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NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (NCPI) FOR MAY, 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.

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2. ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION FOR MAY, 2025 STANDS AT 3.2 PERCENT

Table 1: Changes in the NCPI for May 2025, (2020 = 100)

S/N	Main Groups	Weight	May., 2024	April., 2025	May., 2025	1 Month Percent Change	12 Month Percent Change
1	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	28.2	123.72	130.62	130.60	0.0	5.6
2	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.9	108.63	112.14	112.28	0.1	3.4
3	Clothing and footwear	10.8	112.43	114.51	114.71	0.2	2.0
4	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	15.1	115.14	118.90	119.08	0.2	3.4
5	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	7.9	112.97	115.35	115.55	0.2	2.3
6	Health	2.5	107.70	109.31	109.53	0.2	1.7
7	Transport	14.1	117.62	119.73	119.59	-0.1	1.7
8	Information and communication	5.4	106.15	106.17	106.22	0.0	0.1
9	Recreation, sport and culture	1.6	109.58	111.13	111.19	0.1	1.5
10	Education services	2.0	108.67	112.16	112.16	0.0	3.2
11	Restaurants and accommodation services	6.6	115.24	117.08	117.27	0.2	1.8
12	Insurance and financial services	2.1	101.73	102.46	102.43	0.0	0.7
13	Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services	2.1	115.79	118.05	118.07	0.0	2.0
TOTAL – ALL ITEMS INDEX		100.0	116.18	119.78	119.85	0.1	3.2
Other Selected Groups							
1	Core Index	73.9	113.46	115.66	115.84	0.2	2.1
2	Non-Core Index	26.1	124.24	131.47	131.23	-0.2	5.6
3	Energy, Fuel and Utilities Index	5.7	126.37	134.05	134.11	0.0	6.1
4	Services Index	37.2	111.49	112.54	112.59	0.0	1.0
5	Goods Index	62.8	119.09	124.07	124.14	0.1	4.2
6	Education services and products ancillary to education Index	4.1	110.85	114.37	114.40	0.0	3.2
7	All items Less Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	71.82	113.22	115.53	115.63	0.1	2.1

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 May, 2025 has stagnated at 3.2 percent as it was recorded in April, 2025. The stagnation of the headline inflation explains that, speed of price change for commodities for the year ended May, 2025 has remained the same as the speed that was recorded for the year ended April, 2025. The overall index went up from 116.18 recorded in May, 2024 to 119.85 in May, 2025.

2.2 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rates

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rate for May, 2025 has increased to 5.6 percent from 5.3 percent that was recorded in April, 2025. On the other hand, Annual Inflation Rate for all items without food and non-alcoholic beverages for May, 2025 has decreased to 2.1 percent from 2.3 percent that was recorded in April, 2025.

2.3 Core Inflation Rates

Computation of 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 overall NCPI provides a more stable Inflation Rate for Policy Makers. The Core Index includes 297 items with a share of 73.9 percent of total NCPI weight. The inflation rate for Core Index in May, 2025 has decreased to 2.1 percent from 2.2 percent that was recorded in April, 2025.

