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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR APRIL 2014

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for April 2014. These numbers have been generated using data collected during the second and third weeks of the month under review. The prices were obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones located in 13 urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 1.09 per cent from 146.61 in March 2014 to 148.20 in April 2014. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.41 per cent in April 2014.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (April 2014/ March 2014)	% Change on same month of previous year (April 2014/ April 2013)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	1.66	8.09
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.19	6.71
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.15	4.71
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.33	4.47
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.10	5.39
Health	3.13	0.16	6.64
Transport	8.66	3.62	8.76
Communication	3.82	0.00	-3.16
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.13	12.58
Education	3.14	0.00	5.62
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.44	6.22
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.48	4.52
Total	100.00	1.09	6.41

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Apr-13	139.28	4.12
May-13	139.52	4.05
Jun-13	139.59	4.91
Jul-13	139.87	6.02
Aug-13	140.29	6.67
Sep-13	142.82	8.29
Oct-13	142.75	7.76
Nov-13	143.14	7.36
Dec-13	143.85	7.15
Jan-14	145.40	7.21
Feb-14	145.95	6.86
Mar-14	146.61	6.27
Apr-14	148.20	6.41

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price April 2013	Average Price March 2014	Average Price April 2014	% change on last month	% change on same month last year
Tomatoes	1 Kg	103.93	88.36	104.73	18.53	0.77
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	60.18	51.55	54.28	5.29	-9.8
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	39.88	45.32	46.97	3.63	17.77
Fresh Fish	1 Kg	311.14	346.54	353.73	2.07	13.69
Onions	1 Kg	107.22	115	117.95	2.56	10
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	109.66	113.55	114.47	0.81	4.39
Sugar	1 Kg	121.88	109.89	107.88	-1.83	-11.49
Fresh Packeted Milk	500 Ml	45.68	53.29	51.94	-2.53	13.7
Electricity	50 Kwh	625.5	516.2	513.7	-0.48	-17.87
Gas- LPG	13 Kg	2,626.37	3,094.16	3,098.25	0.13	17.97
Kerosene	1 litre	83.69	84.65	83.92	-0.87	0.27
Petrol	1 litre	117.53	114.29	114.73	0.38	-2.38
Diesel	1 litre	107.29	106.34	105.69	-0.61	-1.49

During the review period, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 1.66 per cent. The rise in the food index came as a result of the prices of more food items recording increases compared to those whose prices decreased.

Between March and April 2014, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.33 per cent. This was mainly due to observed higher costs of common cooking fuels including charcoal, firewood and gas. The cost of electricity consumption reduced slightly compared to last month, on account of forex charges dropping by 5 cents per KWh in April 2014.

The Transport Index increased by 3.62 per cent over the same period. This increase in the index was observed as a result of higher costs of petrol and, matatu/bus fares in spite of a small decrease in the cost of diesel.