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NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (NCPI) FOR DECEMBER, 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 DECEMBER, 2025 STANDS AT 3.6 PERCENT

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

S/N	Main Groups	Weight	Dec., 2024	Nov., 2025	Dec., 2025	1 Month Percent Change	12 Month Percent Change
1	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	28.2	124.27	129.98	132.56	2.0	6.7
2	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.9	110.33	113.67	114.08	0.4	3.4
3	Clothing and footwear	10.8	113.17	115.26	115.46	0.2	2.0
4	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	15.1	115.59	117.70	118.27	0.5	2.3
5	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	7.9	114.38	117.61	117.81	0.2	3.0
6	Health	2.5	108.43	109.70	109.79	0.1	1.3
7	Transport	14.1	118.37	121.50	123.19	1.4	4.1
8	Information and communication	5.4	106.16	106.49	106.70	0.2	0.5
9	Recreation, sport and culture	1.6	110.54	110.89	110.82	-0.1	0.3
10	Education services	2.0	108.84	112.01	112.01	0.0	2.9
11	Restaurants and accommodation services	6.6	116.39	117.49	117.48	0.0	0.9
12	Insurance and financial services	2.1	101.92	102.27	102.34	0.1	0.4
13	Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services	2.1	116.64	118.40	118.09	-0.3	1.2
TOTAL – ALL ITEMS INDEX		100.0	116.87	120.01	121.11	0.9	3.6
Other Selected Groups							
1	Core Index	73.9	114.45	116.77	117.26	0.4	2.5
2	Non-Core Index	26.1	123.73	129.21	132.04	2.2	6.7
3	Energy, Fuel and Utilities Index	5.7	125.25	129.33	131.02	1.3	4.6
4	Services Index	37.2	111.81	113.49	114.03	0.5	2.0
5	Goods Index	62.8	119.86	123.87	125.31	1.2	4.5
6	Education services and products ancillary to education Index	4.1	111.82	114.31	114.25	-0.1	2.2
7	All items Less Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	71.82	113.96	116.09	116.62	0.5	2.3

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 December 2025 increased to 3.6 percent, up from 3.4 percent recorded in November 2025. This increase indicates a slight acceleration in the pace of price increases for commodities in the year ending December 2025 compared to the year ending November 2025. The overall Consumer Price index rose from 116.87 in December 2024 to 121.11 in December 2025.

2.2 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rates

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rate for December 2025 has slightly increased to 6.7 percent from 6.6 percent in November 2025. Furthermore, inflation rate for all items excluding food and non-alcoholic beverages for December 2025 has slightly increased to 2.3 percent from 2.1 percent recorded in November 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 December 2025, Core Inflation Rate has increased to 2.5 percent from 2.3 percent that was recorded in November 2025.

