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### ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR JANUARY, 2021

#### **ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE RECORDED 0.5 PERCENT**

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate registered 0.5 percent for the year ended January 2021 same rate recorded for the year ended December 2020. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate increased to 1.3 percent in January 2021 from 0.9 percent recorded in December 2020. The overall Index increased to 114.1 in January 2021 compared to 113.6 recorded in January 2020 (**Table 1**).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JANUARY, 2021
(BASE JAN 2017 = 100)

|   |         |                 |                       |                 |              | (DA        | (BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)           |                              |  |  |  |
|---|---------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Description   | Weights | January<br>2020 | INDICES December 2020 | January<br>2021 | %<br>Monthly | % Annually | Monthly<br>Point<br>Contribution | Yearly Point<br>Contribution |  |  |  |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic  |         |                 |                       |                 | -            |            |                                  |                              |  |  |  |
| Beverages   | 43.6    | 113.7           | 112.2                 | 115.2           | 2.6          | 1.3        | 1.2                              | 0.6                          |  |  |  |
| Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics                                | 0.2     | 134.9           | 135.1                 | 135.1           | 0.0          | 0.2        | 0.0                              | 0.0                          |  |  |  |
| Clothing and Footwear   | 6.9     | 107.1           | 108.1                 | 108.0           | -0.1         | 0.9        | 0.0                              | 0.1                          |  |  |  |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels Furnishing, Household | 18.4    | 114.6           | 114.7                 | 113.3           | -1.2         | -1.1       | 0.2                              | -0.2                         |  |  |  |
| Equipment and Routine<br>Household Maintenance                          | 5.5     | 119.4           | 120.6                 | 120.9           | 0.2          | 1.3        | 0.0                              | 0.1                          |  |  |  |
| Health  | 2.1     | 118.8           | 127.2                 | 127.2           | 0.0          | 7.1        | 0.0                              | 0.1                          |  |  |  |
| Transport   | 9.6     | 115.0           | 109.6                 | 109.4           | -0.2         | -4.9       | 0.0                              | -0.5                         |  |  |  |
| Communication   | 4.2     | 114.8           | 114.9                 | 114.9           | 0.0          | 0.1        | 0.0                              | 0.0                          |  |  |  |
| Recreation and Culture  | 1.3     | 110.1           | 113.9                 | 113.9           | 0.0          | 3.4        | 0.0                              | 0.0                          |  |  |  |
| Education   | 1.9     | 113.2           | 113.2                 | 124.9           | 10.3         | 10.3       | 0.2                              | 0.2                          |  |  |  |
| Restaurants and Hotels  | 3.9     | 106.7           | 107.1                 | 107.1           | 0.0          | 0.3        | 0.0                              | 0.0                          |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous Goods and<br>Services                                     | 2.3     | 109.4           | 109.6                 | 110.0           | 0.4          | 0.6        | 0.0                              | 0.0                          |  |  |  |
| All Items  Source: Office of the Chief (                                | 100.0   | 113.6           | 112.9                 | 114.1           |              |            | 1.1                              | 0.5                          |  |  |  |

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

#### **ANNUAL FOOD AND NON-FOOD INFLATION RATES**

Annual Inflation Rate for food increased to 1.3 percent for the year ended January 2021 compared to 0.8 percent recorded for the year ended December 2020. The overall index for food increased to 115.3 in January 2021 compared to 113.8 recorded in January 2020, while overall index for non-food decrease to 113.2 in January 2021 compared to 113.4 in January 2020. Annual inflation rate for non-food decrease to negative 0.2 percent in January 2021 compared to 0.3 percent in December 2020 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to stability for Annual inflation rate were Thailand Rice (1.3%), Mbeya Rice (12.1%), Wheat flour (2.0%), Yellow cooking banana (17.0%), Fish items (10.2%), Cement (17.6%), Kerosene (24.2%), Petrol (15.7%) and Diesel (18.1%). (**Table 3**).

