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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR AUGUST, 2020

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASED TO 2.4 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ending August 2020 decreased to 2.4 percent compared to 3.6 percent recorded during the year ended July 2020. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate decreased to 4.9 percent in August 2020 from 6.7 percent recorded in July 2020. The overall Index increased to 114.3 in August 2020 compared to 111.6 recorded in August 2019 (**Table 1**).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR AUGUST, 2020
(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Monthly	% Annually	Monthly Point Contribution	Yearly Point Contribution
		August 2019	July 2020	August 2020				
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	110.4	115.6	115.9	0.3	4.9	0.1	2.1
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	134.9	135.8	135.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	107.0	108.7	108.4	-0.3	1.3	0.0	0.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	113.9	118.4	113.9	-3.8	0.0	-0.7	0.0
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	117.5	119.9	120.9	0.9	2.9	0.0	0.2
Health	2.1	114.2	123.6	124.0	0.3	8.6	0.0	0.2
Transport	9.6	114.1	108.0	109.8	1.7	-3.7	0.2	-0.4
Communication	4.2	114.8	114.8	114.9	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Recreation and Culture	1.3	110.1	114.4	114.1	-0.2	3.6	0.0	0.0
Education	1.9	109.7	113.2	113.2	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.1
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	106.3	107.1	107.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	107.7	111.0	109.9	-1.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
All Items	100.0	111.6	114.8	114.3	-0.4	2.4	-0.4	2.4

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food decreased to 4.9 percent for the year ending August 2020 compared to 6.7 percent recorded for the year ended July 2020. The overall index for food increased to 116.0 in August 2020 compared to 110.5 recorded in August 2019, while overall index for non-food increased to 113.0 in August 2020 compared to 112.5 in August 2019. Annual inflation rate for non-food decrease to 0.5 percent in August 2020 compared to 1.4 percent in July 2020 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to decrease for Annual inflation rate were Thailand Rice (0.8%), Cement (4.0%), Kerosene (29.1%), Petrol (13.6%), Diesel (13.3%), (Table 3).

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		August 2019	July 2020	August 2020		
Food	42.7	110.5	115.6	116.0	0.3	4.9
Non-Food	57.3	112.5	114.2	113.0	-1.0	0.5
All Item	100.0	111.6	114.8	114.3	-0.4	2.4

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE IS NEGATIVE 0.4 PERCENT IN AUGUST, 2020

