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ZANZIBAR CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) FOR MARCH, 2016

ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION RATE DROPPED TO 9.7 PERCENT

Zanzibar Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ended March, 2016 dropped to 9.7 percent compared to 10.9 percent recorded in February, 2016. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate decreased to 11.3 percent in March 2016 from 14.5 percent recorded in February 2016. The overall Index increased to 119.0 in March, 2016 compared to 108.5 recorded in March, 2015 (Table 1 and chart 2).

TABLE 1: CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH, 2016

(BASE AUG. 2012 = 100)

Description	Weights	INDICES			Feb 2016 to March 2016 % Change	March 2015 to March 2016 % Change
		Mar-15	Feb-16	Mar-16		
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	49.5	103.9	117.7	115.7	-1.7	11.3
Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.3	112.8	115.4	115.4	0.0	2.4
Clothing and Footwear	9.3	118.3	130.2	129.8	-0.3	9.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	17.1	109.3	118.1	116.2	-1.6	6.3
Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.6	110.0	116.8	117.2	0.3	6.5
Health	2.8	105.8	117.9	117.9	0.0	11.4
Transport	6.3	95.1	101.5	98.7	-2.7	3.8
Communication	2.6	184.1	199.4	199.4	0.0	8.3
Recreation and Culture	0.8	125.2	130.3	130.3	0.0	4.1
Education	1.3	138.1	150.6	150.6	0.0	9.1
Restaurants and Hotels	2.1	102.8	134.7	134.7	0.0	31.1
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.2	122.3	131.8	131.9	0.1	7.8
All Items	100.0	108.5	120.6	119.0	-1.3	9.7

Source: Office of Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Annual Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages group decreased to 11.3 percent driven by Oranges(-8.6%), Sweet Bananas (-5.9%), Large Mango (-27.0%), Small Mango (-12.5%), Tomatoes (-18.8%) and Ginger (-19.7%).

Annual Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels group increased to 6.3 percent driven by Gas (12.2%) Water Paint (26.4%) and Oil Paint (29.8%).

Annual Transport group increased to 3.8% driven by Car Battery (6.6%), Transport by Air ZNZ/DSM (11.9%) and Petrol (11.5%).

ANNUAL INFLATION RATE FOR OTHER DERIVED STATISTICS

Annual Inflation Rate for all items exclude food consumed at home and at restaurants (S1) increased to 7.2 percent in March 2016 compared to 6.5 percent recorded in February 2016. Annual inflation rate for food consumed at home and at restaurants (S2) decreased to 12.1 percent in March, 2016 from 15.2 percent recorded in February 2016. Annual inflation rate for Energy and Fuels (S3) (Petrol, Diesel, Kerosene, Charcoal, Electricity, Gas and Firewood) is -0.3 percent in March 2016 compared to -4.3 recorded in February 2016. Annual Core inflation rate (S4) (Exclude Rice, Wheat Flour, Sugar, Petrol, Diesel, kerosene, and Charcoal) decreased to 9.8 percent in March, 2016 from 12.0 percent in February, 2016. Annual inflation rate for Fish (S5) decreased to 1.4 percent in March, 2016 compared to 9.8 percent in February, 2016. Annual Inflation rate for Rice, Wheat Flour, and Sugar (S6) is 13.9 percent in March, 2016 compared to 13.8 percent in February, 2016 (**Table 2**)

TABLE 2: OTHER DERIVED STATISTICS

Description	Weights	INDICES			Feb 2016 to March 2016 % Change	March 2015 to March 2016 % Change
		Mar-15	Feb-16	Mar-16		
All Item Exclude Food (S1)	48.4	113.7	123.0	121.9	-0.9	7.2
Food (S2)	51.6	103.9	118.3	116.4	-1.6	12.1
Energy and Fuels (S3)	10.6	96.2	100.2	96.0	-4.2	-0.3
Core Exclude Food and Energy (S4)	78.7	113.3	125.7	124.4	-1.1	9.8
Fish Index (S5)	6.5	98.6	108.5	100.0	-7.9	1.4
Rice, Wheat Flour and Sugar Index (S6)	14.6	96.6	109.9	110.1	0.2	13.9

Source: Office of Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

MONTHLY INFLATION RATE DECREASED TO NEGATIVE 1.3 PERCENT IN MARCH, 2016

During March, 2016 the Monthly Inflation rate decreased to -1.3 percent compared to -0.6 percent recorded in February, 2016. The monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation rate in March, 2016 was -1.7 percent compared to -0.7 percent in February, 2016 (**Table 1**)

