4	0.1
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	103.3	108.4	110.2	1.6	6.6
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	102.8	105.4	105.2	-0.1	2.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	110.7	115.9	114.5	-1.2	3.5
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	101.4	114.9	115.4	0.4	13.9
Health	2.1	104.4	106.3	106.4	0.0	1.9
Transport	9.6	95.1	113.1	112.9	-0.2	18.8
Communication	4.2	100.0	99.1	99.1	0.0	-0.9
Recreation and Culture	1.3	96.7	105.1	105.1	0.0	8.8
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	102.7	0.0	2.4
All Items	100.0	104.3	109.3	107.9	-1.3	3.5

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food was 0.0 percent for the year ended September 2018 compared to 2.0 percent recorded for the year ended August, 2018. The overall index for food remained 105.6 in September 2018 as it was recorded in September 2017, while overall index for non-food increased to 109.7 in September 2018 compared to 103.3 in September 2017. Annual inflation rate for non-food increased to 6.1 percent in September 2018 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to decrease for Annual inflation rate were Maize flour (12.8%), Green Cooking Bananas (11.8%) and Sugar (5.2%) (**Table 3**)

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (August 2018 to September 2018)	% Change on same Month of previous year (September 2017 to September 2018)
		September 2017	August 2018	September 2018		
Food	42.7	105.6	108.3	105.6	-2.5	0.0
Non Food	57.3	103.3	110.1	109.7	-0.4	6.1
All Item	100.0	104.3	109.3	107.9	-1.3	3.5

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASED TO NEGATIVE 1.3 PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER, 2018

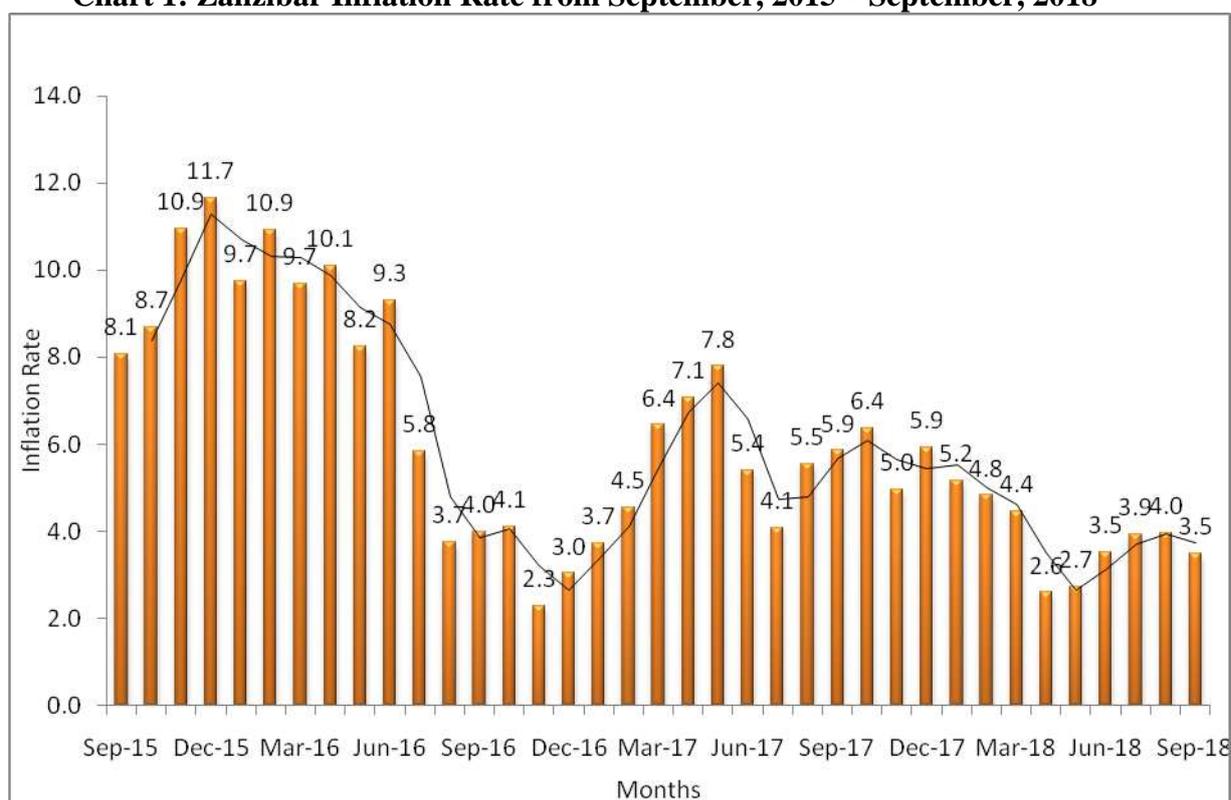
During September 2018 the monthly headline inflation rate decreased to negative 1.3 percent compared to 1.0 percent recorded in August 2018. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the year ended September, 2018 were negative 2.4 percent compared to negative 1.7 percent for the year ended August 2018 (Table 1). The decrease of monthly inflation rate were due to decrease of prices of items such as Thailand Rice (-0.4%), Mbeya Rice (-1.0%), Fish (-5.6%), Sugar (-1.0%), Diesel (-0.8%), Petrol (-0.4%) and Kerosene (-1.3%) (**Table 3**).

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

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES (TZS)			% Monthly	% Annually
		September 2017	August 2018	September 2018		
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,360	1,393	1,388	-0.4	2.1
Mbeya	1 kg	2,379	2,406	2,382	-1.0	0.1
Jasmi	1 kg	1,931	1,937	1,937	0.0	0.3
Basmat	1 kg	3,423	3,696	3,723	0.7	8.8
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	363	363	363	0.0	0.0
Maize Flour	1kg	1,343	1,170	1,170	0.0	-12.8
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,313	1,313	1,313	0.0	0.0
Fish	1kg	8,518	10,594	10,004	-5.6	17.4
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,433	7,443	7,492	0.7	0.8
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,318	1,134	1,162	2.5	-11.8
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	2,435	2,391	2,529	5.8	3.9
Sugar	1kg	1,891	1,812	1,793	-1.0	-5.2
Cement	50 kg	14,871	14,785	14,935	1.0	0.4
Kerosene	1 litre	1,408	1,854	1,830	-1.3	30.0
Petrol	1 litre	2,000	2,410	2,400	-0.4	20.0
Diesel	1 litre	1,930	2,395	2,375	-0.8	23.1

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from September, 2015 – September, 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 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.

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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