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NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (NCPI) FOR OCTOBER, 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 OCTOBER, 2026 STANDS AT 4.2 PERCENT

Table 1: Changes in the NCPI for October 2026, (2020 = 100)

S/N	Main Groups	Weight	October., 2025	September., 2026	October., 2026	1 Month Percent Change	12 Month Percent Change
1	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	28.2	129.47	134.70	134.17	-0.4	3.6
2	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	1.9	113.56	114.86	114.83	0.0	1.1
3	Clothing and footwear	10.8	115.17	117.01	116.54	-0.4	1.2
4	Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	15.1	117.89	121.47	120.58	-0.7	2.3
5	Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	7.9	117.32	119.98	119.40	-0.5	1.8
6	Health	2.5	109.64	111.14	111.01	-0.1	1.3
7	Transport	14.1	119.96	137.66	137.84	0.1	14.9
8	Information and communication	5.4	106.44	107.93	107.88	0.0	1.4
9	Recreation, sport and culture	1.6	111.15	111.70	111.70	0.0	0.5
10	Education services	2.0	112.00	115.55	115.55	0.0	3.2
11	Restaurants and accommodation services	6.6	117.37	120.79	120.74	0.0	2.9
12	Insurance and financial services	2.1	102.33	102.59	102.51	-0.1	0.2
13	Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services	2.1	118.09	122.22	122.19	0.0	3.5
TOTAL – ALL ITEMS INDEX		**100.0**	**119.63**	**125.07**	**124.71**	**-0.3**	**4.2**
Other Selected Groups							
1	Core Index	73.9	116.22	121.18	120.84	-0.3	4.0
2	Non-Core Index	26.1	129.31	136.13	135.70	-0.3	4.9
3	Energy, Fuel and Utilities Index	5.7	130.01	142.09	140.85	-0.9	8.3
4	Services Index	37.2	112.81	120.05	119.97	-0.1	6.3
5	Goods Index	62.8	123.67	128.05	127.52	-0.4	3.1
6	Education services and products ancillary to education Index	4.1	114.22	116.39	116.37	0.0	1.9
7	All items Less Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	71.8	115.77	121.30	120.99	-0.3	4.5

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 October 2026 decreased to 4.2 percent from 4.3 percent recorded in September 2026. This indicates that the overall rate of increase in prices of goods and services during the year ending October 2026 was lower than the rate recorded during the year ending September 2026. During the same period, the overall CPI increased from 119.63 in October 2025 to 124.71 in October 2026, indicating an overall increase in the prices of goods and services between October 2025 and October 2026.

2.2 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation Rates

The Inflation Rate for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased to 3.6 percent in October 2026, from 3.9 percent recorded in September 2026. The inflation rate for All Items Excluding Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages has also decreased to 4.5 percent in October from 4.6 percent recorded in September 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 October 2026, Core Inflation Rate has slightly decreased to 4.0 percent from 4.1 percent recorded in August 2026.