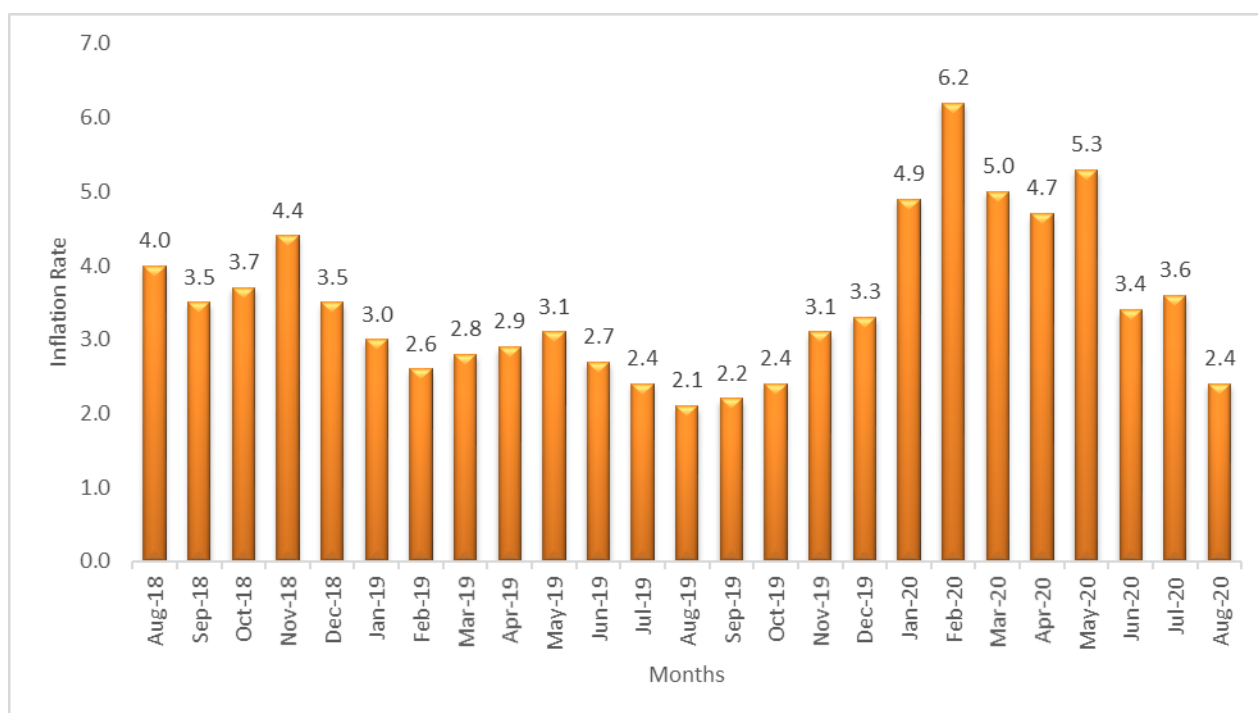
During August 2020 the monthly headline inflation rate is negative 0.4 percent compared with negative 0.2 percent as recorded in July 2020. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the month ending August, 2020 is 0.3 percent compared to negative 1.6 percent for the month ended July 2020 (Table 1). The decreased of monthly inflation rate was due to decrease of prices of items such as Mbeya (2.5%), Kerosene (34.0%), Maize Flour (0.8%), (**Table 3**).

Table 3: Monthly Average Prices for Selected Items 2019 - 2020

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		Aug 2019	Jul 2020	Aug 2020		
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,553	1,536	1,541	0.4	-0.8
Mbeya	1 kg	2,289	2,316	2,259	-2.5	-1.3
Jasmi	1 kg	2,085	2,114	2,092	-1.0	0.3
Basmat	1 kg	3,723	3,703	3,703	0.0	-0.5
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	423	408	408	0.0	-3.7
Maize Flour	1kg	1,302	1,484	1,472	-0.8	13.1
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,365	1,382	1,382	0.0	1.2
Fish	1kg	10,037	9,790	10,097	3.1	0.6
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,633	7,633	7,633	0.0	0.0
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,234	1,319	1,366	3.5	10.7
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	2,594	2,306	2,591	12.3	-0.1
White Sugar	1kg	1,897	1,896	1,896	0.0	0.0
Cement	50 kg	16,346	15,694	15,694	0.0	-4.0
Kerosene	1 litre	1,675	1,800	1,188	-34.0	-29.1
Petrol	1 litre	2,181	1,751	1,884	7.6	-13.6
Diesel	1 litre	2,221	1,856	1,925	3.7	-13.3

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from August, 2018 – August, 2020



