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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR MAY, 2020

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASED TO 5.3 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ended May 2020 increased to 5.3 percent compared to 4.7 percent recorded during the year ended April 2020. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate increased to 8.8 percent in May 2020 from 8.1 percent recorded in April 2020. The overall Index increased to 116.7 in May 2020 compared to 110.9 recorded in May 2019 (Table 1).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MAY, 2020

(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			% Monthly	% Annually	Monthly Point Contribution	Yearly Point Contribution
		May 2019	April 2020	May 2020				
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	109.3	114.9	119.0	3.6	8.8	1.6	3.9
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	110.2	134.9	134.9	0.0	22.4	0.0	0.0
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	107.2	107.6	108.7	1.0	1.4	0.1	0.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	114.2	114.7	119.3	4.0	4.5	0.7	0.8
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	117.0	120.6	120.4	-0.2	2.9	0.0	0.2
Health	2.1	109.5	121.8	123.5	1.4	12.8	0.0	0.3
Transport	9.6	113.1	113.0	110.8	-2.0	-2.1	-0.2	-0.2
Communication	4.2	114.8	114.8	114.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recreation and Culture	1.3	108.1	112.9	114.4	1.3	5.8	0.0	0.1
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	106.7	109.7	110.3	0.5	3.3	0.0	0.1
All Items	100.0	110.9	114.2	116.7			2.2	5.3

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food increased to 8.8 percent for the year ended May 2020 compared to 8.1 percent recorded for the year ended April 2020. The overall index for food increased to 119.0 in May 2020 compared to 109.3 recorded in May 2019, while overall index for non-food increased to 114.9 in May 2020 compared to 112.1 in May 2019. Annual inflation rate for non-food decrease to 1.2 percent in May 2020 compared to 2.2 percent in April 2020 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to increase for Annual inflation rate were Mbeya Rice (7.5%), Maize Flour (21.7%), Wheat Flour (2.1%), Fish Items (1.9%) and Green cooking Banana (11.4%) (**Table 3**).

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS

Group	Weights	INDICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		May 2019	April 2020	May 2020		
Food	42.7	109.3	114.9	119.0	3.6	8.8
Non-Food	57.3	112.1	113.6	114.9	1.2	2.5
All Item	100.0	110.9	114.2	116.7	2.2	5.3

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE IS 2.2 PERCENT IN MAY, 2020

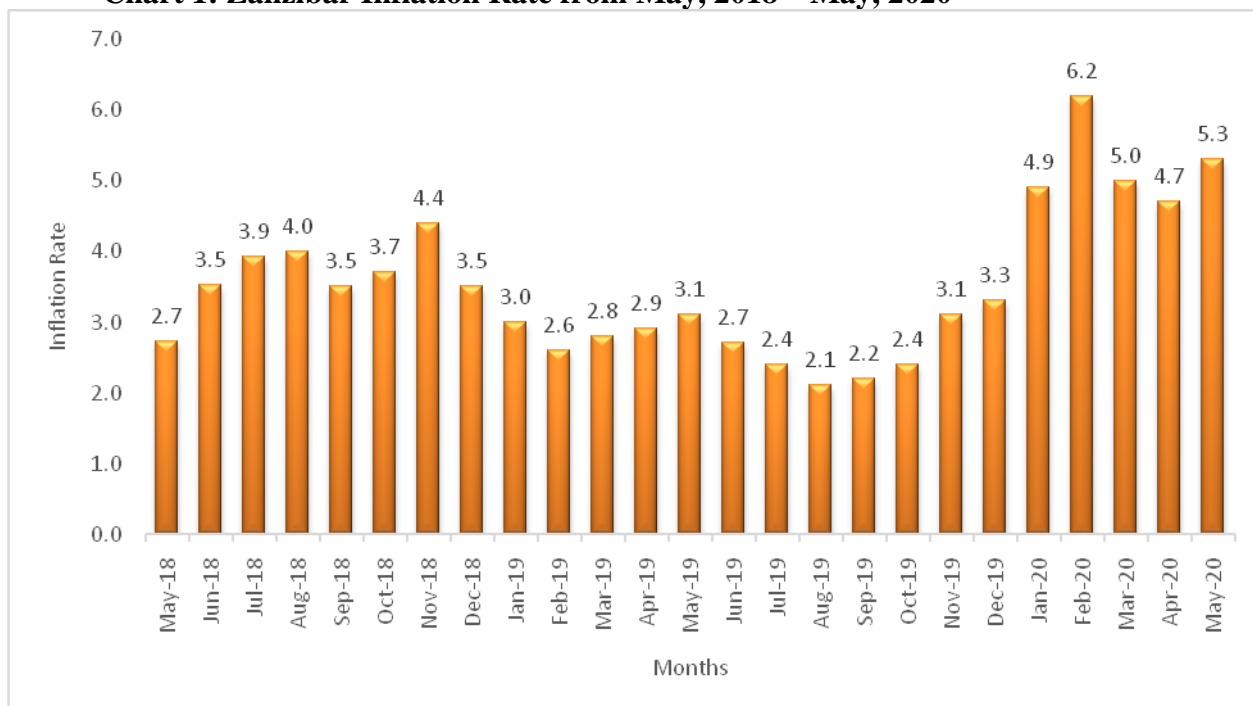
During May 2020 the monthly headline inflation rate increased to 2.2 percent compared with 0.5 percent as recorded in April 2020. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the month ended May, 2020 increased to 3.6 percent compared to 1.7 percent for the month ended April 2020 (Table 1). The increased of monthly inflation rate was due to increase of prices of items such as Mbeya Rice (0.8%), Fish Items (6.3%), Green Cooking Banana (34.0%), Yellow Cooking Bananas (16.0%), White Sugar (0.3%) (**Table 3**).

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

Items	Unit	AVERAGE PRICES			% Monthly	% Annually
		May 2019	April 2020	May 2020		
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,575	1,502	1,491	-0.7	-5.4
Mbeya	1 kg	2,230	2,379	2,397	0.8	7.5
Jasmi	1 kg	2,074	2,092	2,059	-1.6	-0.7
Basmat	1 kg	3,723	3,742	3,731	-0.3	0.2
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	408	408	408	0.0	0.0
Maize Flour	1kg	1,250	1,666	1,521	-8.7	21.7
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,354	1,393	1,382	-0.8	2.1
Fish	1kg	9,542	9,152	9,725	6.3	1.9
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,683	7,683	7,683	0.0	0.0
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,369	1,137	1,524	34.0	11.4
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	2,953	2,459	2,851	16.0	-3.4
White Sugar	1kg	1,942	1,897	1,902	0.3	-2.1
Cement	50 kg	17,403	16,728	15,694	-6.2	-9.8
Kerosene	1 litre	1,695	1,509	1,162	-23.0	-31.4
Petrol	1 litre	2,260	2,110	1,948	-7.7	-13.8
Diesel	1 litre	2,290	2,098	1,989	-5.2	-13.1

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

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

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