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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR NOVEMBER, 2018

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASED TO 4.4 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ending November 2018 increased to 4.4 percent compared to 3.7 percent recorded during the year ended October 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate increased to 3.4 percent in November 2018 from 2.6 percent recorded in October 2018. The overall Index increased to 108.0 in November 2018 compared to the 103.4 recorded in November 2017 (**Table 1**).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR NOVEMBER, 2018

(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (October 2018 to November 2018)	% Change on same Month of previous year (November 2017 to November 2018)
		November 2017	October 2018	November 2018		
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	101.6	106.6	105.0	-1.5	3.4
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	103.3	110.2	110.2	0.0	6.6
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	103.9	105.4	107.0	1.6	3.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	109.4	114.5	114.8	0.3	4.9
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	101.7	114.9	114.7	-0.1	12.8
Health	2.1	104.6	106.4	106.2	-0.2	1.5
Transport	9.6	104.7	113.0	114.0	0.9	8.9
Communication	4.2	100.0	99.1	99.1	0.0	-0.9
Recreation and Culture	1.3	102.5	105.1	107.7	2.4	5.0
Education	1.9	100.0	105.4	106.3	0.9	6.3
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	101.1	100.2	100.8	0.5	-0.3
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	100.3	102.9	104.4	1.5	4.1
All Items	100.0	103.4	108.3	108.0	-0.3	4.4

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food increased to 3.5 percent for the year ending November 2018 compared to 2.7 percent recorded for the year ended October, 2018. The overall index for food increased to 105.0 in November 2018 compared to 101.5 recorded in November 2017, while overall index for non-food increased to 110.3 in November 2018 compared to 104.9 in November 2017. Annual inflation rate for non-food increased to 5.2 percent in November 2018 compared to 4.5 per cent in October 2018 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to increase for Annual inflation rate were Thailand Rice (21.4%), Fish items (2.5%), Cement (2.9%), Kerosene (21.2%), Petrol (13.5%) and Diesel (9.1%) (**Table 3**)

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (October 2018 to November 2018)	% Change on same Month of previous year (November 2017 to November 2018)
		November 2017	October 2018	November 2018		
Food	42.7	101.5	106.6	105.0	-1.5	3.5
Non-Food	57.3	104.9	109.6	110.3	0.6	5.2
All Item	100.0	103.4	108.3	108.0	-0.3	4.4

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASED TO NEGATIVE 0.3 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER, 2018

