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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR JULY 2019

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation, for July, 2019. These numbers were generated from a survey of retail prices that targeted a basket of household consumption goods and services. The exercise was conducted during the second and third weeks of the month, with prices being obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones in Nairobi and 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI decreased by 0.36 per cent from 204.34 in June 2019 to 203.61 in July 2019. The overall year on year inflation in July 2019 stood at 6.27 per cent.

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

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month (July19 /June19)	% Change on same month of previous year (July19 /July18)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	-1.04	8.47
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	0.82	9.58
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.07	1.94
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.14	4.09
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.07	1.93
Health	3.13	0.02	1.77
Transport	8.66	0.22	10.52
Communication	3.82	0.00	4.45
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.03	0.54
Education	3.14	0.06	1.56
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	0.17	2.80
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	0.17	2.84
Total	100.00	-0.36	6.27

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Base: February 2009=100

Jul 2018	191.59	4.35
Aug 2018	192.18	4.04
Sep 2018	194.14	5.70
Oct 2018	192.60	5.53
Nov 2018	192.25	5.58
Dec 2018	193.51	5.71
Jan 2019	194.18	4.70
Feb 2019	195.78	4.14
Mar 2019	198.91	4.35
Apr 2019	205.90	6.58
May 2019	205.77	5.49
June 2019	204.34	5.70
July 2019	203.61	6.27

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Unit of measure	Average price - July 2018	Average price - June 2019	Average price July 2019	% Change over last month (July19/ June19)	% Change over a year ago (July19/ July18)
Maize Grain - Loose	1 Kg	51.47	48.70	48.96	0.52	-4.89
Maize Flour - Loose	1 Kg	57.27	53.18	53.89	1.33	-5.89
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	102.50	119.61	119.89	0.23	16.96
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	438.71	450.49	451.53	0.23	2.92
Milk - Fresh Packeted	500 Ml	51.74	57.53	57.19	-0.59	10.52
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	57.58	42.02	40.43	-3.78	-29.79
Tomatoes	1 Kg	95.60	96.65	94.81	-1.91	-0.83
Cabbages	1 Kg	40.53	47.73	46.40	-2.78	14.48
Carrots	1 Kg	63.04	72.20	77.12	6.81	22.33
Onions	1 Kg	125.00	101.93	103.14	1.19	-17.49
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	60.12	82.87	73.14	-11.74	21.66
Sugar	1 Kg	137.11	109.12	107.93	-1.09	-21.28
Cigarettes	1 Packet	125.12	135.77	137.18	1.04	9.63
Electricity	200 KWh	4,122.26	4,732.12	4,752.91	0.44	15.30
Electricity	50 KWh	695.97	832.13	837.33	0.62	20.31
House rent	Single room	4,344.58	4,496.38	4,496.38	0.00	3.49
Gas -(LPG)	13 Kg	2,176.31	2,192.25	2,171.47	-0.95	-0.22
Kerosene	1 litre	86.69	105.11	102.83	-2.17	18.62
Petrol	1 litre	113.07	115.82	116.14	0.28	2.72
Diesel	1 litre	104.21	105.57	104.74	-0.79	0.51

In July 2019, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index decreased by 1.04 per cent compared to a decline of 1.60 per cent in June 2019. This decline was attributed mainly to decrease in price of potatoes, sukuma wiki (*kales*), tomatoes, cabbages and milk. The decline in price of these commodities outweighed the observed increase in the cost of other commodities like maize grain, maize flour-loose, beef-with bones, carrots and onions which increased

by 0.52, 1.33, 0.23, 6.81 and 1.19 per cent, respectively, over the same period. Nevertheless, although the price of milk, cabbages and potatoes fell relative to June 2019, they remained well above the July 2018 prices.

During the same period, Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics Index increased by 0.82 percent mainly due to increase in price of cigarettes. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.14 per cent as a result of increase in prices of electricity. In this regard, the cost of consumption of 50 KWh and 200 KWh of electricity increased by 0.62 per cent and 0.44 per cent, respectively, in July 2019.

The Transport Index increased by 0.22 per cent on account of increase in pump price of petrol despite the decrease in the pump price of diesel, during the same period.