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NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (NCPI) FOR OCTOBER, 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.

2. ANNUAL HEADLINE INFLATION FOR OCTOBER, 2025 STANDS AT 3.5 PERCENT**Table 1: Changes in the NCPI for October 2025, (2020 = 100)**

S/N	Main Groups	Weight	Oct., 2024	Sept., 2025	Oct., 2025	1 Month Percent Change	12 Month Percent Change
1	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	28.2	120.50	129.70	129.47	-0.2	7.4
2	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.9	109.64	113.60	113.56	0.0	3.6
3	Clothing and footwear	10.8	112.88	115.09	115.17	0.1	2.0
4	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	15.1	115.10	118.48	117.89	-0.5	2.4
5	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	7.9	113.78	116.99	117.32	0.3	3.1
6	Health	2.5	108.31	109.60	109.64	0.0	1.2
7	Transport	14.1	117.91	120.78	119.96	-0.7	1.7
8	Information and communication	5.4	106.07	106.31	106.44	0.1	0.3
9	Recreation, sport and culture	1.6	110.04	111.10	111.15	0.0	1.0
10	Education services	2.0	108.79	111.99	112.00	0.0	3.0
11	Restaurants and accommodation services	6.6	116.24	117.39	117.37	0.0	1.0
12	Insurance and financial services	2.1	101.97	102.34	102.33	0.0	0.4
13	Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services	2.1	116.27	118.30	118.09	-0.2	1.6
TOTAL – ALL ITEMS INDEX		100.0	115.54	119.86	119.63	-0.2	3.5
Other Selected Groups							
1	Core Index	73.9	113.79	116.36	116.22	-0.1	2.1
2	Non-Core Index	26.1	120.51	129.81	129.31	-0.4	7.3
3	Energy, Fuel and Utilities Index	5.7	124.95	131.86	130.01	-1.4	4.0
4	Services Index	37.2	111.68	113.16	112.81	-0.3	1.0
5	Goods Index	62.8	117.83	123.83	123.67	-0.1	5.0
6	Education services and products ancillary to education Index	4.1	111.38	114.40	114.22	-0.2	2.6
7	All items Less Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	71.82	113.59	116.00	115.77	-0.2	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 October 2025 rose to 3.5 percent from 3.4 percent recorded in September 2025. This increase indicates that the pace of price changes for commodities in the year ending October 2025 has increased compared to the price in the year ended September 2025. The overall index increased from 115.54 in October 2024 to 119.63 in October 2025.

2.2 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rates

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rate for October 2025 has increased to 7.4 percent from 7.0 percent in September 2025. Furthermore, inflation rate for all items excluding food and non-alcoholic beverages for October 2025 has stagnated at 1.9 percent as it was recorded in September 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 October 2025, Core Inflation Rate has slightly decreased to 2.1 percent from 2.2 percent that was recorded in September 2025.