Monthly Inflation Rate for all items exclude food consumed at home and at restaurants (S1) decreased to -0.9 percent in March 2016 compared to -0.4 percent registered in February, 2016. Monthly inflation rate for food consumed at home and at restaurants (S2) is -1.6 percent in March, 2016 compared to -0.7 percent in February, 2016. Monthly inflation rate for energy and fuels (S3) (Petrol, Diesel, kerosene, electricity, gas, Charcoal and Firewood) decreased to -4.2 percent in March 2016 compared to -1.7 registered in February, 2016. Monthly Core inflation rate (S4) (Exclude Rice, Wheat Flour, Sugar, Petrol, Diesel, kerosene, and Charcoal) is -1.1 percent in March, 2016 compared to -0.2 percent in February, 2016. Monthly inflation rate for fish (S5) decreased to -7.9 percent in March, 2016 compared to 2.6 percent registered in February, 2016. Monthly Inflation rate for Rice, Wheat Flour and Sugar (S6) increased to 0.2 percent in March, 2016 compared to -1.5 percent in February, 2016. (**Table 2**)

MOVEMENT OF AVERAGE PRICES FOR SELECTED ITEMS

The decreasing of Monthly inflation rate to -1.3 percent for the month of March, 2016 was contributed by decreasing prices of items such as Fish (-3.7%), Green Cooking Banana (-19.5%),

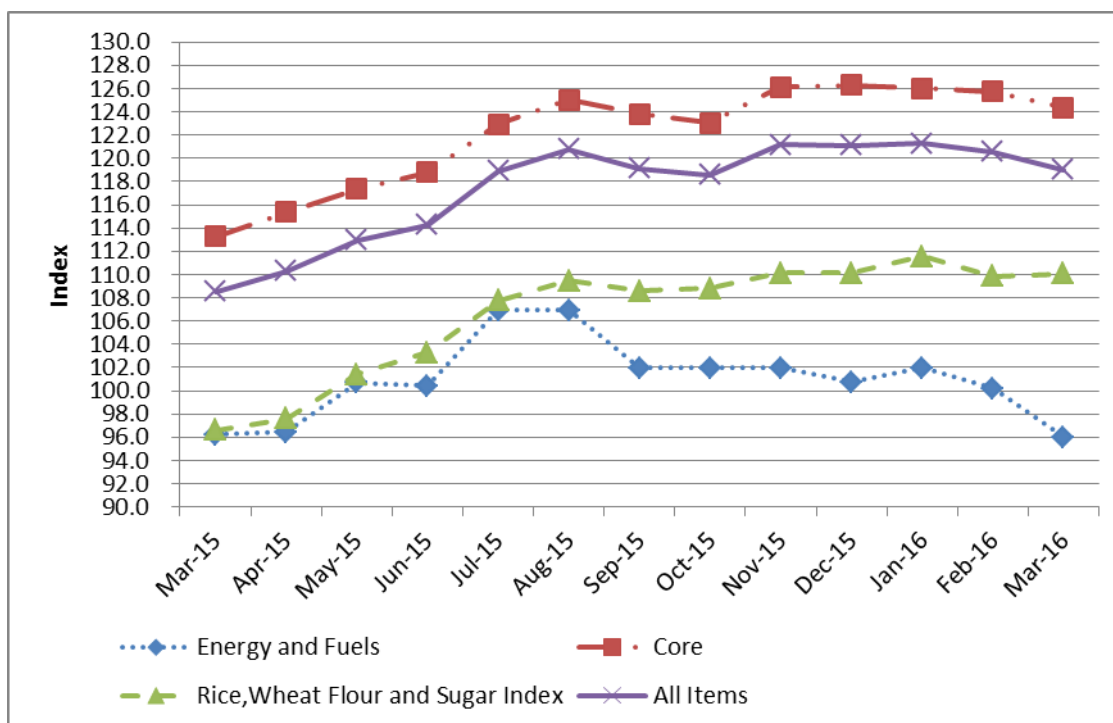
Yellow Cooking Banana (-2.3%), Octopus (-5.6%), Eggs (-2.5%), Sweet Bananas (-11.1%), Cassava (-5.9%), Kerosene (-13.4%), Diesel (-14.6%) and Petrol (-1.9%). (Table 3)

