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## PRESS RELEASE

### CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION

#### August 2022

#### 1.1 Annual Headline Inflation

The Inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Uganda for the 12 months to August 2022 increased to 9.0 percent, up from 7.9 percent registered in July 2022. This was mainly driven by the increase in prices of commodities under Core Inflation that increased to 7.2 percent in the year ending August 2022, up from 6.3 percent registered in the year ended July 2022.

This increase in Annual Core inflation was attributed to Annual Services Inflation that increased to 3.7 percent in the year ending August 2022, up from 2.0 percent registered in the year ended July 2022. This was due to Transport inflation that increased to 8.7 percent in August 2022 from 4.6 percent in July 2022. Specifically, Long distance Bus fares increased to minus 9.5 percent from minus 27.8 percent. In addition, Restaurants and Accommodation Services inflation increased to 6.8 percent in August 2022, up from 5.9 percent in July 2022.

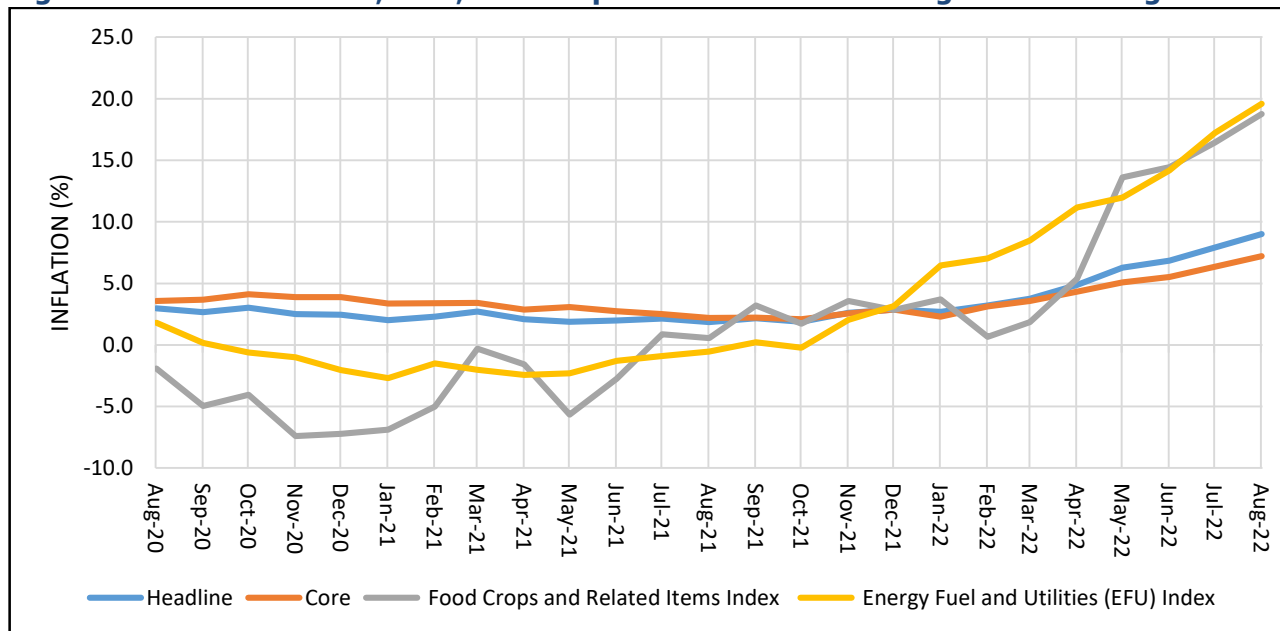
The Annual Food Crops and Related Items Inflation increased to 18.8 percent in the year ending August 2022, up from 16.4 percent registered in the year ended July 2022. This was due to Annual 'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses' Inflation that increased to 25.3 percent in August 2022, up from 23.7 percent registered in July 2022. Specifically, Matooke Inflation increased to 62.4 percent in August 2022, up from 50.7 percent in July 2022 and Beans Inflation increased to 27.0 percent in August 2022 from 18.2 percent in July 2022.

