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NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (NCPI) FOR AUGUST, 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 AUGUST, 2026 STANDS AT 4.3 PERCENT**Table 1: Changes in the NCPI for August 2026, (2020 = 100)**

S/N	Main Groups	Weight	August., 2025	July., 2026	August., 2026	1 Month Percent Change	12 Month Percent Change
1	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	28.2	130.48	135.79	135.36	-0.3	3.7
2	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.9	112.90	114.67	114.62	0.0	1.5
3	Clothing and footwear	10.8	114.77	116.69	116.89	0.2	1.8
4	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	15.1	118.10	120.73	121.08	0.3	2.5
5	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	7.9	116.32	118.90	119.39	0.4	2.6
6	Health	2.5	109.55	111.12	111.14	0.0	1.5
7	Transport	14.1	119.69	136.11	136.18	0.1	13.8
8	Information and communication	5.4	106.32	106.90	107.88	0.9	1.5
9	Recreation, sport and culture	1.6	111.19	111.72	111.98	0.2	0.7
10	Education services	2.0	111.99	115.29	115.55	0.2	3.2
11	Restaurants and accommodation services	6.6	117.29	120.51	120.79	0.2	3.0
12	Insurance and financial services	2.1	102.36	102.60	102.58	0.0	0.2
13	Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services	2.1	118.36	122.21	122.26	0.0	3.3
TOTAL – ALL ITEMS INDEX		100.0	119.77	124.85	124.93	0.1	4.3
Other Selected Groups							
1	Core Index	73.9	115.98	120.44	120.74	0.3	4.1
2	Non-Core Index	26.1	130.51	137.38	136.83	-0.4	4.8
3	Energy, Fuel and Utilities Index	5.7	130.72	141.76	141.85	0.1	8.5
4	Services Index	37.2	112.69	119.16	119.34	0.2	5.9
5	Goods Index	62.8	123.96	128.22	128.24	0.0	3.5
6	Education services and products ancillary to education Index	4.1	114.32	116.24	116.42	0.2	1.8
7	All items Less Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	71.8	115.56	120.56	120.84	0.2	4.6

2.1 Headline Inflation Rate

The Headline Inflation Rate measures the overall change in prices when all items in the fixed Consumer Price Index (CPI) basket are included. As shown in Table 1, the annual Headline Inflation Rate increased slightly to 4.3 percent in August 2026, from 4.2 percent recorded in July 2026. This increase indicates that the rate of increase in prices of goods and services during the year ending August 2026 was higher than that recorded during the year ending July 2026. The overall CPI increased from 119.77 in August 2025 to 124.93 in August 2026, reflecting the overall increase in the prices of goods and services over the period.

2.2 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rates

The Inflation Rate for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased to 3.7 percent in August 2026, from 4.1 percent recorded in July 2026. In contrast, the inflation rate for All Items Excluding Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased to 4.6 percent in August 2026, from 4.2 percent recorded in July 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 August 2026, Core Inflation Rate has increased to 4.1 percent from 3.9 percent that was recorded in July 2026.

