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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR MARCH, 2020

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASED TO 5.0 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ended March 2020 decreased to 5.0 percent compared to 6.2 percent recorded during the year ended February 2020. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate decreased to 8.0 percent in March 2020 from 9.5 percent recorded in February 2020. The overall Index increased to 113.6 in March 2020 compared to 108.2 recorded in March 2019 (**Table 1**).

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

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Monthly	% Annually	Monthly Point Contribution	Yearly Point Contribution
		March 2019	February 2020	March 2020				
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	104.6	115.4	112.9	-2.1	8.0	-0.91	3.5
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	110.2	134.9	134.9	0.0	22.4	0.00	0.0
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	105.2	107.0	107.3	0.3	2.0	0.02	0.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	113.1	115.0	115.5	0.5	2.2	0.09	0.4
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	116.0	119.5	120.2	0.6	3.7	0.03	0.2
Health	2.1	108.9	121.5	122.0	0.3	12.0	0.01	0.2
Transport	9.6	111.5	115.5	115.0	-0.4	3.2	-0.04	0.3
Communication	4.2	114.8	114.8	114.8	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0
Recreation and Culture	1.3	107.7	110.1	112.9	2.5	4.9	0.03	0.1
Education	1.9	109.7	113.2	113.2	0.0	3.2	0.00	0.1
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	106.3	106.7	107.1	0.3	0.8	0.01	0.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	105.6	109.5	109.5	0.0	3.7	0.00	0.1
All Items	100.0	108.2	114.5	113.6			-0.7	5.0

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food decreased to 8.1 percent for the year ended March 2020 compared to 9.5 percent recorded for the year ended February, 2020. The overall index for food increased to 113.0 in March 2020 compared to 104.5 recorded in March 2019, while overall index for non-food increased to 114.1 in March 2020 compared to 111.0 in March 2019. Annual inflation rate for non-food decrease to 2.8 percent in March 2020 compared to 3.8 percent in February 2020 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to decrease for Annual inflation rate were Thailand Rice (3.2%), Green cooking Banana (5.5%), Cement (2.3%) (**Table 3**).

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		March 2019	February 2020	March 2020		
Food	42.7	104.5	115.4	113.0	-2.1	8.1
Non-Food	57.3	111.0	113.8	114.1	0.3	2.8
All Item	100.0	108.2	114.5	113.6	-0.7	5.0

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE IS NEGATIVE 0.7 PERCENT IN MARCH, 2020

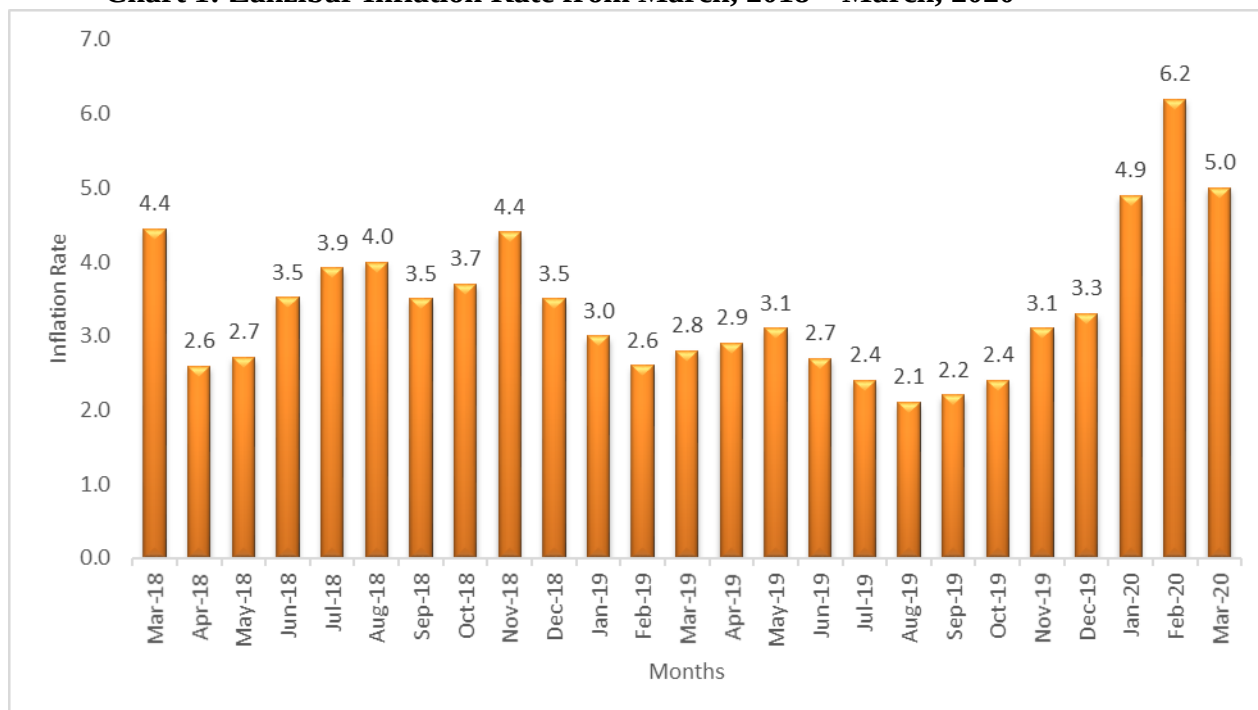
During March 2020 the monthly headline inflation rate decreased to negative 0.7 percent compared with 0.8 percent as recorded in February 2020. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the month ended March, 2020 decreased to negative 2.1 percent compared to 1.5 percent for the month ended February 2020 (Table 1). The decreased of monthly inflation rate was due to decrease of prices of items such as Thailand Rice (1.1%), Green Cooking Banana (5.7%), Kerosene (0.2%), Petrol (1.1%) and Diesel (1.9%) (**Table 3**).

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

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		March 2019	February 2020	March 2020		
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,569	1,537	1,520	-1.1	-3.2
Mbeya	1 kg	2,295	2,394	2,384	-0.4	3.8
Jasmi	1 kg	2,053	2,114	2,103	-0.5	2.5
Basmat	1 kg	3,696	3,714	3,742	0.7	1.2
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	408	408	408	0.0	0.0
Maize Flour	1kg	1,073	1,595	1,637	2.6	52.5
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,354	1,387	1,387	0.0	2.5
Fish	1kg	8,012	8,805	9,121	3.6	13.8
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,591	7,659	7,683	0.3	1.2
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,177	1,180	1,113	-5.7	-5.5
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,792	2,059	2,296	11.6	28.1
White Sugar	1kg	1,767	1,897	1,897	0.0	7.4
Cement	50 kg	17,263	16,728	16,864	0.8	-2.3
Kerosene	1 litre	1,690	1,705	1,701	-0.2	0.7
Petrol	1 litre	2,129	2,250	2,225	-1.1	4.5
Diesel	1 litre	2,248	2,303	2,260	-1.9	0.5

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from March, 2018 – March, 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

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