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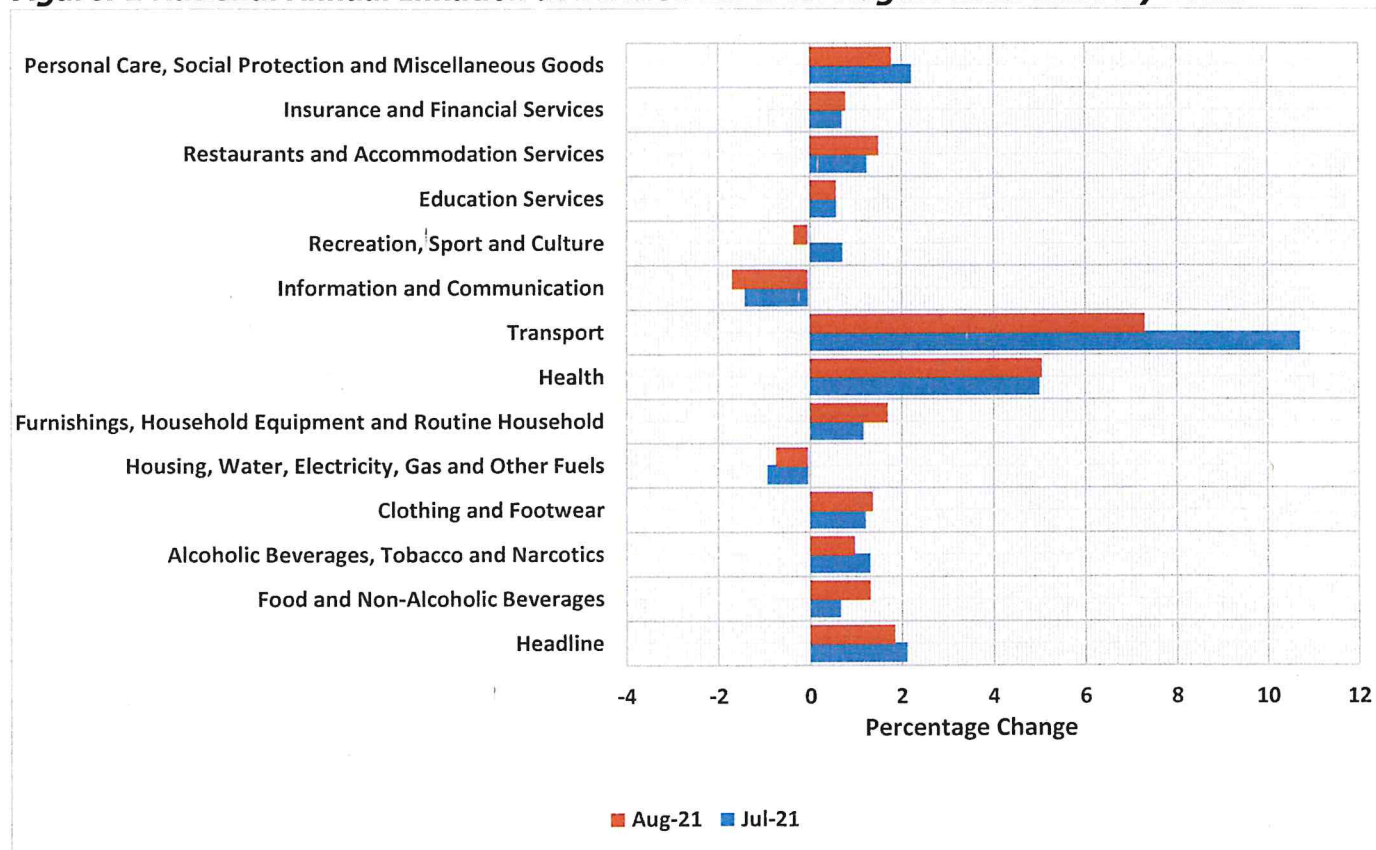
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – AUGUST 2021

1.1 Annual Headline Inflation

The Consumer Price Index for Uganda for the 12 months to August 2021 decreased to 1.9 percent, down from 2.1 percent in July 2021. This was mainly attributed to the Annual Transport Inflation that decreased to 7.3 percent for the 12 months to August 2021, down from 10.7 percent in July 2021. In addition, Annual inflation for 'Recreation, Sport and Culture' decreased to minus 0.3 percent in August 2021, down from 0.7 percent and 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' decreased to 1.8 percent in August 2021, down from 2.2 percent in July 2021.

