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### ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR DECEMBER, 2018

#### ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASED TO 3.5 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ending December 2018 decreased to 3.5 percent compared to 4.4 percent recorded during the year ended November 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate decreased to 2.2 percent in December 2018 from 3.4 percent recorded in November 2018. The overall Index increased to 108.7 in December 2018 compared to 105.1 recorded in December 2017 (Table 1).

**TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR DECEMBER, 2018**

(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (November 2018 to December 2018)	% Change on same Month of previous year (December 2017 to December 2018)
		December 2017	November 2018	December 2018		
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	104.4	105.0	106.7	1.6	2.2
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	103.3	110.2	110.2	0.0	6.6
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	104.0	107.0	107.0	0.0	2.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	110.9	114.8	114.2	-0.5	3.0
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	102.1	114.7	114.9	0.1	12.5
Health	2.1	104.6	106.2	106.2	0.0	1.5
Transport	9.6	105.7	114.0	114.7	0.6	8.5
Communication	4.2	100.2	99.1	99.1	0.0	-1.1
Recreation and Culture	1.3	102.7	107.7	107.7	0.0	4.8
Education	1.9	100.0	106.3	106.3	0.0	6.3
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	102.0	100.8	100.8	0.0	-1.1
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	100.3	104.4	104.2	-0.2	3.8
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>108.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

## ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food decreased to 2.3 percent for the year ending December 2018 compared to 3.5 percent recorded for the year ended November, 2018. The overall index for food increased to 106.7 in December 2018 compared to 104.3 recorded in December 2017, while overall index for non-food increased to 110.2 in December 2018 compared to 105.6 in December 2017. Annual inflation rate for non-food decreased to 4.3 percent in December 2018 compared to 5.2 per cent in November 2018 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to decrease for Annual inflation rate were Mbeya Rice (6.5%), Maize Flour (19.5%), Wheat Flour (0.4%), Green Cooking Banana (21.6%), Yellow Cooking Banana (10.3%) and Sugar (4.9%) (**Table 3**)

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

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (November 2018 to December 2018)	% Change on same Month of previous year (December 2017 to December 2018)
		December 2017	November 2018	December 2018		
Food	42.7	104.3	105.0	106.7	1.6	2.3
Non-Food	57.3	105.6	110.3	110.2	-0.1	4.3
<b>All Item</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>108.0</b>	<b>108.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>

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## MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASED TO 0.6 PERCENT IN DECEMBER, 2018

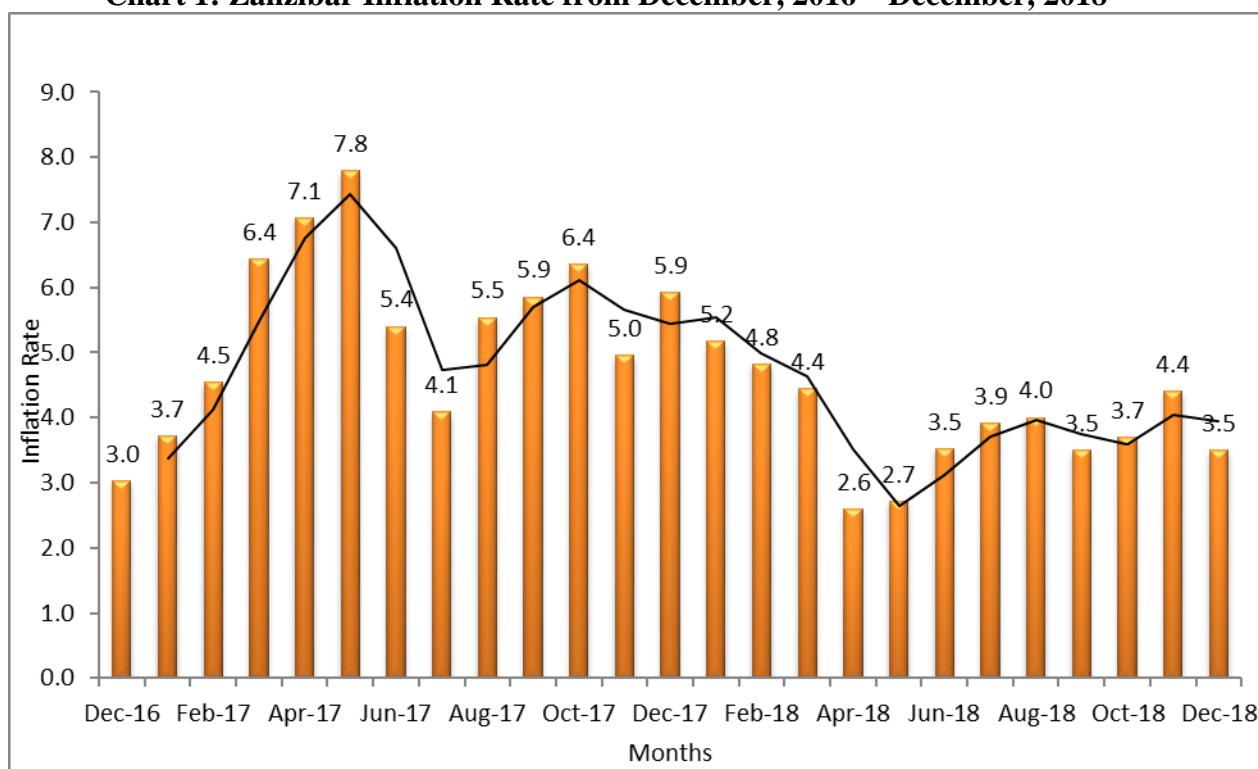
During December 2018 the monthly headline inflation rate increased to 0.6 percent compared to negative 0.3 percent recorded in November 2018. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the year ending December, 2018 is increased to 1.6 percent compared to negative 0.5 percent for the year ended November 2018 (Table 1). The increase of monthly inflation rate was due to increase of prices of items such as Mbeya rice (0.8%), Fish items (11.8%), Kerosene (4.5%), Petrol (1.7%) and Diesel (2.0%) (**Table 3**).

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

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		December 2017	November 2018	December 2018		
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,354	1,643	1,643	0.0	21.4
Mbeya	1 kg	2,487	2,307	2,326	0.8	-6.5
Jasmi	1 kg	1,937	1,957	1,957	0.0	1.1
Basmat	1 kg	3,449	3,696	3,696	0.0	7.1
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	363	363	363	0.0	0.0
Maize Flour	1kg	1,300	1,095	1,047	-4.4	-19.5
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,313	1,308	1,308	0.0	-0.4
Fish	1kg	8,857	8,249	9,224	11.8	4.1
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,384	7,541	7,591	0.7	2.8
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,201	1,165	941	-19.2	-21.6
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	2,057	2,041	1,845	-9.6	-10.3
Sugar	1kg	1,861	1,769	1,769	0.0	-4.9
Cement	50 kg	14,517	15,400	15,400	0.0	6.1
Kerosene	1 litre	1,619	1,863	1,947	4.5	20.3
Petrol	1 litre	2,230	2,418	2,459	1.7	10.3
Diesel	1 litre	2,190	2,488	2,539	2.0	15.9

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

**Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from December, 2016 – December, 2018**



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### **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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