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

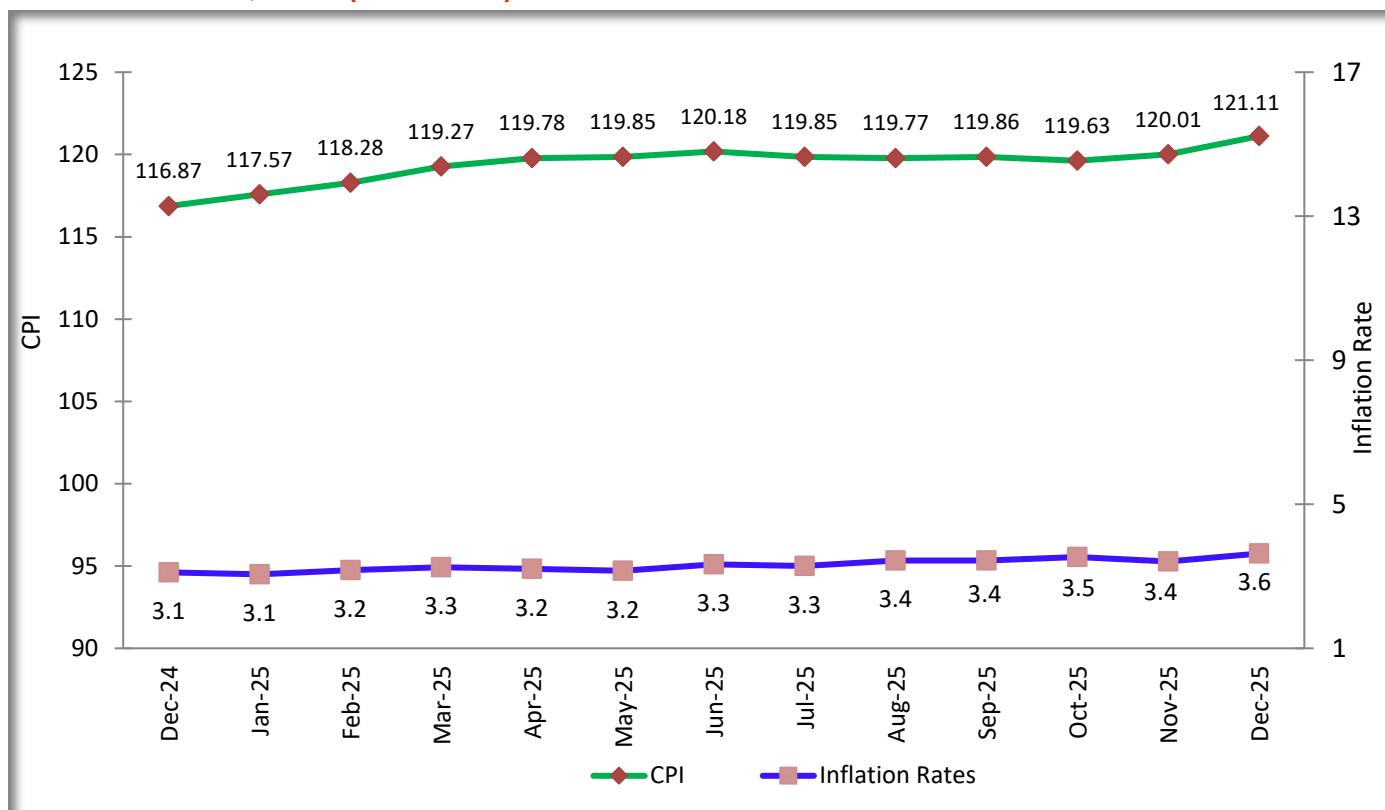


Chart 1 shows that the NCPI recorded relatively stable price movements between December 2024 and December 2025, fluctuating within a narrow range of 116.87 to 121.11. Over the same period, the Annual Headline Inflation Rate remained broadly stable, fluctuating between 3.1 percent and 3.6 percent.

3. MONTHLY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BETWEEN NOVEMBER 2025 AND DECEMBER, 2025

Between November 2025 and December 2025, the National Consumer Price Index increased from 120.01 to 121.11. 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 an increase included: beef meat (by 9.3%); bread and bakery products (by 5.6%); sweet potatoes (by 5.1%); live poultry (by 3.7%); maize flour (by 3.6%); rice (by 3.5%); groundnuts (by 2.7%); sorghum flour (by 2.2%); live Goats (by 2.2%); fresh cassava (by 2.1%); poultry meat (by 2.0%); eggs of hen (by 1.8%); fruits (by 1.5%); sorghum grains (by 1.3%); Irish potatoes (by 1.2%); finger millet grains (by 0.8%); maize grains (by 0.7%); vegetables (by 0.6%) and wheat grains (by 0.4%).

Non-food items contributing to an increase included: alcoholic beverages and tobacco (by 0.4%); garments for women (by 0.2%); garments for children (by 0.2%); footwear for men (by 0.2%); footwear for children (by 0.6%); firewood (by 2.7%); wood charcoal (by 2.0%); household furniture (by 0.2%); household appliances (by 0.2%); household cleaning and maintenance products (by 0.8%); diesel (by 2.2%); passenger transport by road (by 2.1%); transport of individuals by taxi (by 2.5%); mobile telephone handsets (by 0.3%) and laptops computers (by 2.4%).

4. ANNUAL AVERAGE NATIONAL INFLATION FOR 2025.

Chart 2: Trends of Annual Average National Inflation (January to December) for Various Groups of Commodities in 2024 and 2025

