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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION RATES

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1.1 Annual Headline Inflation

The inflation rate as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Uganda for the 12 months to January 2022 decreased to 2.7 percent, down from 2.9 percent in December 2021. This was mainly driven by the decreases in the prices of commodities under; 'Transport' (0.2 percent) between December 2021 and January 2022, 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' (1.2 percent) between December 2021 and January 2022.

However, there were some increases in the prices of commodities under; 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' (4.0 percent) 'Clothing and Footwear' (1.7 percent), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (1.1 percent), 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' (2.3 percent), 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' (5.8 percent), as shown in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1. Overall CPI and Rates of Inflation (Base: 2016/17=100)

Month	Overall CPI	Inflation Rate
January 2021	111.31	2.0
February 2021	111.85	2.3
March 2021	112.17	2.7
April 2021	112.50	2.1
May 2021	112.67	1.9
June 2021	113.14	2.0
July 2021	113.10	2.1
August 2021	113.06	1.9
September 2021	113.74	2.2
October 2021	113.93	1.9
November 2021	114.13	2.6
December 2021	114.65	2.9
January 2022	114.30	2.7

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1.2 Monthly Inflation

The Monthly Headline Inflation for January 2022 decreased by 0.3 percent compared to the 0.5 percent rise recorded in the month of December 2021. This is mainly attributed to the monthly Transport Inflation which declined by 5.3 percent in the month of January 2022 compared to the 2.4 percent rise recorded in the month of December 2021. In addition, the monthly Inflation for 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' decreased by 0.2 percent in January 2022 compared to the 1.4 percent rise recorded in December 2021.

However, 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' monthly inflation rose by 0.4 percent in the month of January 2022 the same rate recorded in the month of December 2021. 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' increased by 1.0 percent in January 2022 compared to the 0.8 percent drop recorded in December 2021. 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' Inflation rose by 1.3 percent in the month of January 2022 compared to 0.5 percent rise in December 2021. Table 2 below.

Table 2: Monthly and Annual Changes in the Consumer Price Indices in January 2022

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Monthly % Change January 2022/December 2021	Annual % Change January 2022/January 2021
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.54	0.4	5.3
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.80	-0.2	1.2
Clothing and Footwear	69.77	0.6	1.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.16	0.3	1.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.37	0.6	5.8
Health	47.47	0.4	5.8
Transport	104.55	-5.3	0.2
Information and Communication	44.32	0.1	-0.8
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.85	0.5	0.1
Education Services	57.96	0.0	0.6
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.38	1.0	2.3
Insurance and Financial Services	22.80	0.0	2.5
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.04	1.3	4.0
Overall	1,000.00	-0.3	2.7

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Relative to January 2021 and December 2021, the national average retail prices of selected commodities in January 2022 are shown in table 3.

Table 3: National Average retail prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price December 2020	Average Price December 2021	Average Price January 2022
Taxi Fares - Shared - Short distance (less than 50 KM)	1	Route	4,444	4,102	3,657
Bus Fare Long distance (over 100 KM)	1	Route	41,590	43,164	36,250
Taxi Fares - Shared - Medium Distance (51-100 KM)	1	Route	15,496	15,037	13,439
Cooking Bananas (Matoke)	1000	Gramme(s)	601	787	772
Sweet Potatoes	1000	Gramme(s)	649	955	909
Passion fruit	1000	Gramme(s)	4,719	5,715	5,421

1.3 Annual Core and Non-Core Inflation

The Core Inflation for the 12 months to January 2022 decreased to 2.3 percent in January 2022 down from 2.9 percent in December 2021. This is attributed to Annual Services Inflation that registered 0.0 percent for the 12 months to January 2022 down from 1.5 percent recorded in December 2021. However, Annual 'Other Goods' Inflation increased to 4.3 percent for the 12 months to January 2022 up from 4.0 percent in December 2021, Table 4.

