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### NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (NCPI) FOR APRIL, 2026

#### 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 APRIL, 2026 STANDS AT 4.0 PERCENT****Table 1: Changes in the NCPI for April 2026, (2020 = 100)**

| S/N                            | Main Groups   | Weight       | April., 2025  | March., 2026  | April., 2026  | 1 Month Percent Change | 12 Month Percent Change |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1                              | Food and non-alcoholic beverages                                      | 28.2         | 130.62        | 136.88        | 138.12        | 0.9                    | 5.7                     |
| 2                              | Alcoholic beverages and tobacco                                       | 1.9          | 112.14        | 114.41        | 114.74        | 0.3                    | 2.3                     |
| 3                              | Clothing and footwear   | 10.8         | 114.51        | 115.99        | 116.35        | 0.3                    | 1.6                     |
| 4                              | Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels                      | 15.1         | 118.90        | 119.82        | 120.93        | 0.9                    | 1.7                     |
| 5                              | Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance    | 7.9          | 115.35        | 117.82        | 118.35        | 0.4                    | 2.6                     |
| 6                              | Health  | 2.5          | 109.31        | 110.35        | 111.03        | 0.6                    | 1.6                     |
| 7                              | Transport   | 14.1         | 119.73        | 124.22        | 130.68        | 5.2                    | 9.2                     |
| 8                              | Information and communication   | 5.4          | 106.17        | 107.20        | 107.18        | 0.0                    | 1.0                     |
| 9                              | Recreation, sport and culture   | 1.6          | 111.13        | 111.65        | 111.93        | 0.3                    | 0.7                     |
| 10                             | Education services  | 2.0          | 112.16        | 113.22        | 115.03        | 1.6                    | 2.6                     |
| 11                             | Restaurants and accommodation services                                | 6.6          | 117.08        | 119.07        | 119.13        | 0.1                    | 1.8                     |
| 12                             | Insurance and financial services                                      | 2.1          | 102.46        | 102.57        | 102.59        | 0.0                    | 0.1                     |
| 13                             | Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services | 2.1          | 118.05        | 121.88        | 122.15        | 0.2                    | 3.5                     |
| <b>TOTAL – ALL ITEMS INDEX</b> |   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>119.78</b> | <b>123.04</b> | <b>124.61</b> | <b>1.3</b>             | <b>4.0</b>              |
| <b>Other Selected Groups</b>   |   |              |               |               |               |                        |                         |
| 1                              | Core Index  | 73.9         | 115.66        | 117.96        | 119.29        | 1.1                    | 3.1                     |
| 2                              | Non-Core Index  | 26.1         | 131.47        | 137.45        | 139.73        | 1.7                    | 6.3                     |
| 3                              | Energy, Fuel and Utilities Index                                      | 5.7          | 134.05        | 134.36        | 141.15        | 5.1                    | 5.3                     |
| 4                              | Services Index  | 37.2         | 112.54        | 114.99        | 117.07        | 1.8                    | 4.0                     |
| 5                              | Goods Index   | 62.8         | 124.07        | 127.80        | 129.09        | 1.0                    | 4.0                     |
| 6                              | Education services and products ancillary to education Index          | 4.1          | 114.37        | 115.22        | 116.02        | 0.7                    | 1.4                     |
| 7                              | All items Less Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages                       | 71.82        | 115.53        | 117.60        | 119.31        | 1.5                    | 3.3                     |

**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 April 2026 rose to 4.0 percent from 3.2 percent recorded in March 2026. This increase indicates that the pace of price changes for commodities in the year ending April 2026 has increased compared to the price in the year ended March 2026. The overall index increased from 119.78 in April 2025 to 124.61 in April 2026.

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

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rate for April 2026 has increased to 5.7 percent from 5.5 percent that was recorded in March 2026. Furthermore, inflation rate for all items excluding food and non-alcoholic beverages for April 2026 has increased to 3.3 percent from 2.1 percent recorded in March 2026.

### 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 April 2026, Core Inflation Rate has increased to 3.1 percent from 2.2 percent that was recorded in March 2026.

**Chart 1: Movement of National Consumer Price Indices (NCPI) and Inflation Rates from April, 2025 – April, 2026. (2020 = 100)**

