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### ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR SEPTEMBER, 2019

### ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE SLIGHTLY INCREASED TO 2.2 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ended September 2019 slightly increased to 2.2 percent compared to 2.1 percent recorded during the year ended August 2019. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate decreased to 1.5 percent in September 2019 from 2.0 percent recorded in August 2019. The overall Index increased to 110.3 in September 2019 compared to 107.9 recorded in September 2018 (**Table 1**).

**TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR SEPTEMBER, 2019**  
(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Monthly	% Annually	Monthly Point Contribution	Yearly Point Contribution
		September 2018	August 2019	September 2019				
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	105.6	110.4	107.2	-3.0	1.5	-1.3	0.6
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	110.2	134.9	134.9	0.0	22.4	0.0	0.0
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	105.2	107.0	107.1	0.1	1.8	0.0	0.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	114.5	113.9	113.5	-0.4	-0.9	-0.1	-0.2
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	115.4	117.5	118.8	1.1	2.9	0.1	0.2
Health	2.1	106.4	114.2	114.2	0.0	7.3	0.0	0.2
Transport	9.6	112.9	114.1	115.3	1.0	2.1	0.1	0.2
Communication	4.2	99.1	114.8	114.8	0.0	15.8	0.0	0.7
Recreation and Culture	1.3	105.1	110.1	110.1	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.1
Education	1.9	105.4	109.7	109.7	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.1
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	100.2	106.3	106.3	0.0	6.0	0.0	0.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	102.7	107.7	108.3	0.5	5.4	0.0	0.1
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>111.6</b>	<b>110.3</b>			<b>-1.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

## ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food decreased to 1.5 percent for the year ended September 2019 compared to 2.0 percent recorded for the year ended August, 2019. The overall index for food increased to 107.2 in September 2019 compared to 105.6 recorded in September 2018, while overall index for non-food increased to 112.7 in September 2019 compared to 109.7 in September 2018. Annual inflation rate for non-food increased to 2.7 percent in September 2019 compared to 2.2 per cent in August 2019 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to slight increase for Annual inflation rate were Thailand Rice (9.1%), Maize Flour (14.2%), Wheat Flour (3.6%), Green Cooking Banana (1.2%), White Sugar (5.5%) and Cement (9.8%) (**Table 3**).

**TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS**

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		September 2018	August 2019	September 2019		
Food	42.7	105.6	110.5	107.2	-3.0	1.5
Non-Food	57.3	109.7	112.5	112.7	0.2	2.7
<b>All Item</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>111.6</b>	<b>110.3</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Core Index	45.1	108.8	112.3	112.7	0.4	3.6

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

## MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASE TO NEGATIVE 1.2 PERCENT IN SEOTEMBER, 2019

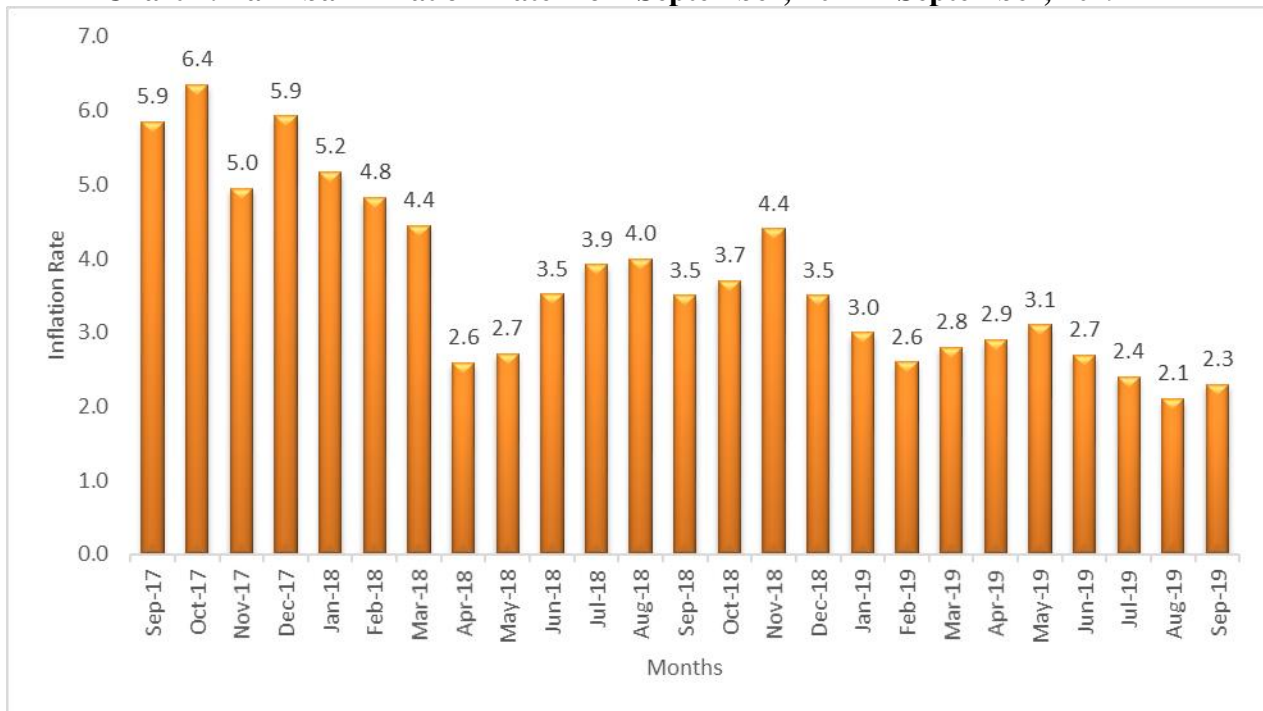
During September 2019 the monthly headline inflation rate decreased to negative 1.2 percent compared with 0.8 percent recorded for the month ended August 2019. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the month ended September, 2019 decreased to negative 3.0 percent compared to 2.0 percent for the month ended August 2019 (Table 1). The decrease of monthly inflation rate was due to decrease of prices of items such as Thailand Rice (2.5%), Mbeya Rice (1.9%), Fish Items (3.1%), Green Cooking Bananas (4.7%), Yellow Bananas (5.4%), White Sugar (0.3%). (**Table 3**).