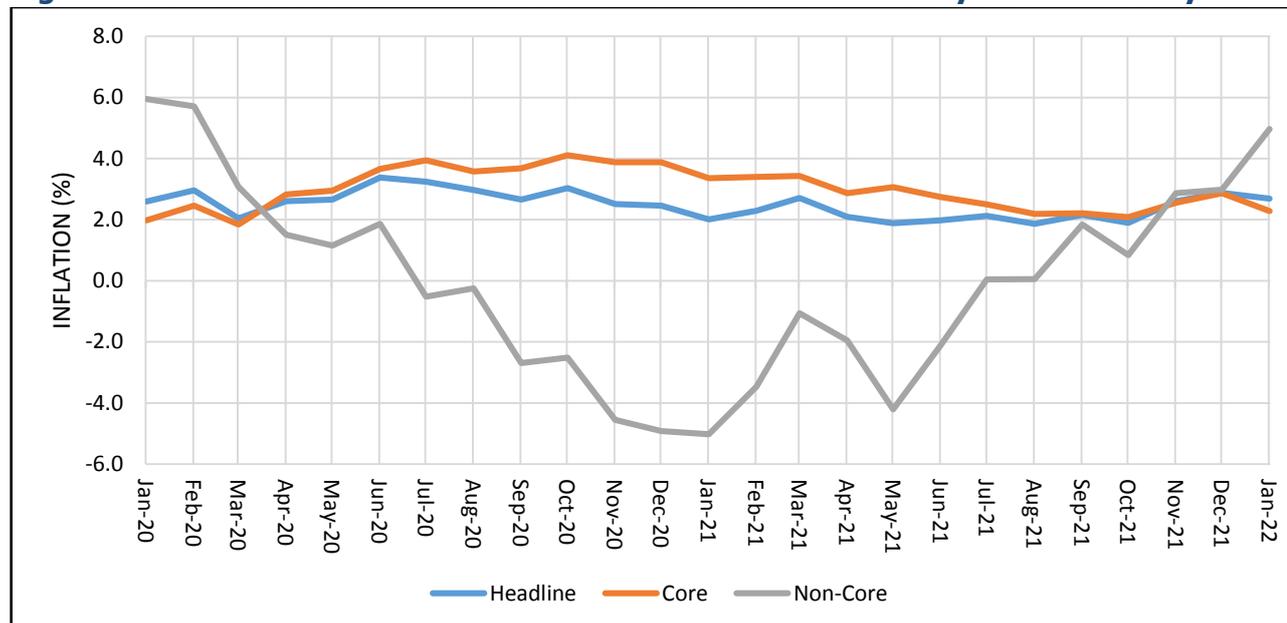
Table 4: Annual National Core and Non-Core Inflation for December 2021 and January 2022.

Description	December 2021	January 2022
Headline	2.9	2.7
Core	2.9	2.3
<i>Other Goods</i>	4.0	4.3
<i>Services</i>	1.5	0.0
Non-Core	3.0	5.0
<i>Food Crops and Related Items</i>	2.8	3.7
<i>Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)</i>	3.2	6.5

The Non-Core Inflation for the 12 months to January 2022 increased to 5.0 percent up from 3.0 percent in December 2021. The increase in Annual Non-Core Inflation is mainly attributed to Annual Energy Fuel and Utilities Inflation (EFU) that increased to 6.5 percent, up from 3.2 percent in December 2021. The increase in EFU Inflation was due to Annual Liquid Energy Fuels Inflation that increased to 22.6 percent in January 2022 up from 15.7 percent in December 2021. Specifically, Annual Petrol inflation increased to 30.5 percent in January 2022 up from 19.2 percent in December 2021.

In addition, annual 'Food Crops and Related Items' Inflation increased to 3.7 percent in January 2022 up from 2.8 percent in December 2021. This majorly was due to Annual Fruits and nuts Inflation that increased to minus 0.8 percent in January 2022 up from minus 3.4 percent in December 2021, Table 4 and Figure 2.

Figure 2: Annual National Core and Non-Core Inflation: January 2020– January 2022.



1.4 Annual Goods Inflation

The Goods inflation for the 12 months to January 2022 increased to 4.4 percent up from 3.8 percent recorded in December 2021. This was mainly due to Annual Inflation for Non-Durable (ND) goods that increased to 5.1 percent for the 12 months to January 2022 up from 4.5 percent recorded in December 2021. In addition, Annual Semi-Durable (SD) Goods Inflation increased to 3.1 percent in January 2022 compared to 2.2 percent in December 2021. Annual Inflation for Durables (D) increased to 1.0 percent for the 12 months to January 2022 up from 0.3 percent in December 2021, Table 5 below.

Table 5: Annual National Goods Inflation for December 2021 and January 2022.

Description	December 2021	January 2022
Headline	2.9	2.7
Goods	3.8	4.4
<i>Non-Durable (ND)</i>	4.5	5.1
<i>Semi-Durables (SD)</i>	2.2	3.1
<i>Durables (D)</i>	0.3	1.0

1.5 Annual Headline Inflation by Income Groups and Geographical areas

Analysis by geographical areas and income groups reveal that Gulu registered the highest Inflation of 4.5 percent for the 12 months to January 2022 up from 3.4 percent recorded in December 2021. This was driven by Annual 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation that increased to 5.0 percent in January 2022 up from minus 6.0 percent in December 2021. In addition annual 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' Inflation increased to 7.3 percent in January 2022 up from 6.6 percent registered in December 2021.

The second highest Inflation was registered in the basket of Arua at 4.5 percent for the 12 months to January 2022 up from 3.6 percent recorded in December 2021. This was driven by annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that increased to 6.2 percent in January 2022 up from 4.2 percent registered in December 2021. In addition Annual 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation increased to 9.4 percent in January 2022 up from 5.0 percent in December 2021.

The least Annual Inflation was registered in Kampala Middle Income basket at 1.0 percent for the 12 months to January 2022 down from 2.1 percent recorded in December 2021. The low inflation in the Centre was mainly due to Transport Inflation that declined to minus 10.5 Percent for the 12 months to January 2022 down from 0.4 percent in December 2021. In addition, Annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation declined to 4.0 percent in January 2022 down from 5.0 percent in December 2021.

Figure 3: Annual Inflation by Income Groups and Geographical Areas for the 12 months to December 2021 and January 2022