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

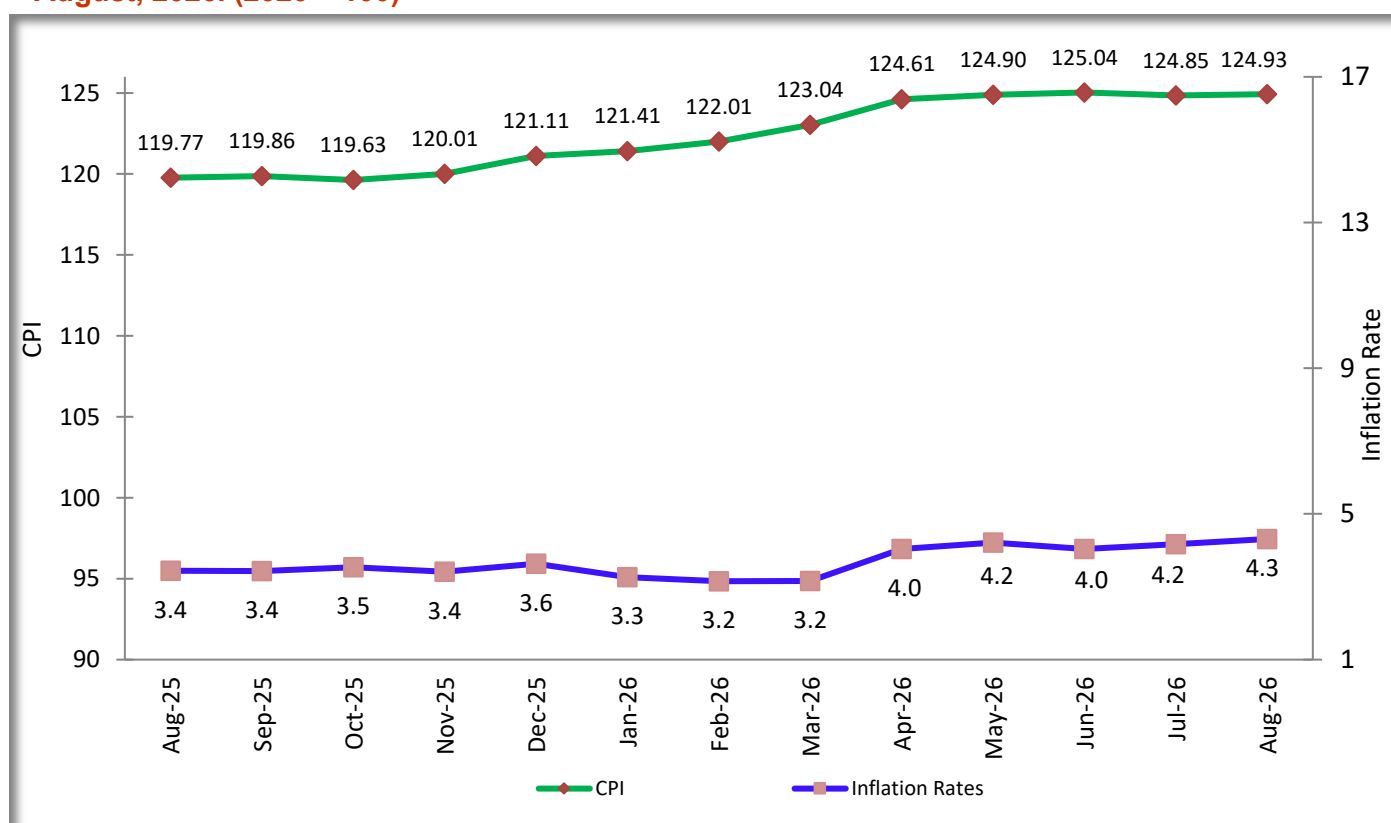


Chart 1 shows that the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) generally recorded an upward trend between August 2025 and August 2026, increasing from 119.77 in August 2025 to 124.93 in August 2026. During the same period, the Annual Headline Inflation Rate remained relatively moderate, fluctuating between 3.2 percent and 4.3 percent. The inflation rate declined from 3.6 percent in December 2025 to 3.3 percent in January 2026 and further to 3.2 percent in February and March 2026. Thereafter, the inflation rate increased to 4.0 percent in April 2026 and reached 4.2 percent in May 2026. It subsequently eased to 4.0 percent in June before rising to 4.2 percent in July and 4.3 percent in August 2026, the highest rate recorded during the period.

3. MONTHLY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BETWEEN JULY 2026 AND AUGUST, 2026

Between July 2026 and August 2026, the National Consumer Price Index increased from 125.85 to 124.93. 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 of the index include: - rice (by 1.9%); wheat flour (by 0.7%); spaghetti (by 0.5%); live poultry (by 4.2%); cow meat (by 0.6%); meat of chicken (by 0.6%); fresh fish (by 2.3%); dried sardines (by 1.4%); chicken egg (by 2.2%); cooking oils (by 0.9%); fresh groundnuts (by 2.4%); sweet potatoes (by 0.2%); sugar (by 0.5%); industrial fruit juices (by 0.8%) and soft drinks like soda and energy drinks (by 0.2%). Non-food items contributing to an increase of the overall index include: - clothing materials (by 1.4%); garments for men, women and children (by 0.2%); footwear for men (by 0.1%); materials for the maintenance repair of the dwelling like cement and iron sheets (by 1.9%); gas for household consumption (by 0.4%); firewood (by 1.3%); charcoal (by 1.7%); household furniture like sofa set, bed, dining chair and cupboards (by 0.4%); household cleaning and maintenance products like laundry soap (by 2.3%); goods and services for recreation, sport and culture (by 0.2%); food, non-alcoholic beverages and alcoholic beverages provided by hotels and restaurants (by 0.2%) and goods and services for personal care (by 1.4%).

Table 2: NCPI Release Schedule for Subsequent Months

NCPI Release Months	Release date
September, 2026	08 th October, 2026
October, 2026	09 th November, 2026
November, 2026	08 th December, 2026