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				
	Food ¹	Energy ² and Fuels	Core Exclude Food and Energy	Fish and Sea Food	Food	Energy and Fuels	Core Exclude Food and Energy	Fish and Sea Food	Food	Energy and Fuels	Core Exclude Food and Energy	Fish and Sea Food	
Share	46.7	7.3	45.1	6.9									
2018	Jan	101.8	111.9	107.6	105.3	-2.3	0.3	2.5	-5.2	1.8	11.9	7.6	5.3
	Feb	101.4	111.8	107.7	104.7	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	1.3	10.1	7.6	3.1
	Mar	101.5	113.0	107.8	101.1	0.1	1.0	0.1	-3.5	0.5	12.2	7.3	1.0
	Apr	102.8	113.9	108.1	100.2	1.3	0.8	0.3	-0.9	-1.0	11.0	4.9	-2.7
	May	106.5	112.0	108.1	101.4	3.6	-1.7	0.0	1.2	-0.2	8.2	4.9	1.7
	Jun	107.4	116.1	108.2	114.2	0.9	3.7	0.0	12.6	2.3	9.4	3.9	13.6
	Jul	105.8	120.5	108.8	117.9	-1.5	3.8	0.6	3.2	1.6	15.2	4.6	20.4
	Aug	107.6	123.7	108.8	131.5	1.7	2.6	0.0	11.5	1.7	13.6	4.8	29.7
	Sep	105.2	120.2	108.8	123.8	-2.3	-2.8	0.0	-5.8	0.0	8.2	6.5	16.7
	Oct	106.1	120.2	108.8	112.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	-8.9	2.4	9.4	4.2	7.3
	Nov	104.6	120.9	109.5	99.1	-1.4	0.6	0.6	-12.1	3.2	11.9	4.6	2.9
	Dec	106.2	119.4	109.6	115.0	1.5	-1.2	0.1	16.0	2.0	7.0	4.4	3.6
2019	Jan	105.5	115.3	110.0	99.1	-0.6	-3.4	0.3	-13.8	3.7	3.1	2.2	-5.8
	Feb	105.4	113.8	109.4	101.2	-0.1	-1.4	-0.5	2.2	3.9	1.7	1.5	-3.3
	Mar	104.6	116.4	110.6	95.2	-0.8	2.3	1.1	-6.0	3.1	3.1	2.6	-5.9
	Apr	106.3	115.4	111.0	97.0	1.6	-0.8	0.3	2.0	3.4	1.4	2.6	-3.1
	May	109.1	119.0	111.5	115.2	2.7	3.1	0.5	18.7	2.5	6.3	3.1	13.6
	Jun	110.2	116.7	111.7	119.5	1.0	-2.0	0.1	3.8	2.5	0.5	3.3	4.7
	Jul	108.2	117.5	112.5	118.9	-1.8	0.7	0.7	-0.5	2.2	-2.5	3.4	0.9
	Aug	110.2	117.8	112.3	123.1	1.8	0.3	-0.2	3.5	2.4	-4.7	3.2	-6.4
	Sep	107.1	116.8	112.7	122.6	-2.8	-0.9	0.4	-0.4	1.9	-2.9	3.6	-0.9
	Oct	108.4	118.0	112.4	122.9	1.2	1.1	-0.3	0.2	2.2	-1.8	3.3	9.0
	Nov	109.1	118.5	112.8	115.5	0.6	0.4	0.3	-6.1	4.2	-2.0	3.0	16.5
	Dec	110.9	119.0	112.7	118.5	1.7	0.4	-0.1	2.6	4.4	-0.3	2.8	3.0
2020	Jan	113.2	119.1	113.2	120.4	2.1	0.1	0.5	1.6	7.3	3.3	3.0	21.5
	Feb	114.6	120.0	113.5	115.6	1.2	0.7	0.3	-4.0	8.7	5.4	3.8	14.1
	Mar	112.5	121.3	113.6	119.1	-1.9	1.1	0.1	3.1	7.5	4.2	2.7	25.2
	Apr	114.3	119.3	113.3	118.9	0.5	1.6	-0.3	-0.1	7.6	3.3	2.1	22.6
	May	118.2	125.2	114.0	125.4	3.4	5.0	0.7	5.4	8.3	5.2	2.2	8.8
	June	116.6	119.3	112.9	126.1	-1.3	-4.7	-1.0	0.6	5.8	2.3	1.1	5.5
	July	108.2	117.5	112.5	118.9	-1.4	2.9	0.5	-0.5	6.3	4.6	0.8	5.5
	Aug	110.2	117.8	122.3	123.1	0.2	-9.2	0.4	8.2	4.6	-5.4	1.4	10.3

¹ Food - combining food consumed at home and food consumed in restaurants

² Energy and Fuels - Combining Electricity and other Fuels for use at Home with Petrol and Diesel