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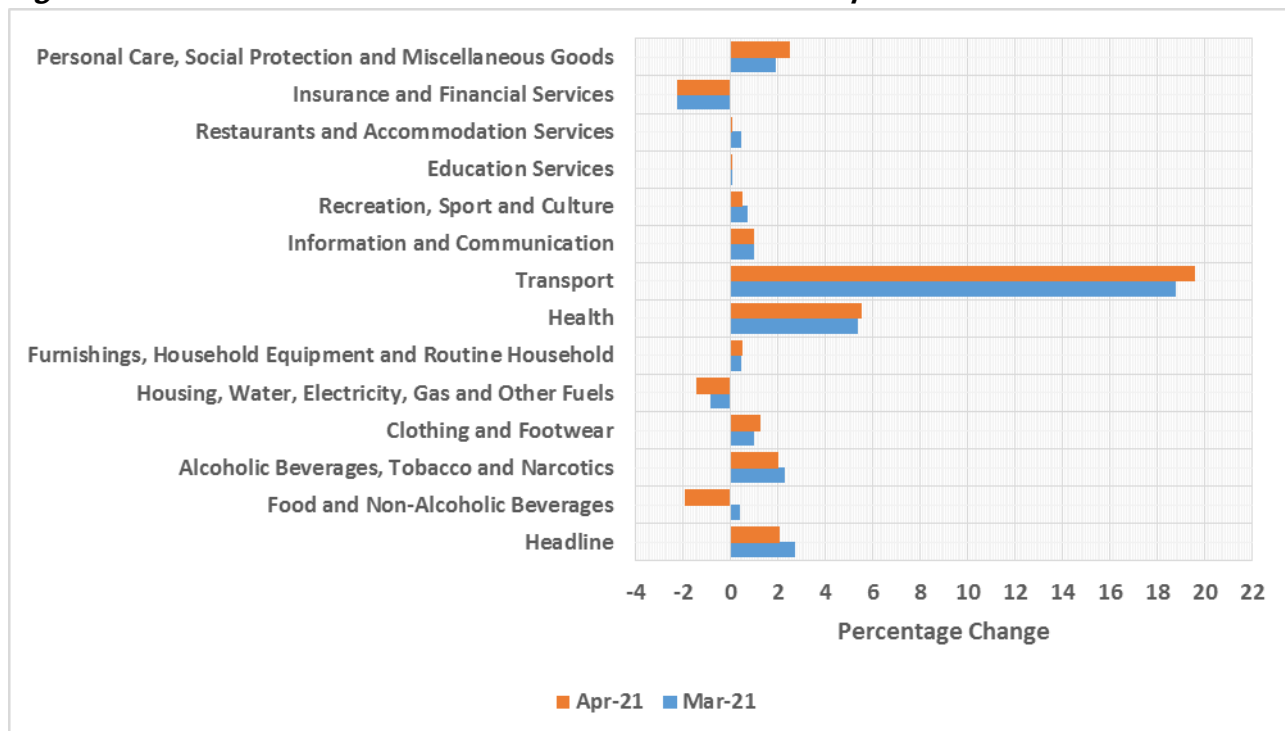
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - APRIL 2021

1.1 Annual Headline Inflation

The Annual Headline Inflation for the year ending April 2021 is recorded at 2.1 compared to the 2.7 percent recorded for the year ended March 2021. The decrease in Annual Headline inflation is mainly attributed to the Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation that decreased to minus 2.0 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the 0.4 percent rise registered for the year ended March 2021. In addition, Annual inflation for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels decreased to minus 1.5 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the minus 0.8 percent registered for the year ended March 2021. Annual inflation for Restaurants and Accommodation Services decreased to 0.1 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the 0.4 percent registered for the year ended March 2021.

