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## NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (NCPI) FOR FEBRUARY, 2025

### 1. METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

#### 1.1 Definition

The NCPI measure changes over time in the cost of a fixed basket of goods and services that are purchased by a representative sample of households in Tanzania. Currently, the NCPI basket comprises of 383 goods and services, of which 132 are Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages and 251 are Non-Food items. With regard to geographical coverage, the NCPI uses price data collected from all 26 regional headquarters in Tanzania Mainland.

#### 1.2 Weights and a Reference Period

The NCPI weights are based on monetary expenditures relating to consumption of all households in 26 regions of Tanzania Mainland. The index weights are based on expenditures of both urban and rural households derived from 2017/18 Household Budget Survey. The reference period for base prices is the average of January to December, 2020 and the index reference period is year 2020.

#### 1.3 Classification

The NCPI uses the UN Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose, 2018 (UN COICOP, 2018) and is being disseminated using 13 COICOP. In addition, the rebased NCPI is disseminated together with several additional index aggregations which includes: - Core index; Energy, fuel and utilities; Non core index; services index; Goods index; Education services and products ancillary to education index and All items less food and non-alcoholic beverages.

#### 1.4 Elementary and Higher-Level Indices

Compilation of the NCPI use geometric mean of price relatives for compiling elementary index aggregates and the Lowe Index formula (which is Laspeyres index formula type) is used for computing higher level aggregates.

**2. ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION FOR FEBRUARY, 2025 STANDS AT 3.2 Percent**  
**Table 1: Changes in the NCPI for February 2025, (2020 = 100)**

S/N	Main Groups	Weight	Febr., 2024	Jan., 2025	Febr., 2025	1 Month Percent Change	12 Month Percent Change
1	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	28.2	121.28	125.77	127.30	1.2	5.0
2	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.9	108.15	111.83	111.97	0.1	3.5
3	Clothing and footwear	10.8	112.02	114.04	114.23	0.2	2.0
4	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	15.1	113.44	115.83	116.93	0.9	3.1
5	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	7.9	112.38	114.72	114.82	0.1	2.2
6	Health	2.5	107.64	108.75	108.95	0.2	1.2
7	Transport	14.1	115.04	118.40	118.78	0.3	3.2
8	Information and communication	5.4	106.00	106.01	106.05	0.0	0.0
9	Recreation, sport and culture	1.6	109.06	110.82	110.97	0.1	1.7
10	Education services	2.0	107.67	111.97	112.16	0.2	4.2
11	Restaurants and accommodation services	6.6	114.49	116.54	116.58	0.0	1.8
12	Insurance and financial services	2.1	101.47	101.92	102.14	0.2	0.7
13	Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services	2.1	113.99	117.67	117.76	0.1	3.3
<b>TOTAL – ALL ITEMS INDEX</b>		<b>100.0</b>	<b>114.65</b>	<b>117.57</b>	<b>118.28</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>Other Selected Groups</b>							
1	Core Index	73.9	112.46	114.97	115.22	0.2	2.5
2	Non-Core Index	26.1	120.86	124.98	126.95	1.6	5.0
3	Energy, Fuel and Utilities Index	5.7	121.43	125.14	127.98	2.3	5.4
4	Services Index	37.2	110.67	112.12	112.19	0.1	1.4
5	Goods Index	62.8	117.00	120.81	121.88	0.9	4.2
6	Education services and products ancillary to education Index	4.1	109.95	114.11	114.32	0.2	4.0
7	All items Less Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	71.82	112.04	114.36	114.74	0.3	2.4

**2.1 Headline Inflation Rate**

The Headline Inflation Rate measures inflation rate when all items in the fixed CPI basket are included. Table number 1 indicates that, Annual Headline Inflation Rate for the month of February, 2025 has increased to 3.2 percent from 3.1 percent that was recorded in January, 2025. The increased of the headline inflation explains that, speed of price change for commodities for the year ended February, 2025 has increased compared to the speed that was recorded for the year ended January, 2025. The overall index went up from 114.65 recorded in February, 2024 to 118.28 in February, 2025.

**2.2 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rates**

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rate for February, 2025 has decreased to 5.0 percent from 5.3 percent that was recorded in January, 2025. On the other hand, Annual Inflation Rate for all items without food and non-alcoholic beverages for February, 2025 has increased to 2.4 percent from 2.1 percent that was recorded in January, 2025.

### 2.3 Core Inflation Rates

Computation of the Core Index, excludes items with volatile prices that is unprocessed food; energy and utilities with exception to maize flour. Exclusion of volatile prices from the total NCPI provides a more stable Inflation Rate figure for Policy Makers. The Core Index covers 297 items and the share of weight to total NCPI weight is 73.9 percent. The inflation rate for Core Index in February, 2025 has decreased to 2.5 percent from 2.7 percent recorded in January, 2025.