Table 3: Monthly Average Prices for Selected Items 2015 - 2016

Items	Unit	Mar-15	Feb-16	Mar-16	% Monthly	% Annually
Thailand rice (Mapembe)	1 kg	1,113	1,266	1,266	0.0	13.7
Mbeya	1 kg	2,032	2,331	2,331	0.0	14.7
Jasmi	1 kg	1,697	1,864	1,864	0.0	9.9
Basmat	1 kg	3,143	3,143	3,143	0.0	0.0
Flatbread (Boflo)	0.5kg	876	938	952	1.4	8.6
Maize Flour	1kg	1,000	1,248	1,248	0.0	24.8
Wheat Flour	1kg	1,129	1,315	1,315	0.0	16.4
Fish	1kg	7,560	7,963	7,671	-3.7	1.5
Edible cooking Oils (OKI)	2 litre	7,021	7,354	7,613	3.5	8.4
Green Cooking Bananas	1kg	843	1,266	1,020	-19.5	20.9
Yellow Cooking Bananas	1kg	2,003	2,158	2,108	-2.3	5.3
Sugar	1kg	1,348	1,516	1,533	1.1	13.7
Cement	50 kg	15,107	15,151	15,410	1.7	2.0
Kerosene	1 litre	1,160	1,160	1,005	-13.4	-13.4
Charcoal	1Polo	12,161	13,072	13,287	1.6	9.3
Diesel	1 litre	1,700	1,810	1,545	-14.6	-9.1
Petrol	1 litre	1,610	1,830	1,795	-1.9	11.5

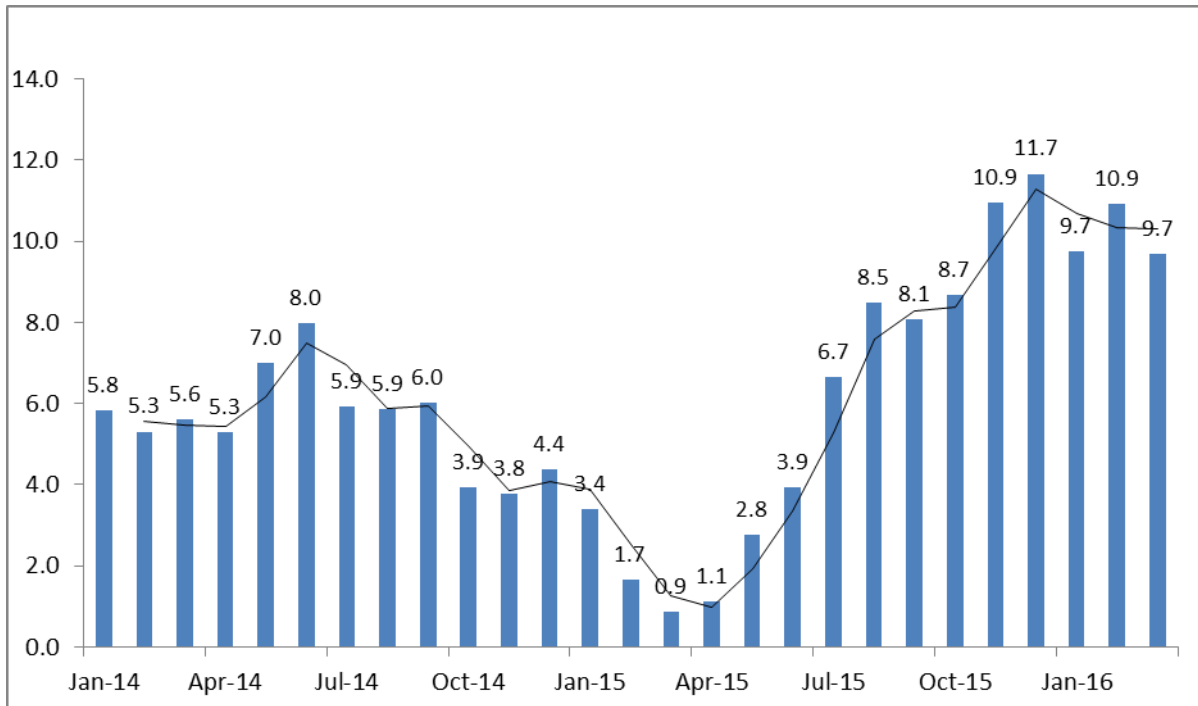
Source: Office of Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Chart 1: Development of Inflation Rate for Selected groups from March, 2015 – March, 2016



Source: Office of Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

Chart 2: Zanzibar Inflation Rate 2014 – 2016



Source: Office of Chief Government Statistician, Zanzibar

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 269 items collected in 316 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 2009/10 Household Budget Survey (HBS). The weight is based on expenditures of both urban and rural households and was updated in August 2012. Both base price and index has reference period of August (2012=100).