The Annual Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) Inflation increased to 19.6 percent in the year ending August 2022, up from 17.2 percent registered in the year ended July 2022. This was mainly due to Annual Solid Fuels Inflation that increased to 4.7 percent in August 2022, up from minus 0.8 percent in July 2022. Specifically, Charcoal Inflation increased to 4.8 percent in August 2022, up from minus 0.7 percent registered in July 2022. In addition, the annual petrol inflation increased to 59.4 percent in August 2022, up from 56.1 percent in July 2022 as shown in Table 1 and Figure 1.

**Table 1: Annual Headline, Core, Food Crops and EFU Inflation for July 2022 and August 2022.**

Description	Weights	July 2022	August 2022
Headline	1000.00	7.9	9.0
Core	839.62	6.3	7.2
<i>Other Goods</i>	455.51	10.2	10.2
<i>Services</i>	384.11	2.0	3.7
Food Crops and Related Items	95.10	16.4	18.8
Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)	65.28	17.2	19.6

**Figure 1: Annual Headline, Core, Food crops and EFU Inflation: August 2020 – August 2022.**



The Overall Annual Consumer Price Indices for the 12 months to August 2022 are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Overall Annual CPI and Rates of Inflation (Base: 2016/17=100)**

Month	Overall CPI	Annual Inflation Rate
August 2022	123.24	9.0
July 2022	122.04	7.9
June 2022	120.88	6.8
May 2022	119.73	6.3
April 2022	117.98	4.9
March 2022	116.38	3.7
February 2022	115.42	3.2
January 2022	114.30	2.7
December 2021	114.65	2.9
November 2021	114.13	2.6
October 2021	113.93	1.9
September 2021	113.74	2.2
August 2021	113.06	1.9

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# Key Inflation Drivers

## Transport Inflation

August 2021 at 7.3%



August 2022 at 8.7%



## Annual Food Crops and Related Items Inflation

August 2021 at 0.5%

- ✓ Matooke inflation 6.3%
- ✓ Beans Inflation -25.0%
- ✓ Cassava Fresh 11.4%
- ✓ Milk Fresh (Loose) 11.9%
- ✓ Cabbage 17.7%
- ✓ Water Melon -4.2%



August 2022 at 18.8%



- ✓ Matooke inflation 62.4%
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- ✓ Cassava Fresh 26.4%
- ✓ Milk Fresh (Loose) 15.8%
- ✓ Cabbage 25.3%
- ✓ Water Melon 6.5%

## Annual Energy, Fuel and Utilities Inflation

August 2021 at -0.5%

- ✓ Charcoal inflation -3.5%
- ✓ Petrol Inflation 7.4%
- ✓ Diesel Inflation 4.8%
- ✓ Gas Inflation -14.4%



August 2022 at 19.6%



- ✓ Charcoal inflation 4.8%
- ✓ Petrol Inflation 59.4%
- ✓ Diesel Inflation 69.7%
- ✓ Gas Inflation 27.3%

## 1.2 Annual Inflation by COICOP Divisions

According to the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP), the main drivers to the increase in Inflation were prices of commodities under; Transport whose inflation increased to 8.7 percent in August 2022, up from 4.6 percent in July 2022. 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' the inflation increased to 15.7 percent in the year ending August 2022 compared to 14.9 percent registered in the year ended July 2022. 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' inflation increased to 6.2 percent for the year ending August 2022 up from 5.2 percent registered for the year ended July 2022. 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' inflation increased to 6.8 percent for the year ending August 2022 compared to 5.9 percent in July 2022. 'Recreation, Sport and Culture' inflation which increased to 6.4 percent for the year ending August 2022 up from 5.0 percent registered for the year ended July 2022, Table 3 below.

However, there were decrease in prices of commodities under; 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' at 16.2 percent in August 2022 compared to 17.1 percent in July 2022.

