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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR MAY, 2018

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASED TO 2.7 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ended May 2018 slightly increased to 2.7 per cent compared to 2.6 percent recorded during the year ended April 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate were negative 0.3 percent for the year ended May 2018 compared to negative 1.1 percent recorded during the year ended April 2018. The overall Index increased to 107.6 in May 2018 compared to the 104.8 recorded in May 2017 (**Table 1**).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MAY, 2018

(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Change on last Month (April 2018 to May 2018)	% Change on same Month of previous year (May 2017 to May 2018)
		May 2017	April 2018	May 2018		
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	107.2	102.9	106.8	3.8	-0.3
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	100.0	103.3	103.3	0.0	3.3
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	99.8	105.2	105.3	0.1	5.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	107.6	111.7	111.1	-0.5	3.3
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	100.1	113.0	113.7	0.6	13.6
Health	2.1	104.0	104.5	105.9	1.3	1.8
Transport	9.6	102.0	111.6	110.6	-0.9	8.5
Communication	4.2	100.1	100.3	100.5	0.2	0.4
Recreation and Culture	1.3	98.4	105.1	105.1	0.0	6.9
Education	1.9	100.0	105.3	105.3	0.0	5.3
Restaurants and Hotels	3.9	100.0	102.0	102.0	0.0	2.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.3	99.9	101.9	101.8	-0.1	1.9
All Items	100.0	104.8	106.0	107.6	1.5	2.7

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food were negative 0.4 percent for the year ended May 2018 compared to negative 1.4 percent recorded for the year ended April 2018. The overall index for food decreased to 106.9 in May 2018 compared to 107.3 in May 2017, while overall index for non-food increased to 108.2 in May 2018 compared to 102.9 in May 2017. Annual inflation rate for non-food decreased to 5.1 percent in May 2018 compared to 5.5 percent in April 2018 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to increase for Annual inflation rate were Thailand Rice (6.0%), Mbeya Rice (0.6%) Wheat Flour (1.2%), Fish (0.7%), Petrol (8.7%), Diesel (13.6%) and Kerosene (19.2%) (Table 3)

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON FOOD STATISTICS

Group	Weights	INDICES			April 2018 to May 2018 % Change	May 2017 to May 2018 % Change
		May 2017	April 2018	May 2018		
Food	42.7	107.3	102.7	106.9	4.1	-0.4
Non Food	57.3	102.9	108.4	108.2	-0.2	5.1
All Item	100.0	104.8	106.0	107.6	1.5	2.7

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASED TO 1.5 PERCENT IN MAY, 2018

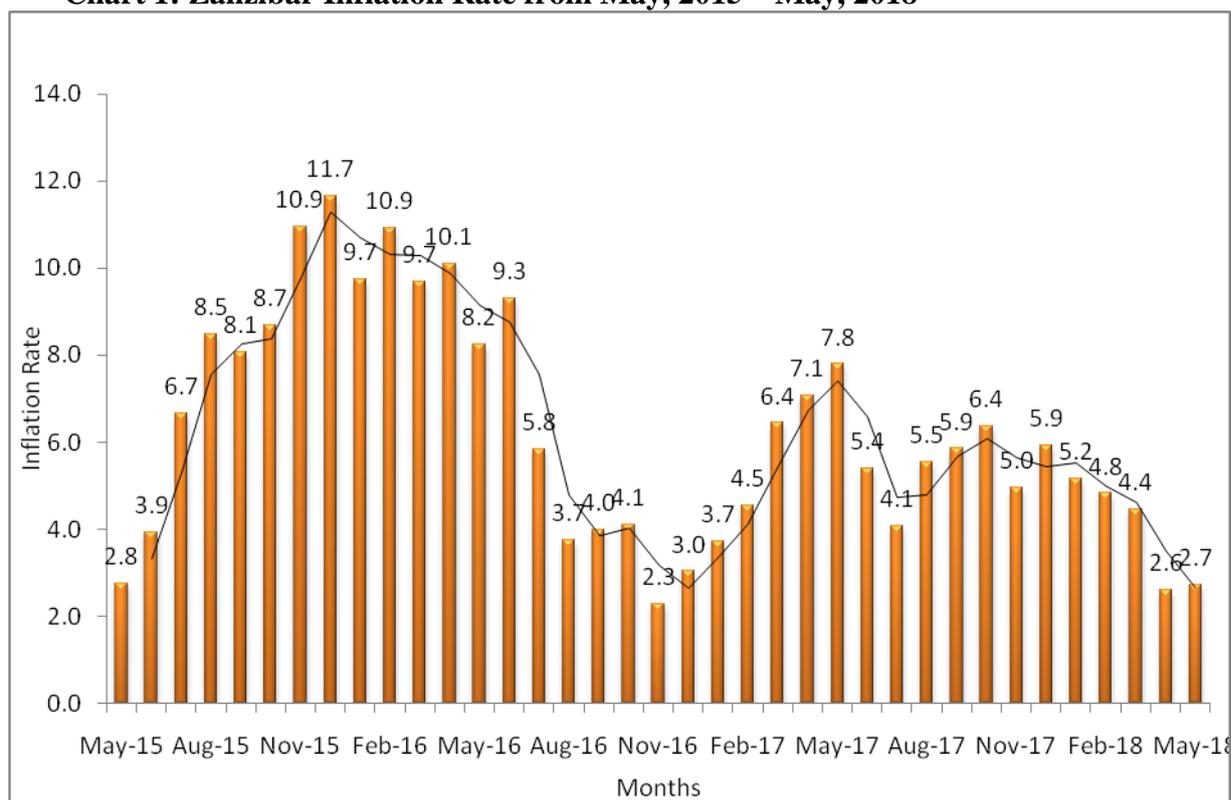
During May 2018 the monthly headline inflation rate increased to 1.5 percent compared to 0.8 percent recorded in April 2018. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the year ended May 2018 increased to 3.8 percent compared to 1.3 percent for the year ended April 2018 (Table 1). The increase of monthly inflation rate was due to increase of prices of items such as Thailand Rice (2.5%), Yellow Cooking Banana (3.6%), Green Cooking Bananas (11.4%) and Fish (1.5%) (Table 3).

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

Items	Unit	May-17	Apr-18	May-18	% Monthly	% Annually
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,305	1,349	1,383	2.5	6.0
Mbeya	1 kg	2,463	2,542	2,476	-2.6	0.6
Jasmi	1 kg	1,907	1,937	1,937	0.0	1.5
Basmat	1 kg	3,382	3,487	3,461	-0.7	2.3
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	363	363	363	0.0	0.0
Maize Flour	1kg	2,115	1,285	1,233	-4.0	-41.7
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,303	1,319	1,319	0.0	1.2
Fish	1kg	8,340	8,275	8,402	1.5	0.7
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,369	7,492	7,492	0.0	1.7
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,180	895	996	11.4	-15.6
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	3,135	2,713	2,811	3.6	-10.3
Sugar	1kg	1,920	1,875	1,856	-1.0	-3.4
Cement	50 kg	15,367	14,748	14,748	0.0	-4.0
Kerosene	1 litre	1,460	1,740	1,740	0.0	19.2
Petrol	1 litre	2,075	2,344	2,255	-3.8	8.7
Diesel	1 litre	1,980	2,314	2,250	-2.8	13.6

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from May, 2015 – May, 2018



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 products 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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