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

S/N	Main Groups	Weight	September., 2025	August., 2026	September., 2026	1 Month Percent Change	12 Month Percent Change
1	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	28.2	129.70	135.36	134.70	-0.5	3.9
2	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.9	113.60	114.62	114.86	0.2	1.1
3	Clothing and footwear	10.8	115.09	116.89	117.01	0.1	1.7
4	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	15.1	118.48	121.08	121.47	0.3	2.5
5	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	7.9	116.99	119.39	119.98	0.5	2.6
6	Health	2.5	109.60	111.14	111.14	0.0	1.4
7	Transport	14.1	120.78	136.18	137.66	1.1	14.0
8	Information and communication	5.4	106.31	107.88	107.93	0.0	1.5
9	Recreation, sport and culture	1.6	111.10	111.98	111.70	-0.3	0.5
10	Education services	2.0	111.99	115.55	115.55	0.0	3.2
11	Restaurants and accommodation services	6.6	117.39	120.79	120.79	0.0	2.9
12	Insurance and financial services	2.1	102.34	102.58	102.59	0.0	0.2
13	Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services	2.1	118.30	122.26	122.22	0.0	3.3
TOTAL – ALL ITEMS INDEX		100.0	119.86	124.93	125.07	0.1	4.3
Other Selected Groups							
1	Core Index	73.9	116.36	120.74	121.18	0.4	4.1
2	Non-Core Index	26.1	129.81	136.83	136.13	-0.5	4.9
3	Energy, Fuel and Utilities Index	5.7	131.86	141.85	142.09	0.2	7.8
4	Services Index	37.2	113.16	119.34	120.05	0.6	6.1
5	Goods Index	62.8	123.83	128.24	128.05	-0.2	3.4
6	Education services and products ancillary to education Index	4.1	114.40	116.42	116.39	0.0	1.7
7	All items Less Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	71.8	116.00	120.84	121.30	0.4	4.6

2.1 Headline Inflation Rate

The Headline Inflation Rate measures the overall change in prices of all goods and services included in the fixed Consumer Price Index (CPI) basket. As shown in Table 1, the annual Headline Inflation Rate for September 2026 remained unchanged at 4.3 percent, the same rate recorded in August 2026. This means that the overall rate of increase in prices of goods and services during the year ending September 2026 was the same as that recorded during the year ending August 2026. During the same period, the overall CPI increased from 119.86 in September 2025 to 125.07 in September 2026, indicating an overall increase in the prices of goods and services between September 2025 and September 2026.

2.2 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rates

The Inflation Rate for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased to 3.9 percent in September 2026, from 3.7 percent recorded in August 2026. The inflation rate for All Items Excluding Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages has stagnated at 4.6 percent in September 2026, as it was recorded in August 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 September 2026, Core Inflation Rate has stagnated at 4.1 percent as it was recorded in August 2026.