However, Annual Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation increased to 1.3 percent for the 12 month to August 2021 up from 0.7 percent in July 2021. In addition, Annual inflation for 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' increased to 1.7 in August 2021, up from 1.2 percent in July 2021 and 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' increased to 1.5 percent in August 2021, up from 1.3 percent in July 2021, see Figure 1 Below. Annual Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages.

Figure: 1 National Annual Inflation at Division Level for August 2021 and July 2021.



1.2 Annual Core and Non-Core Inflation

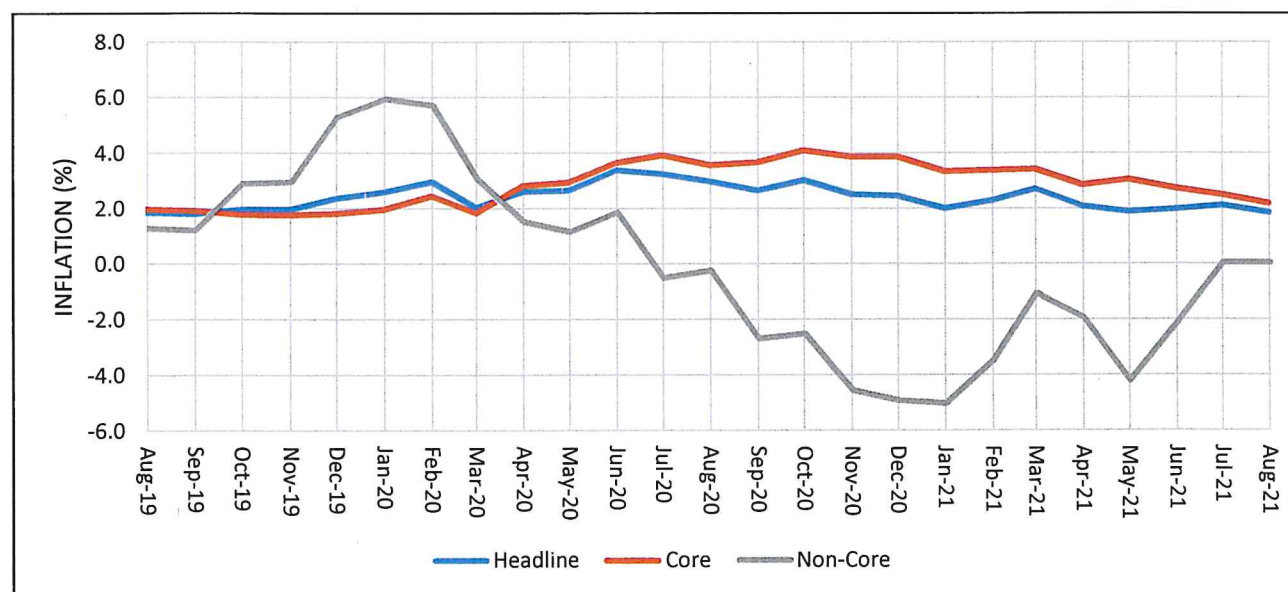
The Core Inflation for the 12 months to August 2021 decreased to 2.2 percent down from 2.5 percent in July 2021. This is attributed to Annual Services Inflation that decreased to 2.5 percent in August 2021 down from 4.0 percent in July 2021. However, the Other Goods Inflation for the 12 months to August 2021 increased to 1.9 percent up from 1.3 percent in July 2021, Table 1.

Table 1: Annual National Core and Non-Core Inflation for July 2021 and August 2021.

