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CPI AND INFLATION RATES FOR FEBRUARY 2014

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for February 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 0.38 per cent from 145.40 in January 2014 to 145.95 in February 2014. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.86 per cent in February 2014.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (February 2014/ January 2014)	% Change on same month of previous year (February 2014/ February 2013)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.36	9.14
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.31	7.68
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.10	4.89
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.70	5.15
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.43	5.46
Health	3.13	0.39	5.95
Transport	8.66	0.24	6.42
Communication	3.82	-0.05	-2.99
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.64	12.69
Education	3.14	1.05	5.33
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.23	6.87
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.19	4.62
Total	100.00	0.38	6.86

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Feb-13	136.59	4.44
Mar-13	137.96	4.11
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

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price February 2013	Average Price January 2014	Average Price February 2014	% change on last month	% change on same month last year
Sugar	1 Kg	120.68	114.71	112.12	-2.27	-7.10
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	37.14	45.01	44.11	-2.01	18.76
Cooking Fat	1 KG	229.20	217.84	216.41	-0.66	-5.58
Orange	1 Kg	88.04	76.73	79.89	4.12	-9.26
Tomatoes	1 Kg	74.40	81.28	87.49	7.65	17.61
Electricity	50 Kwh	564.00	526.70	515.70	-2.09	-8.56
Gas LPG	13 Kg	2,643.04	2,995.22	3,027.03	1.06	14.53
Kerosene	1 litre	85.50	85.81	83.83	-2.31	-1.95
Petrol	1 litre	114.38	111.98	112.73	0.67	-1.44
Diesel	1 litre	107.58	106.26	106.92	0.62	-0.61

During the review period, Food and Non-Alcoholic drinks' index increased by

0.36 per cent. This was a result of aggregate rises in prices of some food items outweighing notable falls in prices of others.

Between January and February 2014, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' index, increased by 0.70 per cent. This mainly resulted from increases in cost of common cooking fuels. In this regard, while there was a decline in the cost of kerosene, prices of cooking gas, charcoal and firewood increased during the review period. Although no change was observed in respect of fuel cost adjustment charges compared to the previous month, slight decreases in forex adjustment and the Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA) levy charges caused a decrease in the cost of electricity.

Transport index increased by 0.24 per cent over the same review period, mainly on account of higher prices of petrol, diesel, parking charges as well as public transport fares. Within Nairobi for instance, parking charges were increased from KSh 140 to KSh 300 per day.