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

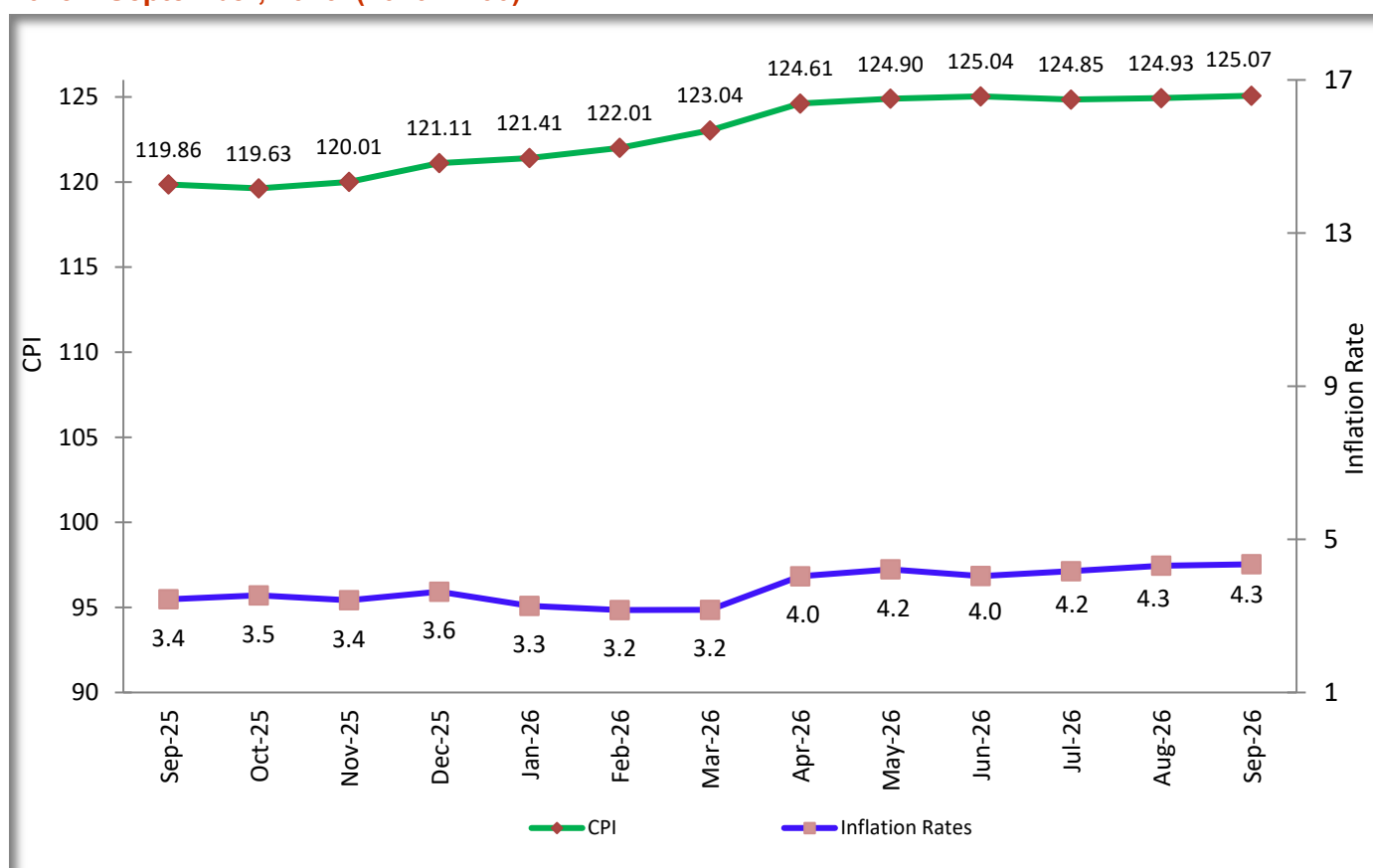


Chart 1 shows that the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) generally recorded an upward trend between September 2025 and September 2026, increasing from 119.86 in September 2025 to 125.07 in September 2026. During the same period, the Annual Headline Inflation Rate remained relatively moderate, ranging between 3.2 percent and 4.3 percent. Overall, the chart indicates that while the NCPI generally increased over the period, the Annual Headline Inflation Rate fluctuated within a relatively narrow range, with the highest rate of 4.3 percent recorded in both August and September 2026.

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

Between August 2026 and September 2026, the National Consumer Price Index increased from 124.93 to 125.07. 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: - sorghum grains (by 0.1%); wheat flour (by 0.3%); traditional live chicken (by 0.2%); chicken meat, (by 0.1%); fresh fish (by 1.7%); fresh cow milk (by 0.8%); cooking oil (by 0.3%); groundnuts (by 1.5%); sweet potatoes (by 3.9%); fresh cassava (by 2.0%); cocoyams (by 0.5%); cooking bananas (by 3.7%); dried beans, (by 0.4%); dried lentils, (by 1.8%); dried peas, (by 3.1%); cassava flour (by 3.9%) and soft drinks/sodas (by 1.4%). Non-food items contributing to an increase of the overall index include: - alcoholic beverages and tobacco (by 0.2%); clothing materials (by 1.2%); garments for men (by 0.1%); garments for women (by 0.1%); footwear for men (by 0.3%); footwear for women (by 0.4%); footwear for children (by 0.1%); cement (by 3.9%); corrugated Iron Sheets (by 1.1%); floor tiles (by 0.5%); gas for domestic use (by 1.7%); firewood (by 4.6%); household furniture (by 0.5%); taxi fare (by 1.9%) and motorcycles fare (by 5.8%).

Table 2: NCPI Release Schedule for Subsequent Months

NCPI Release Months	Release date
October, 2026	09 th November, 2026
November, 2026	08 th December, 2026
December, 2026	08 th January, 2027