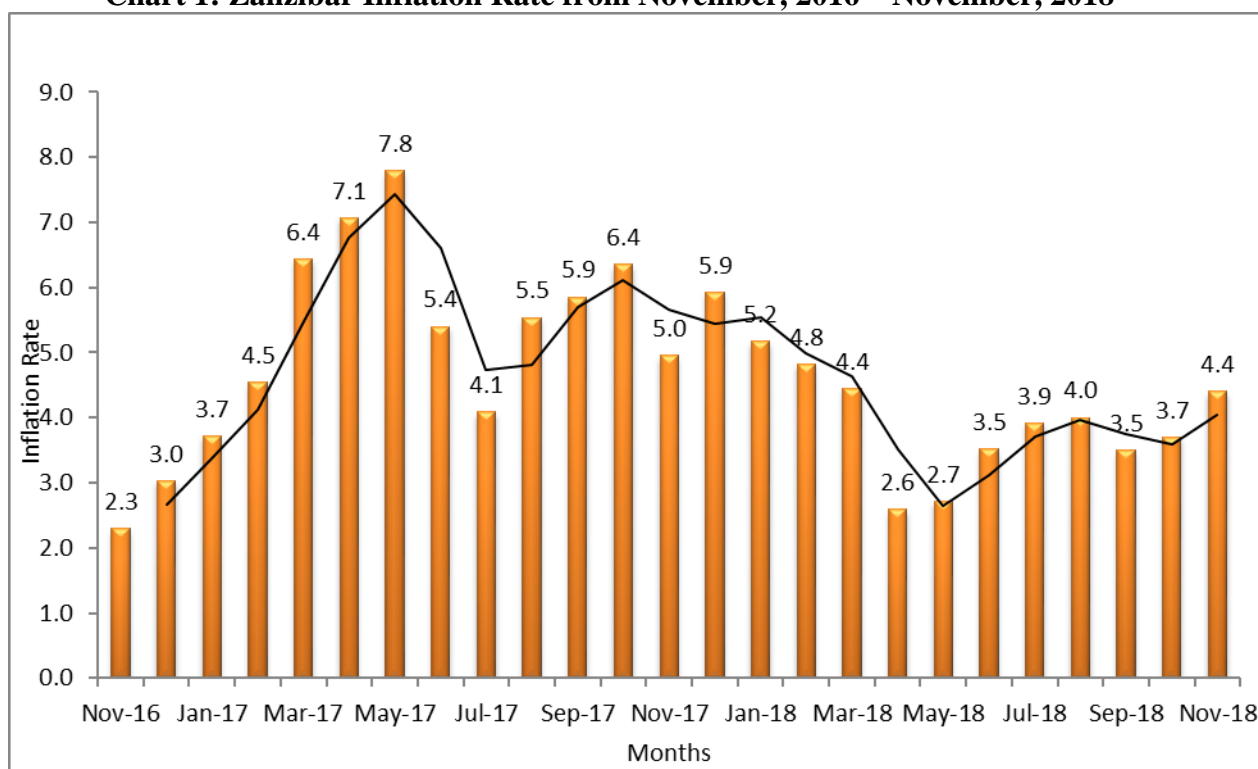
During November 2018 the monthly headline inflation rate decreased to negative 0.3 percent compared to 0.4 percent recorded in October 2018. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the year ending November, 2018 is decreased to negative 1.5 percent compared to 0.9 percent for the year ended October 2018 (Table 1). The decrease of monthly inflation rate was due to decrease of prices of items such as Mbeya rice (2.4%), Maize Flour (5.5%), Fish items (5.8%), Yellow Cooking Banana (10.3%) and Sugar (0.2%) (**Table 3**).

Table 3: Monthly Average Prices for Selected Items 2017 - 2018

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		November 2017	October 2018	November 2018		
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,354	1,596	1,643	3.0	21.4
Mbeya	1 kg	2,454	2,365	2,307	-2.4	-6.0
Jasmi	1 kg	1,931	1,937	1,957	1.1	1.4
Basmat	1 kg	3,423	3,696	3,696	0.0	7.9
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	363	363	363	0.0	0.0
Maize Flour	1kg	1,283	1,159	1,095	-5.5	-14.6
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,313	1,308	1,308	0.0	-0.4
Fish	1kg	8,046	8,760	8,249	-5.8	2.5
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litres	7,433	7,492	7,541	0.7	1.5
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,145	1,134	1,165	2.7	1.7
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	3,718	2,276	2,041	-10.3	-45.1
Sugar	1kg	1,885	1,772	1,769	-0.2	-6.1
Cement	50 kg	14,959	14,935	15,400	3.1	2.9
Kerosene	1 litre	1,537	1,830	1,863	1.8	21.2
Petrol	1 litre	2,130	2,390	2,418	1.2	13.5
Diesel	1 litre	2,280	2,410	2,488	3.2	9.1

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from November, 2016 – November, 2018



Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Explanatory Note

The CPI measures the average percentage changes over time (between two time periods) in the prices of a “basket” of consumer goods and services acquired by households (the market basket) in Zanzibar. The Zanzibar CPI covers prices of 343 items collected in 641 outlets in Unguja and Pemba urban Centers. The goods and services included in the ZCPI basket are classified according to the UN COICOP (Classification of Individual Consumption According by Purpose) with 12 divisions.

The ZCPI weights are based on both monetary and non-momentary expenditures relating to consumption for households in Zanzibar for the 2014/15 Household Budget Survey (HBS). The weight is based on expenditures of both urban and rural households. Both base price and index has reference period of January 2017.

The computation of indices at elementary level based on geometric mean of the price relative while at higher level the Laspeyres formula was to compute the aggregate indices.

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