TABLE 2: FOOD AND NON-FOOD STATISTICS

|          |         |                 | INDICES                           | 0/ 3/611 | % Annually |      |
|----------|---------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|------|
| Group    | Weights | January<br>2020 | December January<br>2020 2021 % M |          |            |      |
| Food     | 42.7    | 113.8           | 112.3                             | 115.3    | 2.7        | 1.3  |
| Non-Food | 57.3    | 113.4           | 113.3                             | 113.2    | -0.1       | -0.2 |
| All Item | 100.0   | 113.6           | 112.9                             | 114.1    | 1.1        | 0.5  |

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

# MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE INCREASE TO 1.1 PERCENT IN JANUARY, 2021

During January 2021 the monthly headline inflation rate increased to 1.1 percent, compared to 0.3 percent recorded for the month ended December 2020. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the month ended January, 2021 is 2.7 percent compared to 1.2 percent for the month ended December 2020 (**Table 1**). The products that contribute to increase monthly inflation rate are Thailand rice (0.7%), kerosene (2.3%), Fish items (8.2%), wheat flour (2.4%), and Green Cooking Bananas (8.6%). (**Table 3**)

**Table 3: Monthly Average Prices for Selected Items 2020 - 2021** 

|                           |         | AV              |                  |                 |              |               |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Items                     | Unit    | January<br>2020 | December<br>2020 | January<br>2021 | %<br>Monthly | %<br>Annually |
| Thailand rice             | 1 kg    | 1,591           | 1,559            | 1,570           | 0.7          | -1.3          |
| Mbeya                     | 1 kg    | 2,383           | 2,191            | 2,095           | -4.4         | -12.1         |
| Jasmi                     | 1 kg    | 2,103           | 2,065            | 2,043           | -1.1         | -2.9          |
| Basmat                    | 1 kg    | 3,714           | 3,653            | 3,635           | -0.5         | -2.1          |
| Flatbread (Boflo)         | 1pc     | 408             | 408              | 423             | 3.8          | 3.8           |
| Maize Flour               | 1kg     | 1,554           | 1,418            | 1,404           | -1.0         | -9.6          |
| Wheat Flour               | 1kg     | 1,387           | 1,382            | 1,415           | 2.4          | 2.0           |
| Fish                      | 1kg     | 9,003           | 9,167            | 9,918           | 8.2          | 10.2          |
| Edible cooking Oils (OKI) | 2 litre | 7,609           | 7,583            | 7,929           | 4.6          | 4.2           |
| Green Cooking Bananas     | 1kg     | 1,275           | 1,224            | 1,328           | 8.6          | 4.2           |
| Yellow Cooking Bananas    | 1kg     | 2,100           | 2,501            | 2,457           | -1.8         | 17.0          |
| White Sugar               | 1kg     | 1,897           | 1,896            | 1,902           | 0.3          | 0.3           |
| Cement                    | 50 kg   | 16,728          | 13,839           | 13,786          | -0.4         | -17.6         |
| Kerosene                  | 1 litre | 1,664           | 1,233            | 1,261           | 2.3          | -24.2         |
| Petrol                    | 1 litre | 2,232           | 1,912            | 1,882           | -1.6         | -15.7         |
| Diesel                    | 1 litre | 2,233           | 1,820            | 1,829           | 0.5          | -18.1         |

Source: Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

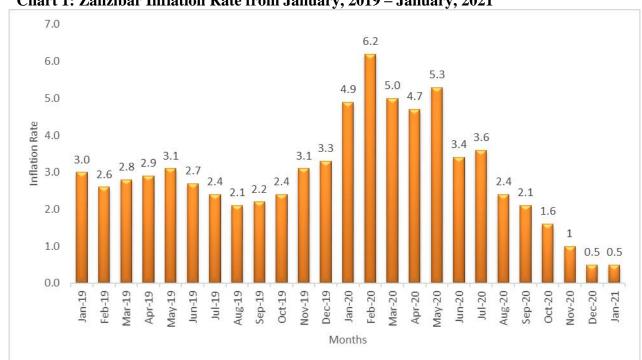


Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from January, 2019 – January, 2021