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Appendix 1

		Indices			Monthly % Change			Annually % Change		
		Energy and Fuels	Core Exclude Food and Energy	Rice, Wheat Flour and Sugar Index	Energy and Fuels	Core Exclude Food and Energy	Rice, Wheat Flour and Sugar Index	Energy and Fuels	Core Exclude Food and Energy	Rice, Wheat Flour and Sugar Index
Share		10.6	78.7	14.6						
2013	Jan	103.7	100.2	103.2						
	Feb	101.3	101.2	103.1	-2.3	1.0	0.0			
	Mar	101.6	101.6	103.3	0.3	0.4	0.2			
	Apr	104.2	103.5	102.2	2.6	2.0	-1.1			
	May	105.7	102.6	100.9	1.4	-0.9	-1.3			
	Jun	102.9	102.5	98.2	-2.7	-0.2	-2.6			
	Jul	103.6	107.0	97.7	0.8	4.4	-0.5			
	Aug	104.9	106.9	97.5	1.2	-0.1	-0.2			
	Sep	106.5	105.3	96.8	1.5	-1.4	-0.8			
	Oct	107.3	106.5	96.8	0.8	1.1	0.0			
	Nov	107.2	107.0	96.4	-0.1	0.4	-0.4			
	Dec	107.0	105.2	96.9	-0.2	-1.7	0.5			
2014	Jan	107.0	109.1	95.8	0.0	3.8	-1.1	3.2	9.0	-7.2
	Feb	106.8	109.3	95.9	-0.1	0.2	0.1	5.5	8.0	-7.1
	Mar	107.1	110.1	96.2	0.3	0.7	0.3	5.5	8.4	-6.9
	Apr	107.1	112.0	96.0	0.0	1.8	-0.2	2.8	8.2	-6.1
	May	108.1	113.1	95.6	0.9	0.9	-0.4	2.2	10.2	-5.2
	Jun	113.5	112.9	95.6	5.0	-0.2	0.0	10.3	10.2	-2.7
	Jul	113.5	114.9	95.6	0.0	1.7	0.0	9.5	7.4	-2.2
	Aug	112.4	114.8	95.6	-0.9	0.0	0.0	7.2	7.4	-2.0
	Sep	111.1	113.6	95.6	-1.2	-1.1	0.0	4.3	7.8	-1.2
	Oct	111.1	111.9	96.3	0.0	-1.4	0.7	3.5	5.1	-0.4
	Nov	111.1	111.7	97.6	0.0	-0.2	1.3	3.6	4.5	1.2
	Dec	111.5	110.9	97.5	0.3	-0.8	0.0	4.2	5.4	0.7
2015	Jan	105.4	114.3	98.0	-5.4	3.1	0.5	-1.4	4.7	2.4
	Feb	104.7	112.3	96.5	-0.7	-1.7	-1.5	-2.0	2.7	0.7
	Mar	96.2	113.3	96.6	-8.1	0.9	0.1	-10.1	2.9	0.5
	Apr	96.4	115.3	97.6	0.2	1.8	1.0	-10.0	3.0	1.7
	May	100.7	117.4	101.4	4.4	1.7	4.0	-6.8	3.8	6.1
	Jun	100.4	118.8	103.3	-0.3	1.2	1.8	-11.5	5.2	8.0
	Jul	106.9	122.9	107.8	6.5	3.5	4.3	-5.8	7.0	12.7
	Aug	106.9	125.0	109.4	0.0	1.7	1.6	-4.9	8.9	14.5
	Sep	102.0	123.8	108.6	-4.6	-1.0	-0.8	-8.2	9.0	13.6
	Oct	102.0	123.0	108.8	0.0	-0.6	0.2	-8.2	9.9	13.0
	Nov	102.0	126.2	110.2	0.0	2.5	1.2	-8.2	12.9	12.9
	Dec	100.7	126.3	110.2	-1.2	0.1	0.0	-9.7	13.9	12.9
2016	Jan	102.0	126.0	111.6	1.2	-0.2	1.3	-3.3	10.3	13.8
	Feb	100.2	125.7	109.9	-1.7	-0.2	-1.5	-4.3	12.0	13.8
	Mar	96.0	124.4	110.1	-4.2	-1.1	0.2	-0.3	9.8	13.9