However, increases in Inflation were registered in Transport at 19.6 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to 18.8 percent recorded for the year ended March 2021. In addition, the Annual Inflation for 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods', 'Clothing and Footwear', and Health increased to 2.5, 1.3 and 5.5 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to 1.9, 1.0 and 5.4 percent for the year ended March 2021 respectively. see Figure 1 Below.

Figure: 1 National Annual Inflation at Division Level for April 2021 and March 2021.



Source: UBOS, Price Section

1.2 Annual Core and Non-Core Inflation

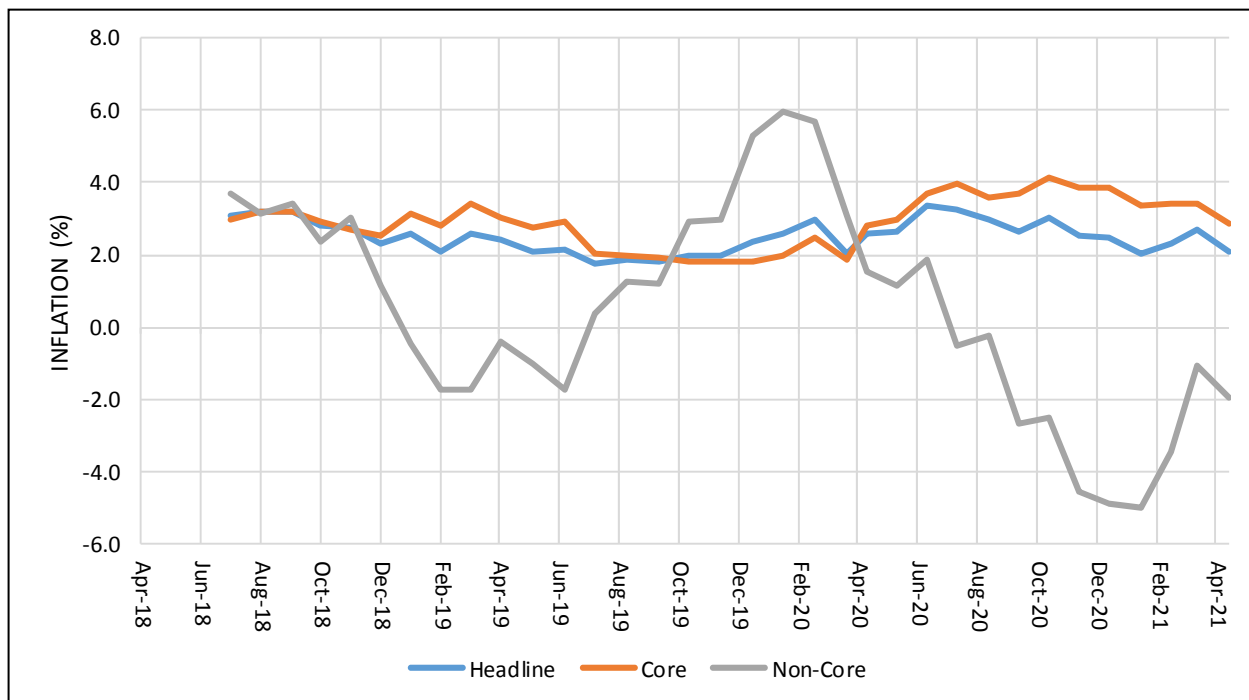
The Annual Core Inflation for the year ending April 2021 was recorded at 2.9 percent compared to the 3.4 percent recorded for the year ended March 2021. This is attributed to Annual inflation for Other Goods that registered 0.3 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the 1.3 percent recorded for the year ended March 2021. However, Annual Services Inflation registered 6.0 percent for the year ending April 2021 the same rate recorded for the year ended March 2021, Table 1.

Table 1: Annual National Core and Non-Core Inflation for March 2021 and April 2021.