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

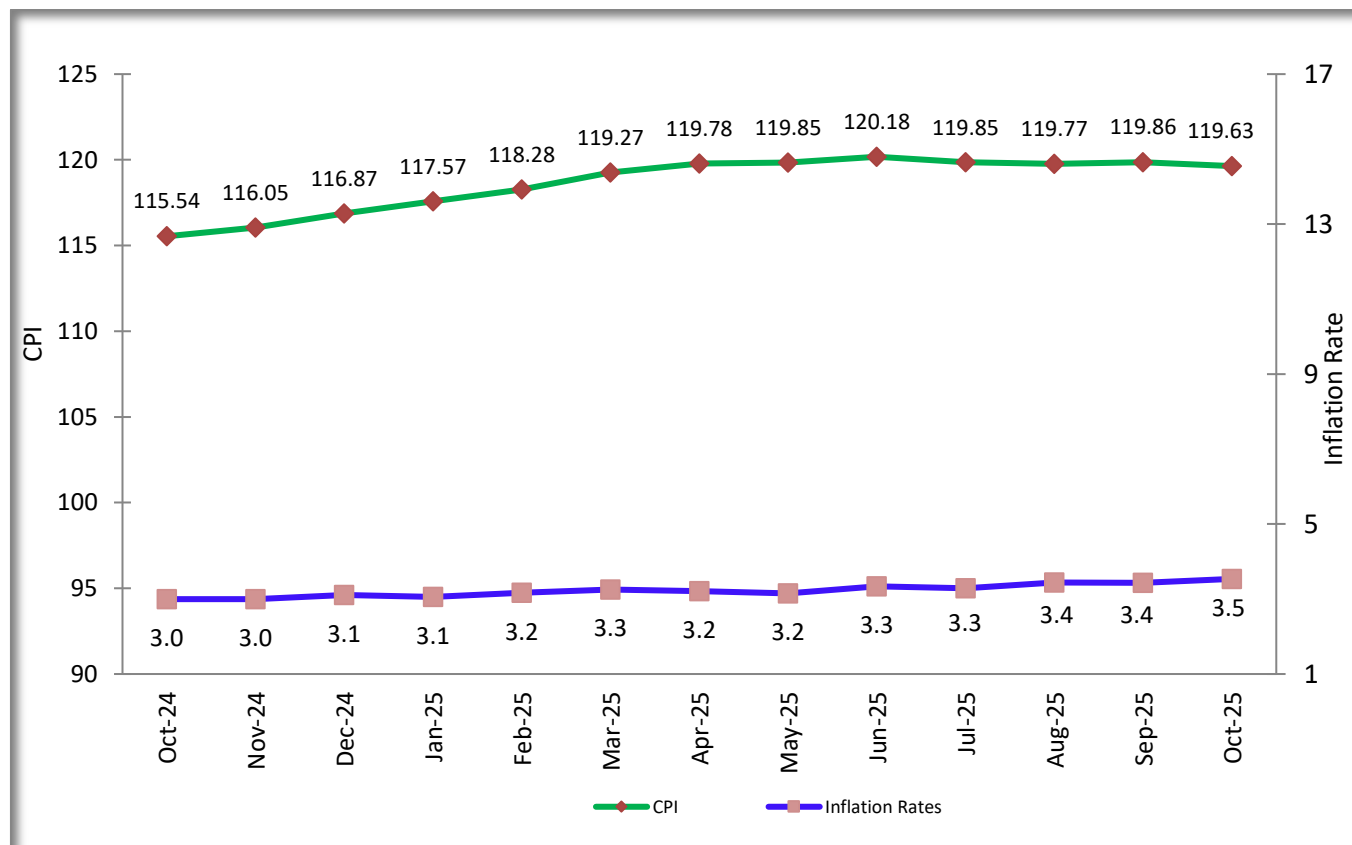


Chart 1 shows that the NCPI exhibits relatively stable price movements between October 2024 and October 2025, fluctuating within a narrow range of 115.54 to 119.74. Over the same period, the Annual Headline Inflation Rate also remained stable, varying between 3.0 percent and 3.5 percent.

3. MONTHLY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 2025 AND OCTOBER, 2025

Between September 2025 and October 2025, the National Consumer Price Index decreased from 119.86 to 119.63. This decrease in the overall index is mainly attributed to the decrease of prices for some food and non-food items. Food items contributing to the decrease included: sorghum grains (by 1.0%); finger millet grains (by 2.5%); maize grains (by 1.3%); bread and bakery products (by 2.5%); meat of poultry (by 2.7%); dried sardines (by 1.9%); vegetables (by 0.7%); cooking bananas (by 1.3%); dried beans (by 3.1%); dried lentils (by 1.0%); dried peas (by 3.1%) and dried cowpeas (by 0.4%). Non-food items contributing to the decrease included: footwear for men (by 0.1%); products and materials for the maintenance of the dwelling (by 0.1%); kerosene (by 1.8%); Firewood

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(by 1.0%); charcoal (by 2.9%); household appliances (by 0.2%); diesel (1.6%); petrol (1.9%) and personal care (by 0.2%).

Table 2: NCPI Release Schedule for Subsequent Months

NCPI Release Months	Release date
November, 2025	08 th December, 2025
December, 2025	08 th January, 2026
January, 2026	09 th February, 2026