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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics hereby releases monthly Consumer Price Indices (CPI) and rates of inflation, for February, 2018. These numbers were generated by conducting a survey of retail prices for a basket of household consumption goods and services, during the second and third weeks of the month under review. The prices were obtained from selected retail outlets in 25 data collection zones spread across Nairobi and 13 other urban centers.

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the CPI increased by 1.36 per cent from 185.47 in January 2018 to 188.00 in February 2018. The overall year on year inflation stood at 4.46 per cent in February 2018.

Table 1: One Month and Twelve Months' Changes in the Price Indices

Broad Commodity Group	Weight	% Change on last month (February 2018/ January 2018)	% Change on same month of previous year (February 2018/ February 2017)
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	36.04	2.22	3.83
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	2.06	0.33	3.16
Clothing and Footwear	7.43	0.49	3.81
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	18.3	0.41	5.74
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	6.16	0.78	4.29
Health	3.13	0.48	3.29
Transport	8.66	0.84	6.95
Communication	3.82	0.23	0.81
Recreation and Culture	2.25	0.16	1.67
Education	3.14	0.24	5.08
Restaurant and Hotels	4.48	0.50	6.87
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.52	0.62	4.58
Total	100	1.36	4.46



Table 2: Overall CPI and Inflation Rates

Month	Base: February 2009=100	
	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
Feb 2017	179.98	9.04
Mar 2017	182.98	10.28
Apr 2017	186.24	11.48
May 2017	187.64	11.7
Jun 2017	185.39	9.21
Jul 2017	183.6	7.47
Aug 2017	184.72	8.04
Sep 2017	183.66	7.06
Oct 2017	182.50	5.72
Nov 2017	182.08	4.73
Dec 2017	183.05	4.50
Jan 2018	185.47	4.83
Feb 2018	188.00	4.46

Table 3: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity name	Units	February 2017	January 2018	February 2018	% Change over a month ago	% Change over a Year ago
Kale-Sukuma Wiki	1 Kg	54.08	48.61	53.06	9.17	-1.88
Potatoes (Irish)	1 Kg	85.83	56.10	60.07	7.07	-30.01
Onions	1 Kg	117.44	132.78	147.49	11.07	25.58
Cabbages	1 Kg	74.85	38.24	40.97	7.13	-45.26
Maize Flour - Sifted	2 Kg	126.78	122.88	125.03	1.75	-1.38
Spinach	1 Kg	52.97	57.97	62.73	8.22	18.42
Carrots	1 Kg	77.48	53.36	56.97	6.76	-26.47
Milk - Fresh Packeted	500 Ml	55.76	60.54	60.69	0.25	8.85
Beef - With Bones	1 Kg	400.85	431.24	432.89	0.38	7.99
Tomatoes	1 Kg	84.50	95.89	98.82	3.05	16.95
Sugar	1 Kg	131.16	132.16	131.02	-0.87	-0.10
Rent	1 Room	4099.63	4261.53	4291.93	0.71	4.69
Charcoal	4 Kg	79.78	83.47	84.49	1.22	5.91
Gas - (LPG)	13 Kg	1976.38	2140.37	2150.20	0.46	8.79
Electricity	50 KWh	559.19	682.71	682.21	-0.07	22.00
Electricity	200 KWh	3575.14	4069.22	4067.22	-0.05	13.76

Between January and February 2018, Food and Non-Alcoholic Drinks' Index increased by 2.22 per cent which was higher than the 1.69 per cent recorded between December 2017 and January 2018. This was mainly due to increases in prices of some foodstuffs as a result of drought conditions currently being experienced in some parts of the country. The year on year food inflation however, decreased from 4.71 per cent in January 2018 to 3.83 per cent in February 2018.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Index, increased by 0.41 per cent in January 2018 compared to February 2018. As indicated in Table 3, this was mainly attributed to small increases in prices house of rents and cooking fuels.

During the same review period, the Transport Index increased by 0.84 per cent mainly on account of increase in pump prices of both petrol and diesel.



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