**Table 3: Monthly Average Prices for Selected Items 2018 - 2019**

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		September 2018	August 2019	September 2019		
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,388	1,553	1,514	-2.5	9.1
Mbeya	1 kg	2,382	2,289	2,245	-1.9	-5.7
Jasmi	1 kg	1,937	2,085	2,051	-1.6	5.9
Basmat	1 kg	3,723	3,723	3,742	0.5	0.5
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	363	423	423	0.0	16.5
Maize Flour	1kg	1,170	1,302	1,337	2.7	14.2
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,313	1,365	1,360	-0.4	3.6
Fish	1kg	10,004	10,037	9,727	-3.1	-2.8
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,492	7,633	7,609	-0.3	1.6
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,162	1,234	1,176	-4.7	1.2
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	2,529	2,594	2,453	-5.4	-3.0
White Sugar	1kg	1,793	1,897	1,891	-0.3	5.5
Cement	50 kg	14,935	16,346	16,396	0.3	9.8
Kerosene	1 litre	1,830	1,675	1,721	2.7	-6.0
Petrol	1 litre	2,400	2,181	2,235	2.5	-6.9
Diesel	1 litre	2,375	2,221	2,261	1.8	-4.8

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

**Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from September, 2017 – September, 2019**



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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# Appendix 1

	Indices			Monthly % Change			Annually % Change			
	Energy and Fuels	Core Exclude Food and Energy	Fish and Sea Food	Energy and Fuels	Core Exclude Food and Energy	Rice, Wheat Flour and Sugar Index	Energy and Fuels	Core Exclude Food and Energy	Rice, Wheat Flour and Sugar Index	
<b>Share</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>							
2017	Jan	100.0	100.0	100.0						
	Feb	101.6	100.1	101.6	1.6	0.1	1.6			
	Mar	100.7	100.5	100.1	-0.9	0.3	-1.5			
	Apr	102.6	103.1	103.0	1.9	2.6	2.9			
	May	103.5	103.1	99.7	0.8	0.0	-3.2			
	Jun	106.1	104.1	100.5	2.6	1.0	0.8			
	Jul	104.6	104.0	97.9	-1.5	-0.1	-2.6			
	Aug	108.9	103.9	101.3	4.2	-0.2	3.5			
	Sep	111.1	102.2	106.1	2.0	-1.6	4.7			
	Oct	109.9	104.4	105.1	-1.1	2.1	-0.9			
	Nov	108.1	104.7	96.3	-1.6	0.3	-8.4			
	Dec	111.6	105.0	111.0	3.3	0.3	15.3			
2018	Jan	111.9	107.6	105.3	0.3	2.5	-5.2	11.9	7.6	5.3
	Feb	111.8	107.7	104.7	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	10.1	7.6	3.1
	Mar	113.0	107.8	101.1	1.0	0.1	-3.5	12.2	7.3	1.0
	Apr	113.9	108.1	100.2	0.8	0.3	-0.9	11.0	4.9	-2.7
	May	112.0	108.1	101.4	-1.7	0.0	1.2	8.2	4.9	1.7
	Jun	116.1	108.2	114.2	3.7	0.0	12.6	9.4	3.9	13.6
	Jul	120.5	108.8	117.9	3.8	0.6	3.2	15.2	4.6	20.4
	Aug	123.7	108.8	131.5	2.6	0.0	11.5	13.6	4.8	29.7
	Sep	120.2	108.8	123.8	-2.8	0.0	-5.8	8.2	6.5	16.7
	Oct	120.2	108.8	112.8	0.0	0.0	-8.9	9.4	4.2	7.3
	Nov	120.9	109.5	99.1	0.6	0.6	-12.1	11.9	4.6	2.9
	Dec	119.4	109.6	115.0	-1.2	0.1	16.0	7.0	4.4	3.6
2019	Jan	115.3	110.0	99.1	-3.4	0.3	-13.8	3.1	2.2	-5.8
	Feb	113.8	109.4	101.2	-1.4	-0.5	2.2	1.7	1.5	-3.3
	Mar	116.4	110.6	95.2	2.3	1.1	-6.0	3.1	2.6	-5.9
	Apr	115.4	111.0	97.0	-0.8	0.3	2.0	1.4	2.6	-3.1
	May	119.0	111.5	115.2	3.1	0.5	18.7	6.3	3.1	13.6
	Jun	116.7	111.7	119.5	-2.0	0.1	3.8	0.5	3.3	4.7
	Jul	117.5	112.5	118.9	0.7	0.7	-0.5	-2.5	3.4	0.9
	Aug	117.8	112.3	123.1	0.3	-0.2	3.5	-4.7	3.2	-6.4
	Sep	116.8	112.7	122.6	-0.9	0.4	-0.4	-2.9	3.6	-0.9