Description	March 2021	April 2021
Headline	2.7	2.1
Core	3.4	2.9
<i>Other Goods</i>	1.3	0.3
<i>Services</i>	6.0	6.0
Non-Core	-1.1	-2.0
<i>Food Crops and Related Items</i>	-0.3	-1.6
<i>Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)</i>	-2.0	-2.4

The Annual Non-Core inflation for the year ending April 2021 registered a minus 2.0 percent compared to the minus 1.1 percent recorded for the year ended March 2021. The decrease in Annual Non-Core Inflation is attributed to Annual Food Crops and Related Items Inflation that decreased to minus 1.6 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the minus 0.3 percent recorded for the year ended March 2021. In addition, Energy Fuel and Utilities Inflation (EFU) decreased to minus 2.4 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the minus 2.0 percent recorded for the year ended March 2021, Table 1 and Figure 2.

Figure 2: Annual National Core and Non-Core Inflation: April 2018 – April 2021.



1.3 Annual Goods and Services Inflation

The Annual Goods inflation for the year ending April 2021 decreased to minus 0.3 percent compared to the 0.7 percent recorded for the year ended March 2021. The decline in Annual Goods Inflation was attributed to Annual Non-Durable (ND) Goods Inflation that increased to minus 1.1 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the 0.3 percent recorded for the year ended March 2021. However, Annual Inflation for Durables (D) increased to 4.4 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the 3.5 percent recorded for the year ended March 2021. Annual Inflation for Semi-Durable Goods (SD) increased to 1.7 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to 1.4 percent recorded for the year ended March 2021, Table 2 below.

Table 2: Annual National Goods and Services Inflation for March 2021 and April 2021.

Description	March 2021	April 2021
Headline	2.7	2.1
Goods	0.7	-0.3
<i>Non-Durable (ND)</i>	0.3	-1.1
<i>Semi-Durables (SD)</i>	1.4	1.7
<i>Durables (D)</i>	3.5	4.4
Services (S)	6.0	6.0

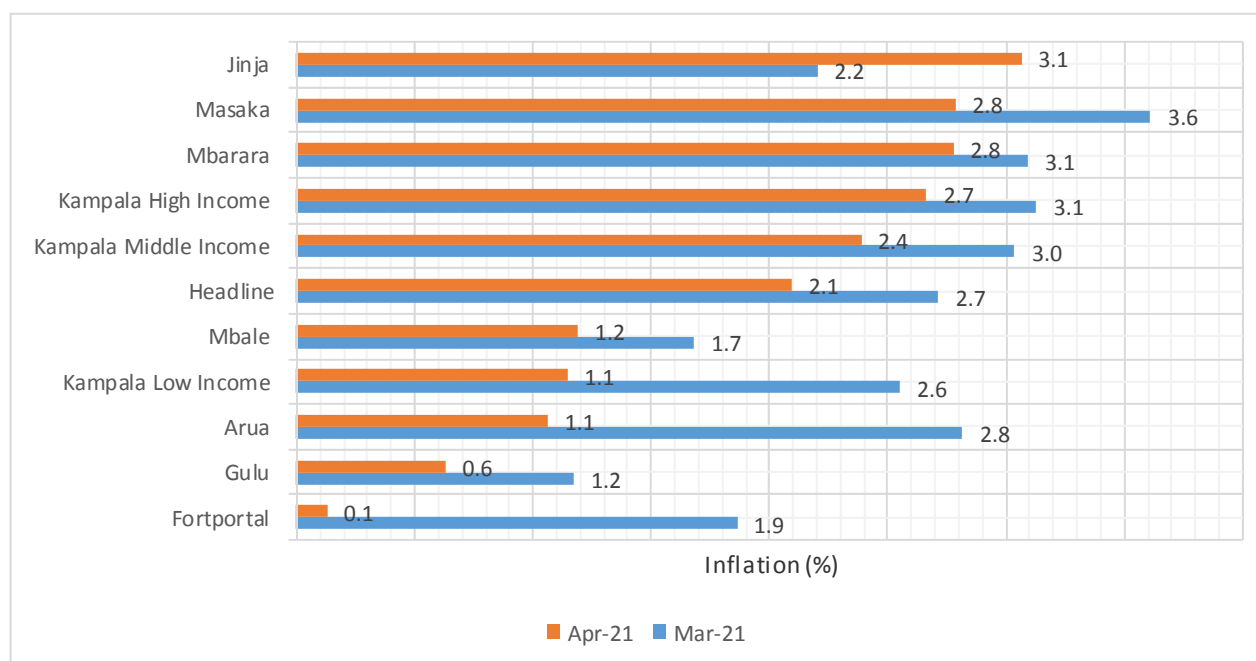
1.4 Annual Headline Inflation by Income Groups and Geographical areas