**Table 3: Annual Changes in the Consumer Price Indices for the COICOP Divisions.**

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Annual % Change July 2021- July 2022	Annual % Change August 2021- August 2022
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.54	14.9	15.7
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.80	6.6	7.0
Clothing and Footwear	69.77	3.4	3.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.16	5.2	6.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.37	17.1	16.2
Health	47.47	2.8	3.3
Transport	104.55	4.6	8.7
Information and Communication	44.32	-1.3	-1.2
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.85	5.0	6.4
Education Services	57.96	8.9	8.9
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.38	5.9	6.8
Insurance and Financial Services	22.80	1.2	1.2
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.04	5.4	6.7
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>9.0</b>

### 1.3 Annual Goods Inflation

The Goods Inflation for the 12 months to August 2022 increased to 12.4 percent up from 11.8 percent recorded in July 2022. This was mainly due to Annual Inflation for Non-Durable (ND) goods that increased to 15.4 percent for the 12 months to August 2022 up from 14.5 percent recorded in July 2022. In addition, Annual Inflation for Durables (D) goods increased to 3.0 percent for the 12 months to August 2022 up from 2.6 percent in July 2022. However, Annual Semi-Durable Goods (SD) Inflation decreased to 4.1 percent in August 2022 down from 4.6 percent in July 2022, Table 4 below.

**Table 4: Annual National Goods Inflation for July 2022 and August 2022.**

Description	Weights	July 2022	August 2022
<b>Headline</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>9.0</b>
<b>Goods</b>	<b>615.89</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>12.4</b>
<i>Non-Durable (ND)</i>	466.83	14.5	15.4
<i>Semi-Durables (SD)</i>	114.36	4.6	4.1
<i>Durables (D)</i>	34.69	2.6	3.0

### 1.4 Monthly Inflation.

The Monthly Headline Inflation for August 2022 increased by 1.0 percent the same rise recorded in the month of July 2022 as shown in Table 5 below. This is mainly attributed to the monthly Core Inflation that rose by 0.7 percent in August 2022 from 1.0 percent rise recorded in July 2022. This increase in monthly Core inflation was mainly attributed to Annual Other Goods Inflation that increased by 0.6 percent in August 2022 from 1.2 percent rise recorded in July 2022. Specifically, Maize flour inflation increased by 3.5 percent in August 2022 from the 11.1 percent rise recorded in July 2022. Dried Mukene inflation increased by 17.4 percent in August 2022 from the 3.1 percent drop recorded in July 2022.

In addition, monthly Services Inflation increased by 0.7 percent in August 2022 the same rise registered in July 2022. This was mainly due to the monthly Transport inflation that increased by 1.8 percent in August 2022 from the 2.7 percent rise recorded in July 2022. Specifically, Short distance Taxi Fares (less than 50 KM) inflation increased by 5.0 percent in August 2022 from the 4.1 percent rise in July 2022.

The monthly Energy Fuel and Utilities Inflation (EFU) increased by 2.3 percent in August 2022 from the 2.4 percent rise registered in July 2022. This was mainly due to monthly Petrol Inflation that increased by 4.5 percent in August 2022 from the 7.6 percent rise registered in July 2022. In addition, monthly Charcoal inflation increased by 4.1 percent in August 2022 from the 3.2 percent drop recorded in July 2022.

Food Crops and Related Items monthly Inflation increased by 3.1 percent in August 2022, from the 0.5 percent drop registered in July 2022. This was specifically due to, Matoke (bunch) monthly Inflation that rose by 17.6 percent in August 2022 from the 1.9 percent drop recorded in July 2022. In addition, Fresh Milk sold loose inflation rose by 13.2 percent in August 2022 from the 0.1 percent drop recorded in July 2022.

**Table 5: Overall Monthly CPI and Rates of Inflation (Base: 2016/17=100)**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Overall CPI</b>	<b>Monthly Inflation Rate</b>
August 2022	123.24	1.0
July 2022	122.04	1.0
June 2022	120.88	1.0
May 2022	119.73	1.5
April 2022	117.98	1.4
March 2022	116.38	0.8
February 2022	115.42	1.0
January 2022	114.30	-0.3
December 2021	114.65	0.5
November 2021	114.13	0.2
October 2021	113.93	0.2
September 2021	113.74	0.6
August 2021	113.06	0.0

### **1.5 Monthly Inflation by COICOP Divisions**

The Monthly Headline Inflation for August 2022 increased by 1.0 percent the same rise recorded in the month of July 2022. This is mainly attributed to the monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation that rose by 1.8 percent in August 2022 from the 1.5 percent rise recorded in July 2022 as indicated in Table 6 below.