Description	July 2021	August 2021
Headline	2.1	1.9
Core	2.5	2.2
Other Goods	1.3	1.9
Services	4.0	2.5
Non-Core	0.0	0.1
Food Crops and Related Items	0.9	0.5
Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)	-0.9	-0.5

The Non-Core inflation for the 12 months to August 2021 increased to 0.1 percent up from minus 0.0 percent in July 2021. The increase in Annual Non-Core Inflation is mainly attributed to Annual Energy Fuel and Utilities Inflation (EFU) that increased to minus 0.5 percent, up from minus 0.9 percent in July 2021. The rise in EFU Inflation was due to Annual Liquid Energy Fuels Inflation that increased to 2.2 percent in August 2021 up from 0.1 percent in July 2021. Specifically, Annual Petrol increased to 7.4 percent in August 2021 up from 4.6 percent in July 2021. However, Annual Food Crops and Related Items Inflation decreased to 0.5 percent in August 2021 down from 0.9 percent in July 2021. This was due to Annual Fruits and nuts Inflation that decreased to minus 2.1 percent in August 2021 down from 2.6 percent in July 2021, Table 1 and Figure 2.

Figure 2: Annual National Core and Non-Core Inflation: August 2019– August 2021.



1.3 Annual Goods and Services Inflation

The Goods inflation for the 12 months to August 2021 increased to 1.4 percent up from 1.0 percent in July 2021. The rise in Annual Goods Inflation was attributed to Annual Non-Durable (ND) Goods Inflation that increased to 1.1 percent in August 2021 up from minus 0.6 percent in July 2021. In addition, Annual Inflation for Semi-Durable Goods (SD) increased to 1.9 percent for the 12 month to August 2021 up from 1.7 percent in July 2021. Annual Inflation for Durables (D) increased to 4.2 percent for the 12 months to August 2021 down from 3.4 percent in July 2021, Table 2 below.

Table 2: Annual National Goods and Services Inflation for July 2021 and August 2021.

Description	July 2021	August 2021
Headline	2.1	1.9
Goods	1.0	1.4
Non-Durable (ND)	0.6	1.1
Semi-Durables (SD)	1.7	1.9
Durables (D)	3.4	4.2
Services (S)	4.0	2.5

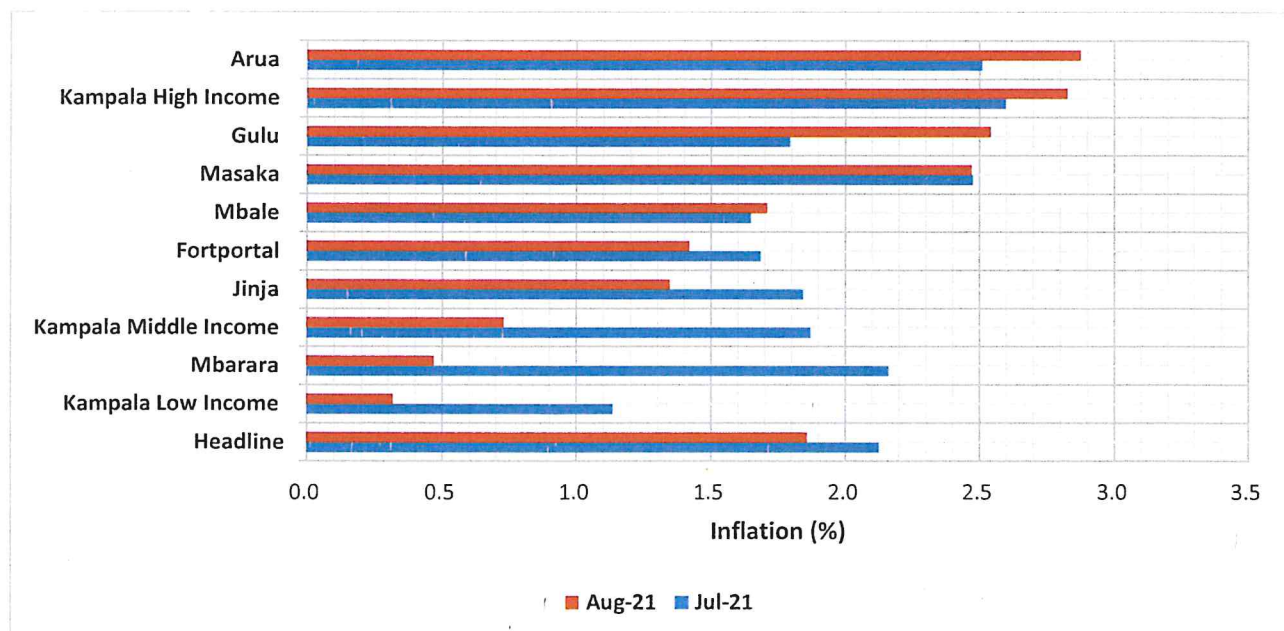
1.4 Annual Headline Inflation by Income Groups and Geographical areas

