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NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (NCPI) FOR SEPTEMBER, 2025

1. METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

1.1 Definition

The NCPI measures changes over time in the cost of a fixed basket of goods and services purchased by a representative sample of households in Tanzania. The current NCPI basket contains 383 goods and services, comprising 132 food and non-alcoholic beverage items and 251 non-food items. With respect to geographical coverage, the NCPI uses price data collected from all 26 regional headquarters on the Tanzanian mainland.

1.2 Weights and a Reference Period

The NCPI weights are based on household monetary expenditure data from all 26 mainland regions, covering both urban and rural households. These weights are derived from the 2017/18 Household Budget Survey. The base price reference period is the average from January to December 2020, and the index reference period is the year 2020.

1.3 Classification

The NCPI follows the United Nations *Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose* (COICOP), 2018 version, and is disseminated using 13 COICOP divisions. In addition, the rebased NCPI is published alongside several supplementary index aggregations, including: Core Index; Energy, Fuel and Utilities Index; Non-Core Index; Services Index; Goods Index; Education Services and Products Ancillary to Education Index; and All Items Less Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index.

1.4 Elementary and Higher-Level Indices

The NCPI is compiled using the geometric mean of price relatives for elementary index aggregates and higher-level aggregates are compiled using Lowe Index formula, a type of Laspeyres index.

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2. ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION FOR AUGUST, 2025 STANDS AT 3.4 PERCENT

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

S/N	Main Groups	Weight	Sept., 2024	August., 2025	Sept., 2025	1 Month Percent Change	12 Month Percent Change
1	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	28.2	121.17	130.48	129.70	-0.6	7.0
2	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.9	109.62	112.90	113.60	0.6	3.6
3	Clothing and footwear	10.8	112.96	114.77	115.09	0.3	1.9
4	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	15.1	115.76	118.10	118.48	0.3	2.3
5	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	7.9	113.77	116.32	116.99	0.6	2.8
6	Health	2.5	108.31	109.55	109.60	0.0	1.2
7	Transport	14.1	118.28	119.69	120.78	0.9	2.1
8	Information and communication	5.4	106.09	106.32	106.31	0.0	0.2
9	Recreation, sport and culture	1.6	110.18	111.19	111.10	-0.1	0.8
10	Education services	2.0	108.81	111.99	111.99	0.0	2.9
11	Restaurants and accommodation services	6.6	116.27	117.29	117.39	0.1	1.0
12	Insurance and financial services	2.1	101.98	102.36	102.34	0.0	0.4
13	Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services	2.1	115.67	118.36	118.30	0.0	2.3
TOTAL – ALL ITEMS INDEX		100.0	115.88	119.77	119.86	0.1	3.4
Other Selected Groups							
1	Core Index	73.9	113.85	115.98	116.36	0.3	2.2
2	Non-Core Index	26.1	121.64	130.51	129.81	-0.5	6.7
3	Energy, Fuel and Utilities Index	5.7	127.12	130.72	131.86	0.9	3.7
4	Services Index	37.2	111.75	112.69	113.16	0.4	1.3
5	Goods Index	62.8	118.33	123.96	123.83	-0.1	4.7
6	Education services and products ancillary to education Index	4.1	111.56	114.32	114.40	0.1	2.5
7	All items Less Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	71.82	113.81	115.56	116.00	0.4	1.9

2.1 Headline Inflation Rate

The Headline Inflation Rate measures the overall inflation when all items in the fixed CPI basket are included. Table 1 shows that the annual Headline Inflation Rate for September 2025 remained unchanged at 3.4 percent, as it was recorded in August 2025. This stagnation indicates that the pace of price changes for commodities in the year ending September 2025 was the same as in the year ended August 2025. The overall index increased from 115.88 in September 2024 to 119.86 in September 2025.

2.2 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rates

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rate for September 2025 has decreased to 7.0 percent from 7.7 percent in August 2025. In contrast, all items excluding food and non-alcoholic beverages recorded a slight increase to 1.9 percent in September 2025, from 1.6 in August 2025.

2.3 Core Inflation Rates

The Core Index excludes items with volatile prices, namely unprocessed food, energy, and utilities with the exception of maize flour. By excluding these volatile items from the overall NCPI, policymakers obtain a more stable measure of inflation. The Core Index covers 297 items, representing 73.9 percent of the total NCPI weight. In September 2025, the Core Inflation Rate rose to 2.2 percent from 2.0 percent in August 2025.