In addition, the monthly Inflation for Transport increased by 1.8 percent in August 2022 compared to the 2.7 percent rise recorded in July 2022. 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' increased by 0.8 percent compared to the 0.3 percent rise recorded in July 2022. 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' increased by 1.0 percent compared to 0.4 percent rise recorded in July 2022. 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' increased by 1.2 percent compared to the 1.1 percent rise recorded in July 2022.

However, monthly 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' decreased by 0.1 percent in August 2022 compared to the 0.6 percent rise recorded in July 2022. Monthly 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' Inflation declined by 0.1 percent in the month of August 2022 compared to the 0.1 percent rise recorded in July 2022.

**Table 6: Monthly Changes in the Consumer Price Indices for the COICOP Divisions.**

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Monthly % Change June 2022-July 2022	Monthly % Change July 2022-August 2022
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.54	1.5	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.8	0.1	-0.1
Clothing and Footwear	69.77	-0.1	0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.16	0.3	0.8
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.37	0.6	-0.1
Health	47.47	1.1	0.5
Transport	104.55	2.7	1.8
Information and Communication	44.32	-1.0	0.1
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.85	0.6	0.5
Education Services	57.96	-0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.38	0.4	1.0
Insurance and Financial Services	22.8	0.1	0.0
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.04	1.1	1.2
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	1.0	1.0

Relative to August 2021 and July 2022, the national average retail prices of selected commodities in August 2022 are shown in Table 7 below.

**Table 7: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities**

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price August 2021	Average Price July 2022	Average Price August 2022
Matoke (bunch)	1	Kg	493	709	802
Milk - Fresh sold loose	1	Litre	1,787	1,825	2,050
Fish Mukene	1	Kg	11,474	11,603	13,339
Dry Beans	1	Kg	2,719	3,607	3,805
Maize Flour	1	Kg	1,955	3,343	3,421
Cassava fresh	1	Kg	683	827	914
Green cabbage	1	Kg	810	881	1,012
Watermelon	1	Kg	947	840	993
Sweet Potatoes	1	Kg	968	1,133	1,183
Petrol	1	Litre	4,112	6,267	6,563
Diesel	1	Litre	3,661	6,096	6,192
Paraffin	1	Litre	3,105	4,381	4,640

## 1.5 Annual Headline Inflation by Income Groups and Geographical areas

Analysis by geographical areas and income groups revealed that Mbale registered the highest Inflation of 11.8 percent for the 12 months to August 2022 up from 11.0 percent recorded in July 2022. This was mainly driven by annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that increased to 22.3 percent in August 2022 up from 21.0 percent registered in July 2022. In addition, annual Transport Inflation increased to 8.9 percent in August 2022, up from 3.5 percent in July 2022.

The second highest Inflation was registered in Gulu at 11.7 percent for the 12 months to August 2022 up from 10.8 percent recorded in July 2022. This was mainly driven by annual 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation that increased to 3.6 percent in August 2022 up from 0.9 percent registered in July 2022. In addition, annual 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' Inflation increased to 13.8 percent in August 2022 up from 11.3 percent registered in July 2022.

The least Annual Inflation was registered in Kampala High Income at 7.6 percent for the 12 months to August 2022 up from 6.8 percent recorded in July 2022. This was mainly due to the annual 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation that decreased to 5.2 percent in August 2022 down from 5.3 percent registered in July 2022. In addition, annual 'Clothing and Footwear' Inflation decreased to 3.3 percent in August 2022, down from 3.5 percent in July 2022.

**Figure 2: Annual Inflation by Income Groups and Geographical Areas for the 12 months to July 2022 and August 2022**