**Chart 1: Movement of National Consumer Price Indices (NCPI) and Inflation Rates from February, 2024 – February, 2025. (2020 = 100)**

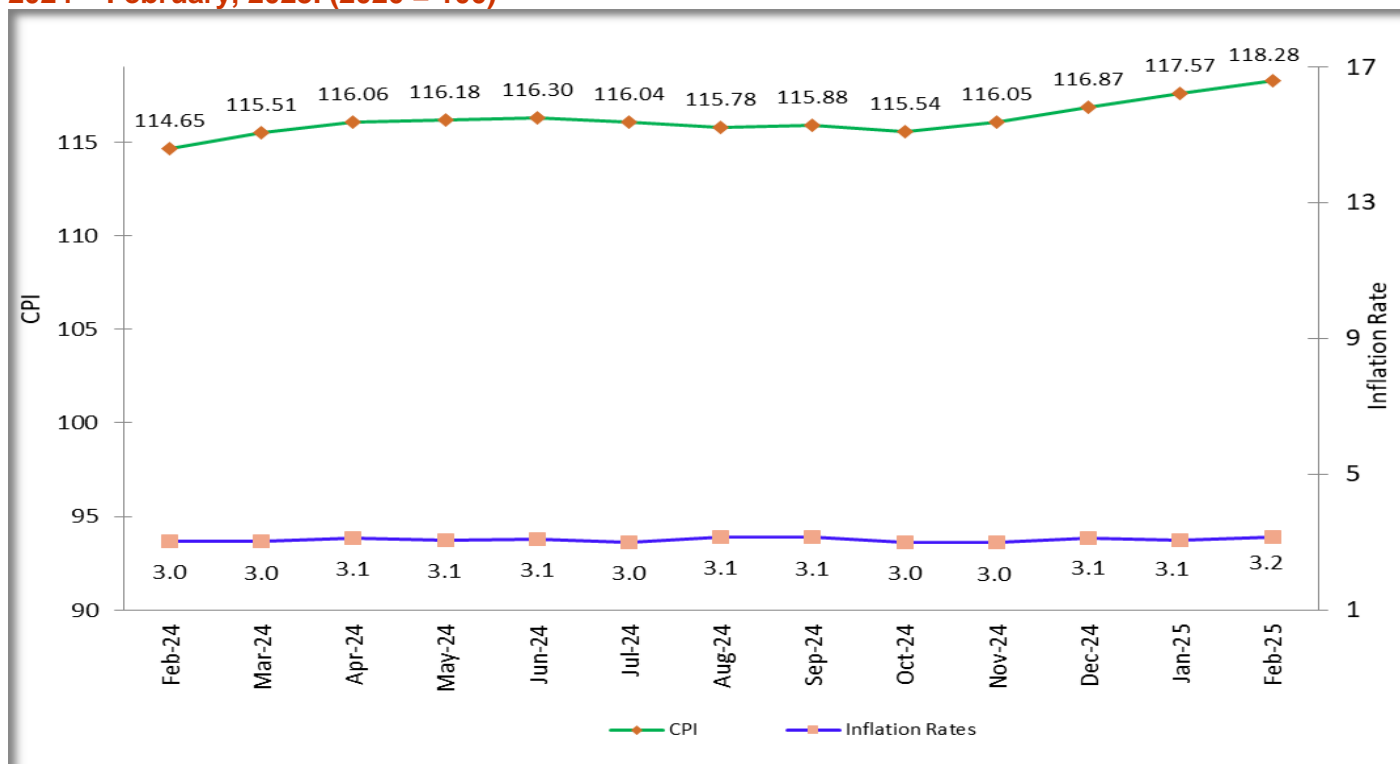


Chart 1 indicates that; NCPI has shown a relatively stable price movement from February, 2024 to February, 2025 ranging between 114.65 and 118.28. In addition, Annual Headline Inflation Rates over the same period have shown a stable trend that ranges between 3.0 percent and 3.2 percent.

### 3. MONTHLY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BETWEEN JANUARY 2025 AND FEBRUARY, 2025

The National Consumer Price Index between January, 2025 and February, 2025 has increased by 0.6 percent. The increase of the overall index is attributed to price increase for some food and non-food items. Some food items that contributed to an increase of the index include: - rice by 3.8 percent; finger millet grains by 10.1 percent; maize grains by 1.8 percent; sorghum flour by 4.0 percent; maize flour by 2.6 percent; pasta products by 1.1 percent; fresh beef by 0.8 percent; cooking oils by 2.4 percent; fruits by 2.6 percent; groundnuts by 4.9 percent; vegetables by 1.3 percent; round potatoes by 2.5 percent; sweet potatoes by 2.9 percent; dried beans by 3.5 percent; dried lentils by 2.0 percent; cowpeas by 3.7 percent and cassava flour by 1.4 percent. Some Non-Food items that contributed to an increase of the index includes: - clothing materials by 0.4 percent; garments for women and children by 0.3 percent; school uniforms by 0.2 percent; kerosene by 0.8 percent; firewood by 9.0 percent; charcoal by 0.4 percent; dental services by 3.3 percent; diesel by 0.9 percent; petrol by 0.4 percent and education services by 0.2 percent.

**Table 2: NCPI Release Schedule for the Subsequent Months**

<b>NCPI Release Months</b>	<b>Release date</b>
March, 2025	08 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025
April, 2025	08 <sup>th</sup> May, 2025
May, 2025	09 <sup>th</sup> June, 2025

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