Analysis by geographical areas and income groups reveal that Jinja registered the highest Annual Inflation of 3.1 percent for the year ending April 2021 from 2.2 percent registered for the year ended March 2021. This was driven by Annual Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation that was registered at 1.5 percent for the year ending April 2021 from minus 0.1 percent registered for the year ended March 2021. In addition, Restaurants and Accommodation Services Inflation increased to 0.8 percent for the year ending April 2021 from minus 0.5 percent registered for the year ended March 2021.

The second highest Inflation was registered in the basket of Masaka that registered an Inflation of 2.8 percent for the year ending April 2021 from the 3.6 percent registered for the year ended March 2021. The main driver was Annual Transport Inflation that registered 13.6 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the 11.1 percent registered for the year ended March 2021. In addition, Annual Clothing and Footwear Inflation increased to 1.0 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the 0.2 percent registered for the year ended March 2021.

The least Annual Inflation was registered in Fortportal at 0.1 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the 1.9 percent registered for the year ended March 2021. The low inflation in the Centre was due to Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation that declined to minus 2.7 Percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the 3.7 percent registered for the year ended March 2021. In addition, Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance Inflation declined to minus 1.6 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the minus 0.6 percent registered for the year ended March 2021. *Annual Inflation figures for all the ten consumption baskets are shown in Figure 3 and Table 12*

Figure 3: Annual Inflation by Income Groups and Geographical Areas for the year ending March 2021 and April 2021



1.5 Monthly Inflation

The Monthly Headline Inflation for April 2021 rose by 0.3 percent compared to the 0.3 percent rise recorded in March 2021.

The increase in the Monthly Headline Inflation is attributed to the monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation that rose by 0.7 percent in April 2021 compared to the 1.6 percent rise recorded in March 2021. In addition monthly Transport inflation rose by 0.7 percent in April 2021 compared to the 0.7 percent drop recorded in March 2021. Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods monthly Inflation increased by 0.6 percent from the 0.1 percent rise recorded in March 2021.

However, decreases in the monthly Inflation were registered in Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels which dropped by 0.4 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the 0.3 percent drop recorded for the year ended March 2021. In addition, the monthly Inflation for Recreation, Sport and Culture decreased by 0.2 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the 0.6 percent rise recorded for the year ended March 2021. Restaurants and Accommodation Services monthly Inflation decreased by 0.1 percent for the year ending April 2021 compared to the 0.5 percent rise recorded for the year ended March 2021. See Tables 3,4 & 7 .

The detailed Monthly Inflation figures by COICOP Division are presented in Annex 2 of the explanatory notes.

Table 3: Monthly Inflation by COICOP division for March 2021 and April 2021.

	Division	March 2021	April 2021
	All Items (Headline)	0.3	0.3
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.6	0.7
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	-0.3	-0.0
03	Clothing and Footwear	-0.3	0.4
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-0.3	-0.4
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	-0.1	0.4
06	Health	-0.5	0.3
07	Transport	-0.7	0.7
08	Information and Communication	0.1	-0.0
09	Recreation, Sport and Culture	0.6	-0.2
10	Education Services	0.0	0.0
11	Restaurants and Accommodation Services	0.5	-0.1
12	Insurance and Financial Services	0.0	0.0
13	Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	0.1	0.6



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