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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR MARCH 2014

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation for March 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 0.45 per cent from 145.95 in February 2014 to 146.61 in March 2014. The overall inflation rate stood at 6.27 per cent in March 2014.

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

Broad Commodity Group	CPI Weight	% Change on last month (March 2014/ February 2014)	% Change on same month of previous year (March 2014/ March 2013)
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	0.56	8.29
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	2.06	0.55	7.24
Clothing & Footwear	7.43	0.40	4.84
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.30	0.28	4.44
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.33	5.48
Health	3.13	1.04	6.84
Transport	8.66	0.30	5.17
Communication	3.82	0.01	-3.13
Recreation & Culture	2.25	0.27	12.63
Education	3.14	0.39	5.62
Restaurant & Hotels	4.48	0.36	6.19
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	4.52	0.10	4.47
Total	100.00	0.45	6.27

Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

February 2009=100

Month	Overall CPI	Overall Rate of Inflation
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
Mar-14	146.61	6.27

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Units of Measure	Average Price March 2013	Average Price February 2014	Average Price March 2014	% change on last month	% change on same month last year
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	320.55	356.16	359.05	0.81	12.01
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	102.60	113.22	113.55	0.30	10.68
Beans	1 Kg	91.09	97.98	100.89	2.97	10.76
Wheat Flour	2 Kg	128.69	137.51	136.50	-0.74	6.07
Sugar	1 Kg	118.58	112.12	109.89	-1.98	-7.33
Electricity	50 Kwh	638	515.7	516.2	0.10	-19.09
Gas- LPG	13 Kg	2,882.50	3,027.03	3,094.16	2.22	7.34
Kerosene	1 litre	83.70	83.83	84.65	0.98	1.14
Petrol	1 litre	112.89	112.73	114.29	1.38	1.24
Diesel	1 litre	106.41	106.92	106.34	-0.55	-0.06

During the review period, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 0.56 per cent. This was as a result of aggregate rises in prices of several food items outweighing notable falls in prices of others.

Between February and March 2014, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.28 per cent. This was mainly due to observed higher prices of common cooking fuels including kerosene and

cooking gas. However on account of lower fuel cost and forex adjustment charges, the cost of electricity was significantly reduced compared to the same month of the previous year, as shown in Table 3 above.

Although there was a small decrease in the cost of diesel, the Transport Index increased by 0.30 per cent over the same period. This was attributed to higher costs of petrol, matatu/bus fares and parking charges.