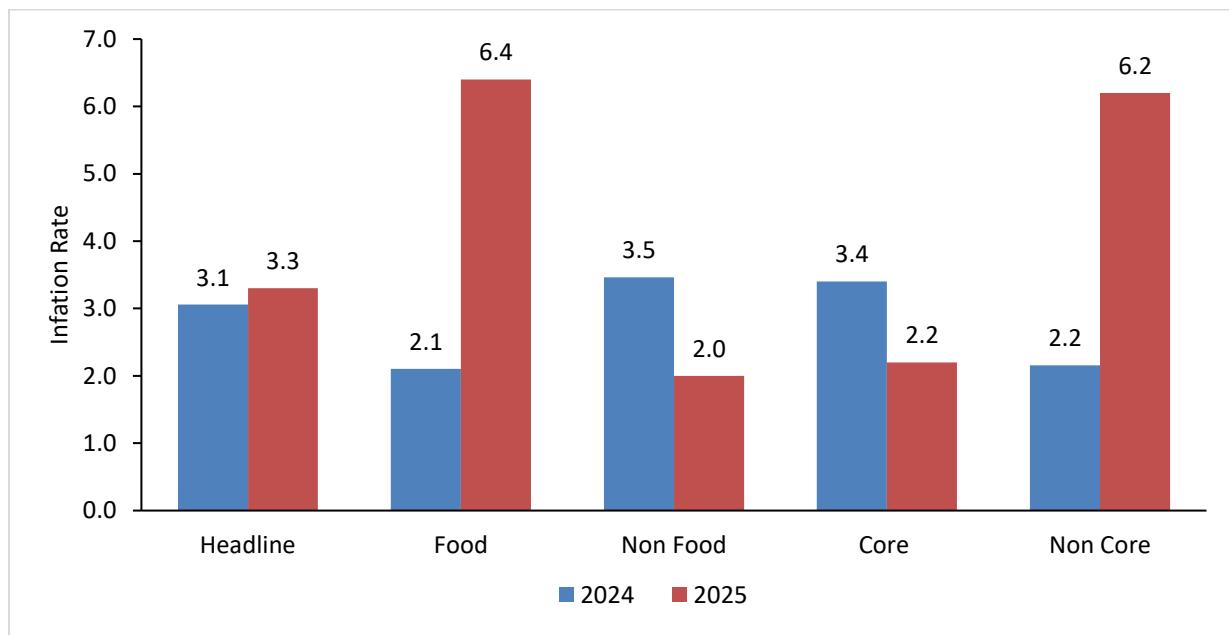
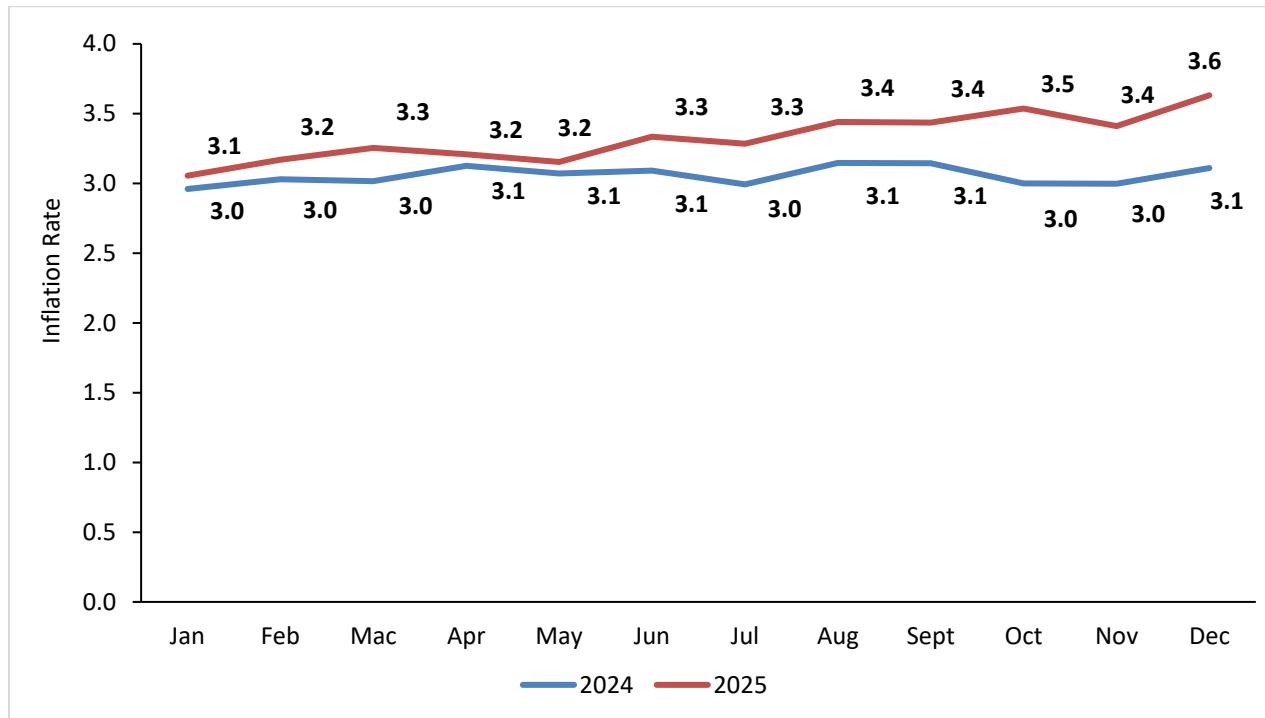


Chart 2 above shows that, the Annual Average Headline Inflation Rate increased from 3.1 percent in 2024 to 3.3 percent in 2025, reflecting a modest acceleration in overall price movements. Food inflation rose sharply from 2.1 percent to 6.4 percent, indicating significantly higher price pressures in food-related items. In contrast, Non-Food inflation declined from 3.5 percent in 2024 to 2.0 percent in 2025. Similarly, Core inflation decreased from 3.4 percent to 2.2 percent, while Non-Core inflation increased substantially from 2.2 percent to 6.2 percent, suggesting that inflationary pressures in 2025 were largely driven by volatile and food-related components rather than underlying core prices.

Chart 3: Movement of National Inflation Rates for Year 2024 and 2025



"Chart 3 shows the pattern of National Inflation Rates for 2025 compared to 2024. In 2025, the inflation rate exhibited a gradual upward trend, starting at 3.1 percent in January and rising steadily to 3.6 percent by December. This contrasts with 2024, where inflation remained relatively stable between 3.0 and 3.1 percent throughout the year. The data indicate a moderate increase in the pace of price changes in 2025 compared to the previous year."

Table 2: NCPI Release Schedule for Subsequent Months

NCPI Release Months	Release date
January, 2026	09 th February, 2026
February, 2026	09 th March, 2026
March, 2026	08 th April, 2026