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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR FEBRUARY 2016

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and inflation rates for February, 2016. 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 Nairobi and 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI decreased by 0.42 per cent from 165.37 in January 2016 to 164.67 in February 2016. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.84 per cent in February 2016.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (February 2016/ January 2015)	% Change on same month of previous year (February 2016/ February 2015)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	-0.43	10.77
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	-0.40	13.84
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.03	4.64
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	-1.81	2.79
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.04	4.63
Health	3.13	0.13	5.40
Transport	8.66	-1.62	-0.31
Communication	3.82	1.31	2.67
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.45	4.02
Education	3.14	0.54	4.31
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.82	6.00
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.38	5.17
Total	100.00	-0.42	6.84

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
Feb-2015	154.14	5.61
Mar-2015	155.86	6.31
Apr-2015	158.70	7.08
May-2015	159.98	6.87
Jun-2015	160.46	7.03
Jul-2015	160.57	6.62
Aug-2015	160.90	5.84
Sep-2015	161.33	5.97
Oct-2015	162.13	6.72
Nov-2015	162.97	7.32
Dec-2015	164.72	8.01
Jan-2016	165.37	7.78
Feb-2016	164.67	6.84

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price February 2015	Average Price January 2016	Average Price February 2016	% Change on last month	% change on same month last year
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	46.34	74.37	72.32	-2.76	56.08
Onions	1 Kg	95.71	141.74	136.48	-3.71	42.59
Tomatoes	1 Kg	95.28	131.19	129.08	-1.61	35.48
Carrots	1 Kg	60.78	89.07	89.66	0.66	47.50
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	37.58	36.75	36.81	0.16	-2.06
Cabbages	1 Kg	37.29	47.75	48.07	0.68	28.90
Spinach	1 Kg	44.24	44.73	45.96	2.74	3.88
LPG Gas	13 Kg	2,846.53	2,343.86	2,318.03	-1.10	-18.57
Kerosene	1 litre	53.37	47.11	40.60	-13.81	-23.92
Electricity	50 Kw/h	508.20	534.3	534.3	0.00	5.14
Electricity	200 Kw/h	3,456.12	3398.7	3398.7	0.00	-1.66
House rents	1 Room	3,676.43	3,969.80	3,980.00	0.26	8.26

Petrol	1 litre	85.60	89.52	87.38	-2.39	2.08
Diesel	1 litre	76.49	77.66	68.85	-11.34	-9.98

Between January and February 2016, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index decreased by 0.43 per cent. This resulted from notable decreases in prices of key food items which slightly outweighed the increases. The Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics index continued to remain higher than in the same month of 2015 mainly due to higher Excise duty levied on beer cigarettes and other products within the division as from December 2015.

Over the same review period, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, decreased by 1.81 per cent. The main contributors to the decline were decreases in prices of kerosene and cooking gas, as reflected in Table 3. Notable however, electricity costs remained the same as in January 2016.

The Transport Index decreased by 1.62 per cent in February 2016 compared to the previous month mainly due to reduced costs of petrol and diesel.