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

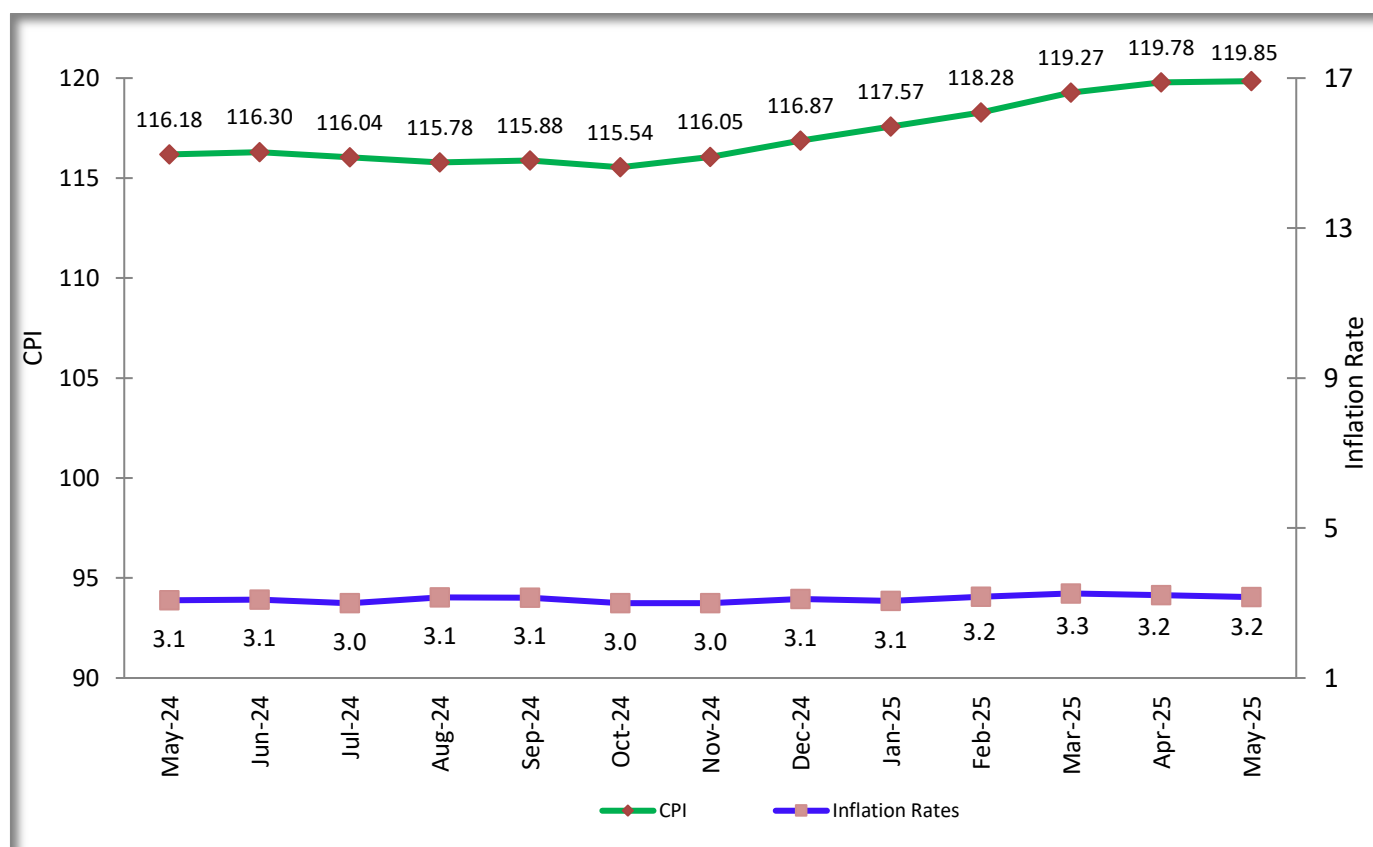


Chart 1 indicates that; NCPI has shown a relatively stable price movement from May, 2024 to May, 2025 ranging between 116.18 and 119.85. In addition, Annual Headline Inflation Rates over the same period have shown a stable trend that ranges between 3.0 percent and 3.3 percent.

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3. MONTHLY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BETWEEN APRIL 2025 AND MAY, 2025

The National Consumer Price Index between April, 2025 and May, 2025 has increased from 119.78 to 119.85 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: - wheat grains by 2.5 percent; sorghum grain by 1.0 percent; finger millet grains by 4.6 percent; sorghum flour by 1.9 percent; bread and bakery products by 3.4 percent; beef meat by 0.3 percent; dried sardines by 1.9 percent; dried lentils by 2.5 percent; dried peas by 0.7 percent; dried cowpeas by 4.6 percent and soft drinks by 0.9 percent. Some Non-Food items that contributed to an increase of the index includes: - footwear for women by 0.2 percent; products and materials for the maintenance of the dwelling by 0.5 percent; firewood by 2.8 percent; household furniture by 0.8 percent; recreation, sport and culture by 0.1 percent; food and beverage serving services by 0.2 percent and personal care by 0.1 percent.

Table 2: NCPI Release Schedule for the Subsequent Months

NCPI Release Months	Release date
June, 2025	08 th July, 2025
July, 2025	11 th August, 2025
August, 2025	08 th September, 2025