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 <sup>1</sup>  | Energy <sup>2</sup><br>and<br>Fuels  | Core<br>Exclude<br>Food<br>and<br>Energy   | Fish<br>and<br>Sea<br>Food   | Food  | Energy<br>and<br>Fuels  | Core<br>Exclude<br>Food<br>and<br>Energy   | Fish<br>and<br>Sea<br>Food  | Food   | Energy<br>and<br>Fuels  | Core<br>Exclude<br>Food<br>and<br>Energy   | Fish<br>and<br>Sea<br>Food   |  |
|      | Share   | 46.7   | 7.3  | 45.1   | 6.9  |   |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
| 2019 | Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec   | 105.5<br>105.4<br>104.6<br>106.3<br>109.1<br>110.2<br>108.2<br>110.2<br>107.1<br>108.4<br>109.1<br>110.9 | 115.3<br>113.8<br>116.4<br>115.4<br>119.0<br>116.7<br>117.5<br>117.8<br>116.8<br>118.0<br>118.5<br>119.0 | 110.0<br>109.4<br>110.6<br>111.5<br>111.7<br>112.5<br>112.3<br>112.7<br>112.4<br>112.8<br>112.7          | 99.1<br>101.2<br>95.2<br>97.0<br>115.2<br>119.5<br>118.9<br>123.1<br>122.6<br>122.9<br>115.5<br>118.5    | -0.6<br>-0.1<br>-0.8<br>1.6<br>2.7<br>1.0<br>-1.8<br>1.8<br>-2.8<br>1.2<br>0.6        | -3.4<br>-1.4<br>2.3<br>-0.8<br>3.1<br>-2.0<br>0.7<br>0.3<br>-0.9<br>1.1<br>0.4<br>0.4 | 0.3<br>-0.5<br>1.1<br>0.3<br>0.5<br>0.1<br>0.7<br>-0.2<br>0.4<br>-0.3<br>0.3<br>-0.1 | -13.8<br>2.2<br>-6.0<br>2.0<br>18.7<br>3.8<br>-0.5<br>3.5<br>-0.4<br>0.2<br>-6.1<br>2.6 | 3.7<br>3.9<br>3.1<br>3.4<br>2.5<br>2.5<br>2.2<br>2.4<br>1.9<br>2.2<br>4.2        | 3.1<br>1.7<br>3.1<br>1.4<br>6.3<br>0.5<br>-2.5<br>-4.7<br>-2.9<br>-1.8<br>-2.0        | 2.2<br>1.5<br>2.6<br>2.6<br>3.1<br>3.3<br>3.4<br>3.2<br>3.6<br>3.3<br>3.0<br>2.8 | -5.8<br>-3.3<br>-5.9<br>-3.1<br>13.6<br>4.7<br>0.9<br>-6.4<br>-0.9<br>9.0<br>16.5<br>3.0 |  |
| 2020 | Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec | 113.2<br>114.6<br>112.5<br>114.3<br>118.2<br>116.6<br>108.2<br>110.2<br>107.2<br>108.4<br>110.6<br>111.8 | 119.1<br>120.0<br>121.3<br>119.3<br>125.2<br>119.3<br>117.5<br>117.8<br>116.8<br>118.0<br>116.5<br>113.7 | 113.2<br>113.5<br>113.6<br>113.3<br>114.0<br>112.9<br>112.5<br>122.3<br>112.7<br>112.4<br>114.0<br>113.8 | 120.4<br>115.6<br>119.1<br>118.9<br>125.4<br>126.1<br>118.9<br>123.1<br>122.6<br>122.6<br>113.9<br>118.6 | 2.1<br>1.2<br>-1.9<br>0.5<br>3.4<br>-1.3<br>-1.4<br>0.2<br>-3.4<br>1.2<br>-0.2<br>1.1 | 0.1<br>0.7<br>1.1<br>1.6<br>5.0<br>-4.7<br>2.9<br>-9.2<br>1.5<br>1.1<br>0.6<br>-2.4   | 0.5<br>0.3<br>0.1<br>-0.3<br>0.7<br>-1.0<br>0.5<br>0.4<br>0.2<br>-0.3                | 1.6<br>-4.0<br>3.1<br>-0.1<br>5.4<br>0.6<br>-0.5<br>8.2<br>-10.4<br>0.2<br>-1.6<br>4.1  | 7.3<br>8.7<br>7.5<br>7.6<br>8.3<br>5.8<br>6.3<br>4.6<br>3.9<br>2.2<br>1.4<br>0.8 | 3.3<br>5.4<br>4.2<br>3.3<br>5.2<br>2.3<br>4.6<br>-5.4<br>-3.1<br>-1.8<br>-1.7<br>-4.5 | 3.0<br>3.8<br>2.7<br>2.1<br>2.2<br>1.1<br>0.8<br>1.4<br>1.2<br>3.3<br>1.1        | 21.5<br>14.1<br>25.2<br>22.6<br>8.8<br>5.5<br>5.5<br>10.3<br>-0.8<br>9.0<br>-1.3         |  |
| 2021 | Jan   | 114.6  | 110.2  | 114.3  | 124.2  | 2.5   | -3.1  | 0.4  | 4.7   | 1.2  | -7.5  | 1.0  | 3.1  |  |

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  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