Analysis by geographical areas and income groups reveal that Arua registered the highest Inflation of 2.9 percent for the 12 months to August 2021 up from 2.5 percent in July 2021. This was driven by the Annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that increased to 4.5 percent in August 2021 up from 3.3 percent registered in July 2021. In addition Annual 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' Inflation increased to 5.2 percent in August 2021 up from 3.7 percent in July 2021.

The second highest Inflation was registered in the basket of Kampala High Income at 2.8 percent for the 12 months to August 2021 up from 2.6 percent in July 2021. The main driver was the Annual Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation that increased to 0.5 percent in August 2021, up from minus 1.0 percent in July 2021. In addition, 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation increased to 0.8 percent for the 12 months to August 2021 up from minus 0.3 percent in July 2021.

The least Annual Inflation was registered in Kampala Low Income at 0.3 percent for the 12 months to August 2021 down from 1.1 percent in July 2021. The low inflation in the Centre was mainly due to Transport Inflation that declined to minus 3.3 Percent for the 12 months to August 2021 down from 12.2 percent in July 2021. In addition, Annual 'Recreation, Sport and Culture' Inflation declined to minus 1.4 percent in August 2021 down from 0.2 percent in July 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 12 months to June 2021 and July 2021



1.5 Monthly Inflation

The Monthly Headline Inflation for August 2021 registered 0.0 percent the same rate recorded for July 2021. This is mainly attributed to the monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages which rose by 1.1 percent in the month of August 2021 compared to the 0.1 percent drop recorded in the month of July 2021. In addition, the monthly Inflation for 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' increased by 0.7 percent in August 2021 compared to the 0.3 percent rise recorded in the month of July 2021. Clothing and Footwear monthly Inflation increased by 0.2 percent in August 2021 compared to the 0.0 percent recorded in July 2021.

However, decreases in the monthly Inflation were registered in Transport Inflation that dropped by 2.1 percent in August 2021 compared to the 0.3 percent drop recorded in July 2021. In addition monthly 'Recreation, Sport and Culture' Services monthly Inflation decreased by 0.8 percent compared to the 0.3 percent recorded in July 2021. 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' monthly Inflation decreased by 0.2 percent compared to the 0.0 percent recorded in July 2021. 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' inflation dropped by 0.5 percent in August 2021 compared to 0.0 percent in July 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 July 2021 and August 2021.

	Division	July 2021	August 2021
	All Items (Headline)	0.0	0.0
01	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-0.1	1.1
02	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	0.0	-0.5
03	Clothing and Footwear	-0.0	0.2
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-0.0	-0.2
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	0.3	0.7
06	Health	0.3	0.1
07	Transport	-0.3	-2.1
08	Information and Communication	-2.1	-0.0
09	Recreation, Sport and Culture	-0.3	-0.8
10	Education Services	0.0	0.0
11	Restaurants and Accommodation Services	0.6	0.1
12	Insurance and Financial Services	1.4	0.1
13	Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	0.5	-0.0

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