

## CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and Rates of Inflation, for September, 2020. The indices and inflation rates were generated from data collected through a survey of retail prices that targeted a basket of household consumption goods and services. The survey was conducted during the second and third weeks of the month, with prices being obtained from selected retail outlets located in 50 data collection zones, 14 of which are in Nairobi and 36 in other urban areas.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI stood at 108.57 in September 2020, which was almost the same level as in August 2020. The overall year on year inflation in September 2020 was 4.20 per cent compared to 4.36 per cent recorded in August 2020.

**Table 1: One Month and Twelve Months' Changes in the Consumer Price Indices**

	Weight %	% Change on last month September 2020/ August 2020	% Change on same month of the previous year September 2020 /September 2019
<b>13 COICOP Divisions</b>			
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	32.91	0.15	5.18
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	3.33	-0.20	4.33
Clothing and Footwear	2.99	-0.19	1.78
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	14.61	-0.05	2.18
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.74	0.42	1.40
Health	2.91	-0.50	1.77
Transport	9.65	-0.01	12.95
Information and Communication	7.78	-0.51	0.32
Recreation, Sport and Culture	1.72	-0.01	2.86
Education Services	5.56	-0.07	1.56
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	8.10	-0.02	2.78
Insurance and Financial Services	2.24	-0.16	0.14
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.45	-0.08	2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4.20</b>

**Table 2: Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation**

Month	Overall New CPI	Inflation Rate
February 2020	107.174	7.17
March 2020	107.475	5.84
April 2020	108.495	6.01
May 2020	108.602	5.33
June 2020	108.266	4.59
July 2020	108.354	4.36
August 2020	108.573	4.36
September 2020	108.571	4.20

**Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities**

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price in September 2019	Average Price in August 2020	Average Price in September 2020	% Change over last month September 2020/ August 2020	% Change over same month of last Year September 2020/ September 2019
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1	Kg	39.82	48.41	48.28	-0.26	21.25
Beans	1	Kg	106.80	124.24	124.04	-0.16	16.14
Beef - With Bones	1	Kg	426.45	433.21	435.92	0.63	2.22
Peas (Garden, Snap, Snow)	1	Kg	116.88	128.45	146.04	13.69	24.95
Offals (Matumbo, Liver and Kidney)	1	Kg	255.77	260.43	261.43	0.38	2.21
Oranges	1	Kg	65.61	61.90	64.26	3.82	-2.06
Potatoes (Irish)	1	Kg	67.23	62.21	63.91	2.74	-4.93
Cabbages	1	Kg	41.23	36.54	37.17	1.72	-9.87
Carrots	1	Kg	82.20	69.48	70.55	1.54	-14.17
Fortified Maize flour	2	Kg	124.86	123.64	122.32	-1.07	-2.04
Maize Grain - Loose	1	Kg	49.75	48.96	48.20	-1.54	-3.12
House Rent - Double Room	1	per month	6,283.13	6,278.84	6,276.65	-0.03	-0.10
Electricity	200	KWh	4,740.54	4,576.10	4,606.20	0.66	-2.83
Kerosene/Paraffin	1	Litre	101.78	84.60	84.09	-0.60	-17.38
Gas/LPG	13	Kg	2,000.09	2,060.15	2,033.57	-1.29	1.67

The month on month Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index rose by 0.15 per cent, while the year on year food inflation increased by 5.18 per cent, as indicated in Table 1. This was mainly attributed to increase in prices of peas, oranges, Irish potatoes and cabbages by 13.69, 3.82, 2.74 and 1.72 per cent, respectively, among other food items, as shown in Table 3. However, prices of maize grain loose, fortified maize flour and *sukuma wiki* (kales) decreased by 1.54, 1.07 and 0.26 per cent, respectively.

The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, dropped by 0.05 per

cent in September 2020. This was mainly attributed to a drop in cost of cooking gas and kerosene, by 1.29 per cent and 0.60 per cent, respectively. On the other hand, the price of electricity for 200 KWh, increased by 0.66 per cent.

The Transport Index decreased by 0.01 per cent over the same period, mainly due to a drop in the pump prices of diesel, which outweighed the 1.40 per cent increase in petrol prices.