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

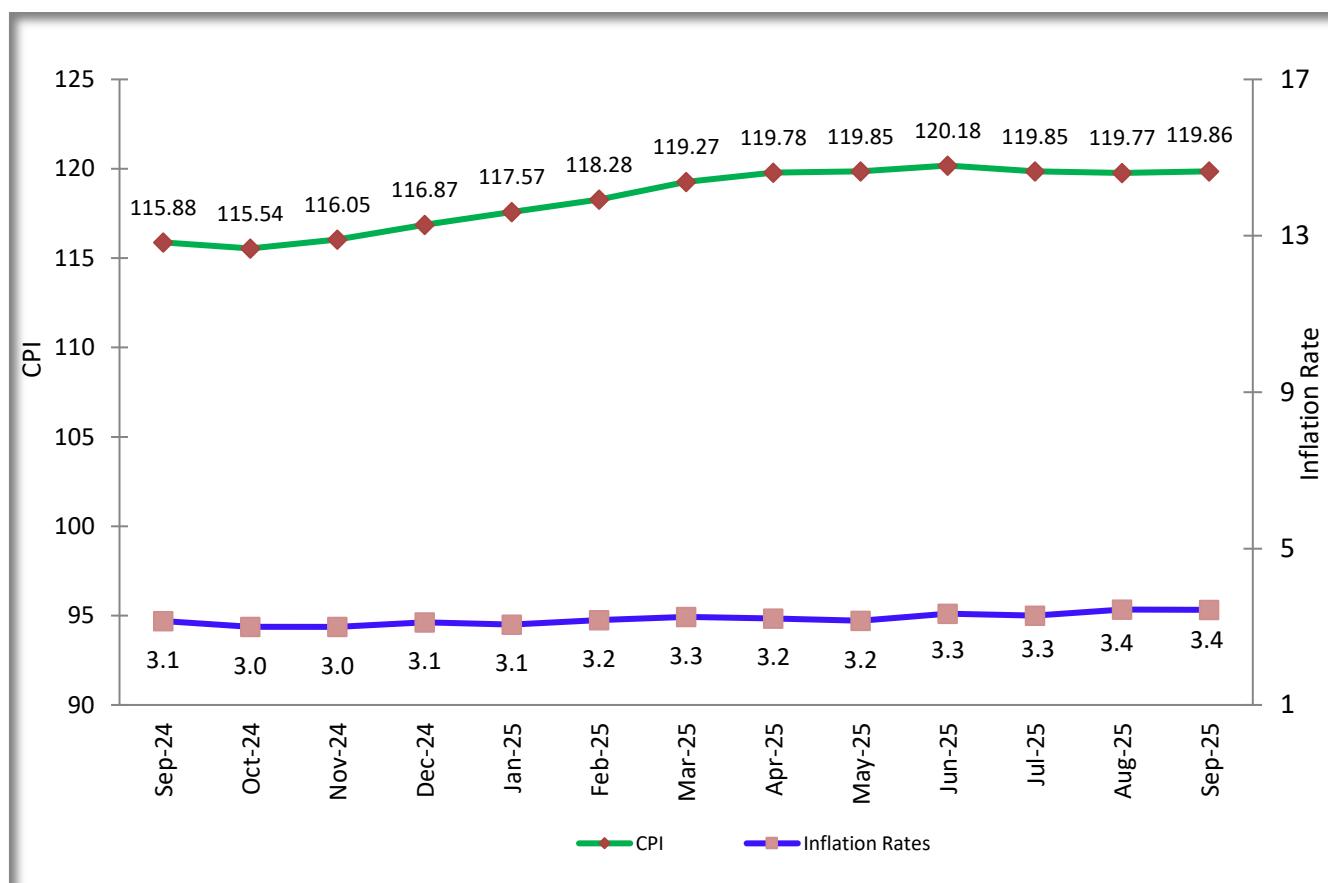


Chart 1 shows that the NCPI exhibits relatively stable price movements between September 2024 and September 2025, fluctuating within a narrow range of 115.88 to 119.86. Over the same period, the Annual Headline Inflation Rate also remained stable, varying between 3.0 percent and 3.4 percent.

3. MONTHLY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BETWEEN AUGUST 2025 AND SEPTEMBER 2025

Between August 2025 and September 2025, the National Consumer Price Index increased from 119.77 to 119.86. This increase in the overall index is mainly attributed to the increase of prices for some food and non-food items. Food items contributing to the increase included: sorghum flour (by 3.6%); bread and bakery products (by 1.0%); industrially bred live chicken (by 5.0%); meat of poultry (by 3.6%); fresh fish (by 1.0%); fruits (by 2.2%); irish potatoes (by 0.8%); sweet potatoes (by 7.6%); fresh cassava (by 2.2%); cocoyams (by 8.9%); Cooking bananas (by 1.8%) and dried peas (by 4.0%). Non-food items contributing to the increase included: alcoholic beverages and tobacco (by 0.6%); clothing materials (by 0.5%); garments for men (by 0.9%); footwear for men (by 0.4%); liquefied hydrocarbons (by 0.1%); kerosene (by 1.1%); wood charcoal (by 2.7%); household furniture (by 1.0%) and small household appliances (by 0.5%).

Table 2: NCPI Release Schedule for Subsequent Months

NCPI Release Months	Release date
October, 2025	10 th November, 2025
November, 2025	08 th December, 2025
December, 2025	08 th January, 2026