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

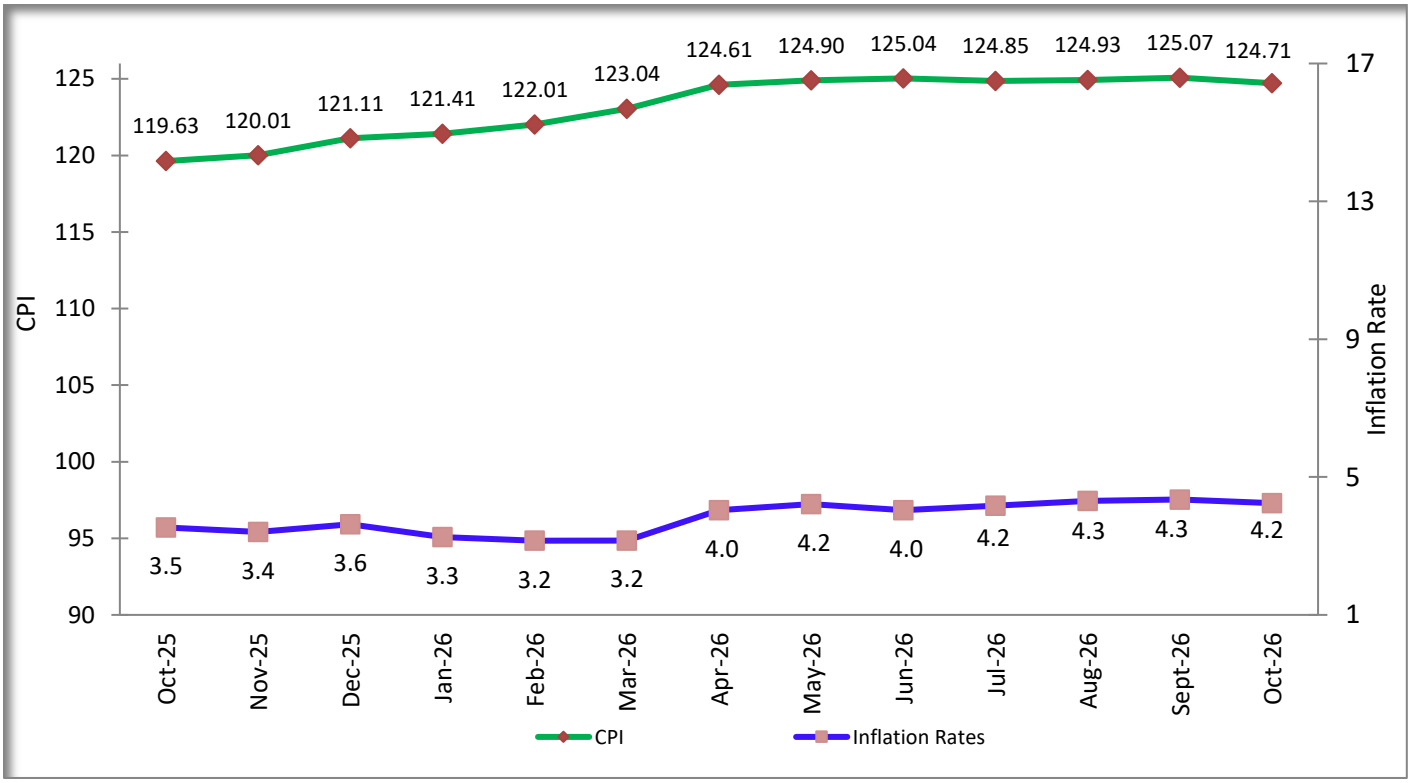


Chart 1 shows that the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) generally recorded an upward trend between October 2025 and October 2026, increasing from 119.63 in October 2025 to 124.71 in October 2026. During the same period, the Annual Headline Inflation Rate fluctuated between 3.2 percent and 4.3 percent. The inflation rate declined from 3.5 percent in October 2025 to 3.2 percent in February and March 2026, before increasing to 4.0 percent in April 2026 and reaching a peak of 4.3 percent in August and September 2026. Thereafter, it slightly declined to 4.2 percent in October 2026. Overall, the chart indicates that while the NCPI generally increased over the period, the Annual Headline Inflation Rate remained relatively moderate.

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

Between September 2026 and October 2026, the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) decreased by 0.3 percent, from 125.07 to 124.71. This decline was mainly driven by decrease in the prices of some food and non-food items. Food items contributing to the decrease in the overall index include: rice (by 0.4%); sorghum grains (by 0.2%); finger millet grains (by 2.3%); maize grains (by 1.9%); maize flour (by 1.3%); fresh fish (by 1.5%); cooking oil (by 1.1%); fruits (by 0.5%) and groundnuts (by 0.6%). Non-food items contributing to the decrease of the overall index include: - garments for men (by 0.7%); garments for women (by 0.4%); garments for infants (by 0.2%); footwear for women (by 0.2%); footwear for children (by 1.1%); firewood (by 4.8%); charcoal (by 2.3%); household furniture (by 0.9%); household utensils e.g plates, cups and cooking pots (by 0.2%); television sets (by 0.3%) and goods and services for personal care (by 0.1%).

Table 2: NCPI Release Schedule for Subsequent Months

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