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

#### ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASED TO 4.8 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ended February 2018 decreased to 4.8 percent compared to the 5.2 percent recorded during the year ended January 2018. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate decreased to 1.3 percent for the year ended February 2018 compared to the 1.8 percent recorded during the year ended January 2018. The overall Index increased to 105.1 in February 2018 compared to the 100.2 recorded in February 2017 (**Table 1**).

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

(BASE JAN. 2017 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			Feb 2018 to Jan 2018 % Change	Feb 2018 to Feb 2017 % Change
		Feb-17	Jan-17	Feb-18		
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	43.6	100.2	101.8	101.5	-0.3	1.3
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.2	100.0	103.3	103.3	0.0	3.3
Clothing and Footwear	6.9	99.9	105.0	105.0	0.0	5.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	18.4	100.7	111.0	110.9	0.0	10.2
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	5.5	100.0	113.1	112.8	-0.3	12.8
Health	2.1	100.0	104.6	104.5	-0.1	4.5
Transport	9.6	101.1	109.4	110.0	0.5	8.7
Communication	4.2	100.0	100.3	100.3	0.0	0.3
Recreation and Culture	1.3	96.7	103.5	105.1	1.6	8.7
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	100.0	102.0	102.0	0.0	2.0
<b>All Items</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>

**Source:** Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

## ANNUAL FOOD AND NON FOOD INFLATION RATES

Annual Inflation Rate for food decreased to 1.2 percent for the year ended February 2018 compared to the 1.7 percent recorded for the year ended January 2018. The overall index for food increased to 101.4 in February 2018 compared to the 100.2 in February 2017, while overall index for non-food increased to 107.8 in February 2018 compared to the 100.3 in February 2017. Annual inflation rate for non-food slightly decreased to 7.6 percent in February 2018 compared to the 7.7 percent in January 2018 (**Table 2**). Products contribute to decrease for Annual inflation rate were Maize Flour (25.3%), Green Cooking Banana (8.1%), Yellow Cooking Banana (10.9%), Sugar (3.5%) and Cement (4.6%). (Table 3)

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

Group	Weights	INDICES			Feb 2018 to Jan 2018 % Change	Feb 2017 to Feb 2018 % Change
		Feb-17	Jan-18	Feb-18		
Food	42.7	100.2	101.7	101.4	-0.3	1.2
Non Food	57.3	100.3	107.7	107.8	0.1	7.6
All Item	100.0	100.3	105.2	105.1	-0.1	4.8

**Source:** Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

## MONTHLY HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DECREASED TO NEGATIVE 0.1 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY, 2018

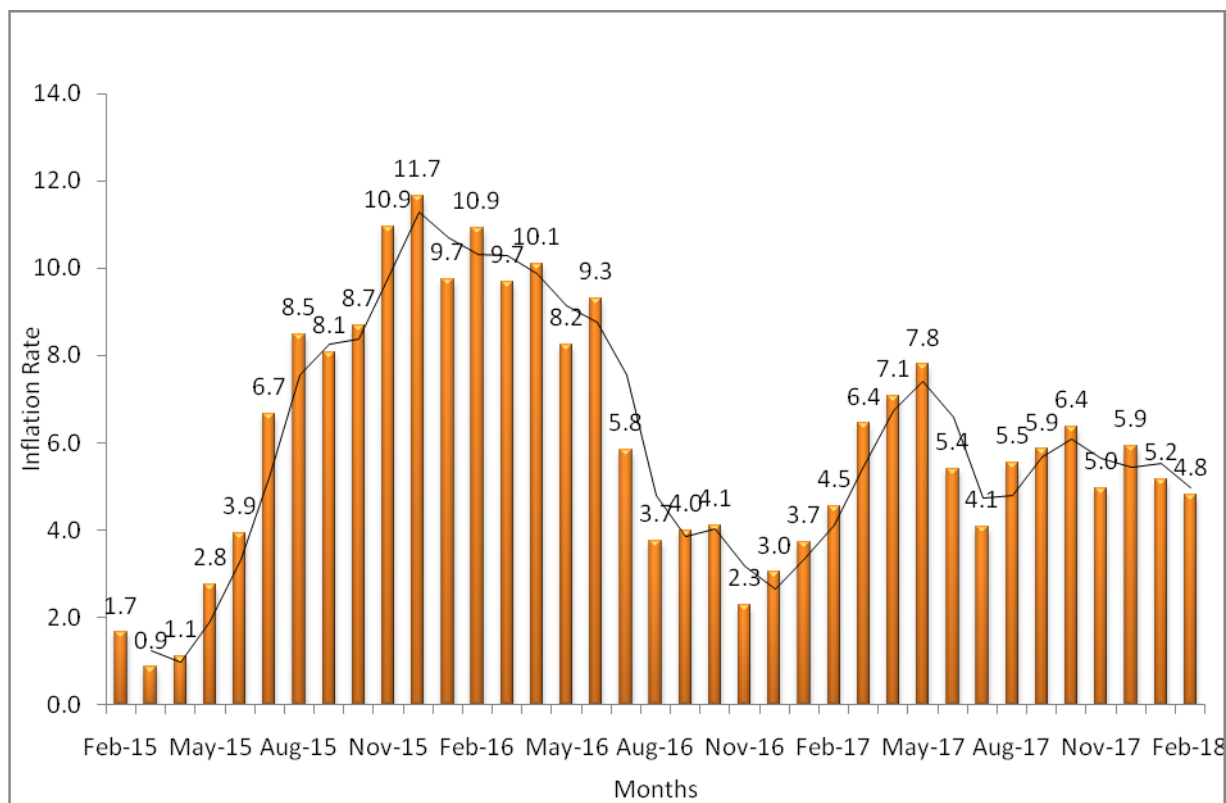
During February 2018 the monthly headline inflation rate decreased to negative 0.1 percent compared to 0.1 percent recorded in January 2018. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate for the year ended February 2018 were negative 0.3 percent compared to negative 2.4 for the year ended January 2018 (Table 1). The decreases of monthly inflation rate was due to decrease of prices of items such as Mbeya Rice (0.2%), Maize Flour (0.4%), Fish (1.4%), Sugar (0.3%) and Diesel (0.7%) (Table 3).

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

Items	Unit	Feb-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	% Monthly	% Annually
Thailand rice	1 kg	1,282	1,355	1,355	0.0	5.6
Mbeya	1 kg	2,227	2,538	2,533	-0.2	13.7
Jasmi	1 kg	1,898	1,937	1,937	0.0	2.1
Basmat	1 kg	3,353	3,449	3,487	1.1	4.0
Flatbread (Boflo)	1pc	363	363	363	0.0	0.0
Maize Flour	1kg	1,720	1,290	1,285	-0.4	-25.3
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,297	1,319	1,319	0.0	1.7
Fish	1kg	8,310	8,656	8,536	-1.4	2.7
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,267	7,384	7,443	0.8	2.4
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	1,240	1,014	1,139	12.4	-8.1
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	2,611	2,257	2,326	3.0	-10.9
Sugar	1kg	1,943	1,880	1,875	-0.3	-3.5
Cement	50 kg	15,263	14,555	14,555	0.0	-4.6
Kerosene	1 litre	1,475	1,619	1,641	1.4	11.3
Petrol	1 litre	1,995	2,230	2,256	1.2	13.1
Diesel	1 litre	1,985	2,190	2,175	-0.7	9.6

**Source:** Office of the Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

**Chart 1: Zanzibar Inflation Rate from January, 2015 – January, 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 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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