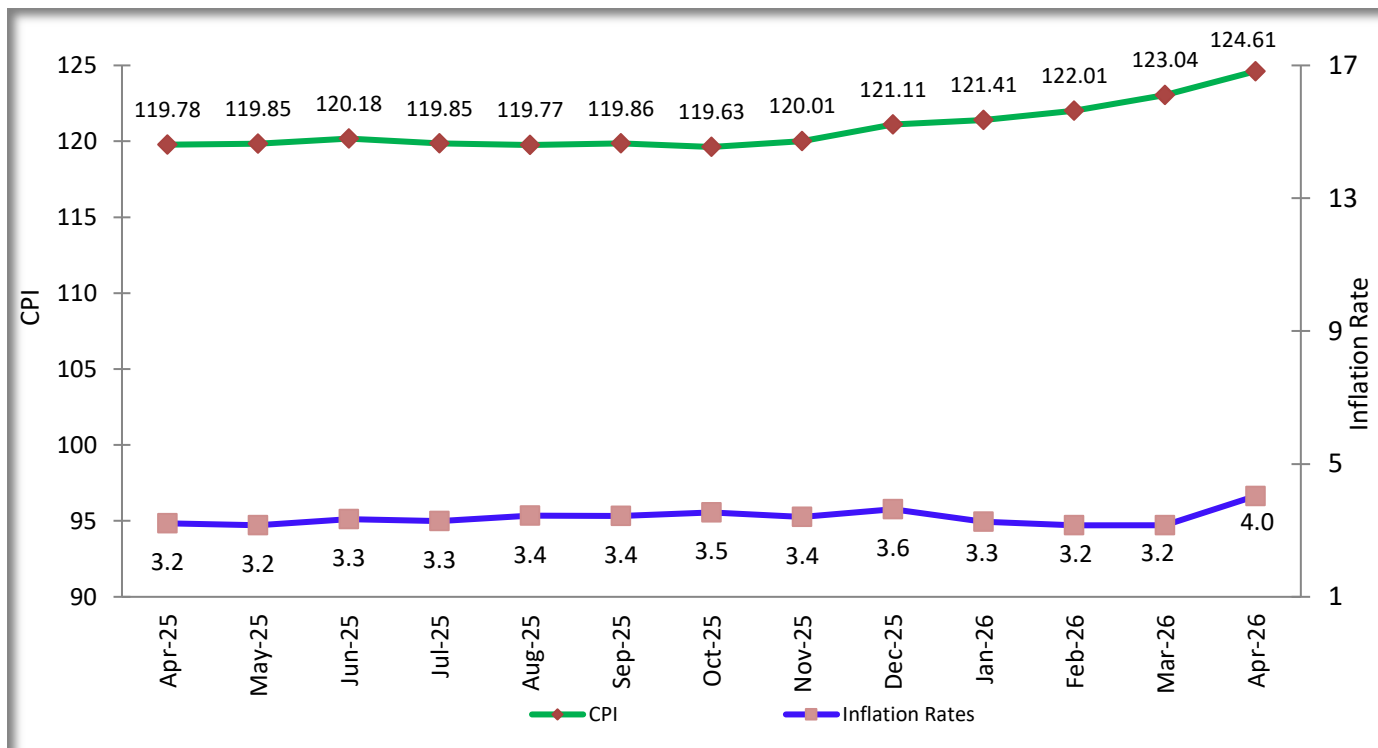


Chart 1 shows that the NCPI remained relatively stable from April 2025 to April 2026, fluctuating within a narrow range of 119.78 to 124.61, with only slight variations during most of 2025 before a gradual upward trend emerged toward early 2026. Over the same period, the Annual Headline Inflation Rate also stayed broadly stable, moving between 3.2 percent and 4.0 percent, with minor fluctuations around 3.2 percent to 3.5 percent for much of the period, followed by a slight increase that peaked at 4.0 percent in April 2026, indicating generally stable prices with moderate upward inflationary pressure toward the end of the period.

### 3. MONTHLY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BETWEEN MARCH 2026 AND APRIL, 2026

Between March 2026 and April 2026, the National Consumer Price Index increased from 123.04 to 124.61. 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: wheat grains (by 1.2%); sorghum grains (by 1.8%); wheat flour (by 1.2%); bread and bakery products (1.5%); pasta products (by 1.9%); poultry (by 0.9%); beef (by 0.3%); goat meat (by 0.6%); dried fish (by 1.7%), dried sardines (by 2.0%); oils and fats (by 1.7%); fruits (by 6.7%); vegetables (by 1.8%); sweet potatoes (by 2.6%); cocoyams (by 9.0%); cooking bananas (by 5.3%); dried beans (by 1.0%); dried lentils (by 1.8%);

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dried cowpeas (by 0.8%); dry cassava (by 4.1%); sugar (by 2.1%); industrial fruit juices (by 0.5%); industrial drinking water (by 0.5%) and sodas (by 0.4%).

Non-food items contributing to an increase included: alcoholic beverages and tobacco (by 0.3%); clothing materials (by 0.7%); garments for men (by 0.9%); garments for women (by 0.3%); footwear for women (by 0.4%); cement (by 3.1%); kerosene (by 13.4%); charcoal (by 3.1%); household furniture (by 0.6%); household utensils e.g. plates, knives, glasses, cup and coking pan (by 0.7%); detergents, laundry soap and insecticides spray (by 1.3%); diesel (by 29.3%); petrol (by 29.6%); bus fares (by 3.9%); tax fare (by 7.8%); motorcycles/ Bodaboda fare (by 14.6%); goods and services for recreation, sport and culture (by 0.3%) and goods and services for personal care (by 0.1%).

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

| <b>NCPI Release Months</b> | <b>Release date</b>           |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| May, 2026                  | 08 <sup>th</sup> June, 2026   |
| June, 2026                 | 08 <sup>th</sup> July, 2026   |
| July, 2026                 | 10 <sup>th</sup> August, 2026 |