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

#### ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASED TO 2.6 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ended February 2019 decreased to 2.6 percent compared to 3.0 percent recorded during the year ended January 2019. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate increased to 3.9 percent in February 2019 from 3.6 percent recorded in January 2019. The overall Index increased to 107.8 in February 2019 compared to 105.1 recorded in February 2018 (**Table 1**).

**TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR FEBRUARY, 2019**

(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (January 2019 to February 2019)	% Change on same Month of previous year (February 2018 to February 2019)
		February 2018	January 2019	February 2019		
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	101.5	105.5	105.4	-0.1	3.9
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	103.3	110.4	110.2	-0.2	6.6
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	105.0	106.9	106.7	-0.1	1.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	110.9	112.6	112.0	-0.6	1.0
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	112.8	116.4	116.1	-0.3	2.9
Health	2.1	104.5	108.9	108.9	0.0	4.1
Transport	9.6	110.0	113.9	111.4	-2.2	1.3
Communication	4.2	100.3	99.1	99.1	0.0	-1.1
Recreation and Culture	1.3	105.1	107.7	107.7	0.0	2.4
Education	1.9	105.3	109.7	109.7	0.0	4.2
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	102.0	106.3	106.3	0.0	4.1
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	102.0	105.6	105.6	0.0	3.5
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

## ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food increased to 3.9 percent for the year ended February 2019 compared to 3.7 percent recorded for the year ended January, 2019. The overall index for food increased to 105.4 in February 2019 compared to 101.4 recorded in February 2018, while overall index for non-food increased to 109.7 in February 2019 compared to 107.8 in February 2018. Annual inflation rate for non-food decreased to 1.7 percent in February 2019 compared to 2.4 per cent in January 2019 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to decrease for Annual inflation rate were Mbeya Rice (9.0%), Maize Flour (18.1%), Green Cooking Banana (3.8%), Yellow Cooking Banana (24.2%), Sugar (4.7%), Kerosene (0.3%) and Petrol (4.7%) (**Table 3**)

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

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (January 2019 to February 2019)	% Change on same Month of previous year (February 2018 to February 2019)
		February 2018	January 2019	February 2019		
Food	42.7	101.4	105.5	105.4	-0.1	3.9
Non-Food	57.3	107.8	110.4	109.7	-0.6	1.7
<b>All Item</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

## MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE REMAIN NEGATIVE 0.4 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY, 2019

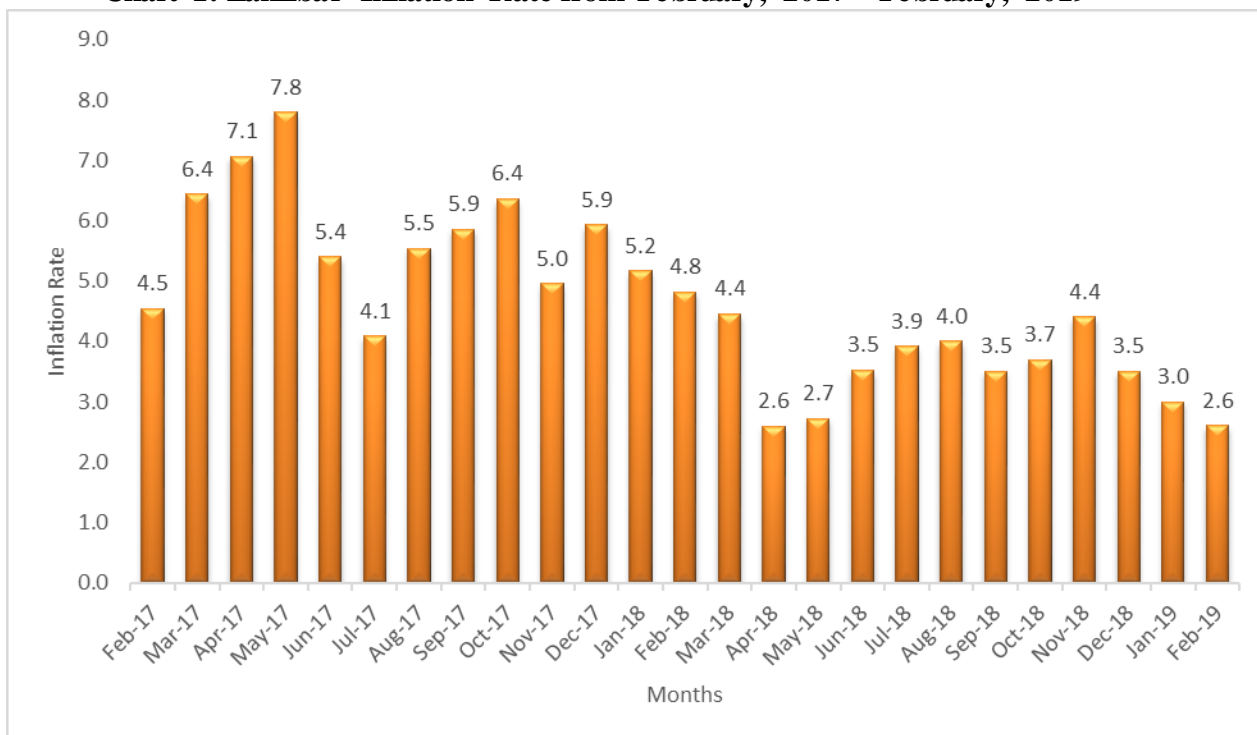
During February 2019 the monthly headline inflation rate remain negative 0.4 percent which was recorded the same for January 2019. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the year ended February, 2019 is negative 0.1 percent compared to negative 1.1 percent for the year ended January 2019 (Table 1). The decrease of monthly inflation rate was due to decrease of prices of items such as Thailand rice (3.9%), Sugar (0.6%), Kerosene (8.4%), Petrol (7.3%) and Diesel (5.9%) (**Table 3**).

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

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		February 2018	January 2019	February 2019		
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,355	1,632	1,569	-3.9	15.9
Mbeya	1 kg	2,533	2,342	2,306	-1.5	-9.0
Jasmi	1 kg	1,937	2,009	2,020	0.5	4.3
Basmat	1 kg	3,487	3,696	3,696	0.0	6.0
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	363	363	408	12.2	12.2
Maize Flour	1kg	1,285	1,063	1,052	-1.0	-18.1
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,319	1,354	1,354	0.0	2.6
Fish	1kg	8,536	8,420	8,746	3.9	2.5
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,443	7,591	7,591	0.0	2.0
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,139	1,111	1,097	-1.2	-3.8
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	2,326	1,992	1,763	-11.5	-24.2
Sugar	1kg	1,875	1,798	1,787	-0.6	-4.7
Cement	50 kg	14,555	16,529	16,529	0.0	13.6
Kerosene	1 litre	1,641	1,787	1,636	-8.4	-0.3
Petrol	1 litre	2,256	2,320	2,150	-7.3	-4.7
Diesel	1 litre	2,175	2,333	2,195	-5.9	0.9

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

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



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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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