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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 September 2021 increased to 2.2 percent, up from 1.9 percent in August 2021. This was mainly driven by the rise in the prices of the commodities under; 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' (2.9 percent), 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' (3.0 percent) and 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' (2.9 percent) between September 2020 and September 2021, as shown in Tables 1 and 2.

However, there were some decreases in the prices of the commodities under; 'Transport', (4.8 percent), 'Clothing and Footwear' (1.0 percent), and, 'Recreation, Sport and Culture' (minus 0.4 percent) between September 2020 and September 2021.

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

Month	Overall CPI	Annual Inflation Rate for the year ending in..
September 2020	111.34	2.7
October 2020	111.81	3.0
November 2020	111.24	2.5
December 2020	111.44	2.5
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

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1.2 Monthly Inflation

The Monthly Headline Inflation for September 2021 increased by 0.6 percent compared to the 0.0 percent recorded for August 2021. This is mainly attributed to the monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages which rose by 1.2 percent in the month of September 2021 compared to the 1.1 percent rise recorded in the month of August 2021. In addition, the monthly Inflation for Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' increased by 1.1 percent in September 2021 compared to the 0.0 percent recorded in August 2021. The monthly inflation for 'Information and Communication' increased by 1.0 percent in September 2021 compared to the 0.0 percent recorded in the month of August 2021. 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' monthly Inflation increased by 0.4 percent in September 2021 compared to the 0.2 percent drop recorded in August 2021. 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' Inflation increased by 0.8 percent in September 2021 compared to the 0.7 percent rise recorded in August 2021, see Table 2 below.

Table 2: Monthly and Annual Changes in the Consumer Price Indices in September 2021

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Monthly % Change September 2021/August 2021	Annual % Change September 2021/September 2020
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.54	1.2	2.9
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.80	0.3	0.9
Clothing and Footwear	69.77	0.4	1.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.16	0.4	-0.5
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.37	0.8	3.0
Health	47.47	0.7	5.5
Transport	104.55	0.1	4.8
Information and Communication	44.32	1.0	-0.7
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.85	0.0	- 0.4
Education Services	57.96	-	0.6
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.38	0.0	1.6
Insurance and Financial Services	22.80	1.3	2.2
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.04	1.1	2.9
Overall	1,000.00	0.6	2.2

Relative to August 2021, the prices of cooking Bananas (Matooke) increased by 34.9 percent in the month of September 2021, Water melon increased by 30.0 percent, Sorghum grain increased by 23.4 percent, Mangoes increased by 20.7 percent, Onions increase by 17.1 percent, and Beans increased by 5.0 percent, see Table 3 below.

Table 3: National Average retail prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price September 2020	Average Price August 2021	Average Price September 2021	Monthly % change September 2021/August 2021	Annual % change September 2021/September 2020
Cooking Bananas (Matoke)	1	Kg	595	514	694	34.9	16.6
Round Onions	1	Kg	3,355	2,961	3,468	17.1	3.4
Mango	1	Kg	3,780	2,488	2,996	20.4	- 20.7
Watermelon	1	Kg	1,086	964	1,254	30.0	15.4
Beans	1	Kg	3,986	2,865	3,007	5.0	- 24.5
Live chicken Off layer	1	Kg	10,815	10,618	11,185	5.3	3.4
Dried kapenta (Mukene)	1	Kg	10,323	10,386	10,708	3.1	3.7
Maize Flour	1	Kg	2,808	2,635	2,653	0.7	-5.5
Sorghum Grains	1	Kg	961	810	1,000	23.4	4.1
Petrol	1	Litre	3,866	4,115	4,190	1.8	8.4
Diesel	1	Litre	3,485	3,657	3,764	2.9	8.0
Charcoal	1	Kg	981	944	953	0.9	-2.9
Money Charges-Sending	15001-30000	Transaction	310	310	500	61.3	61.3
Money Charges-Sending	30001-45000	Transaction	350	350	600	71.4	71.4
Money Charges-Sending	45001-60000	Transaction	400	400	750	87.5	87.5
Taxi Fares - Special Hire		Service	25,000	23,333	25,000	7.1	-
Laundry Soap-Bar		Kg	3,415	3,365	3,610	7.3	5.7
Domestic Beer - Bottled	00	Millilitre(s)	3,107	3,135	3,169	1.1	2.0

1.3 Annual Core and Non-Core Inflation

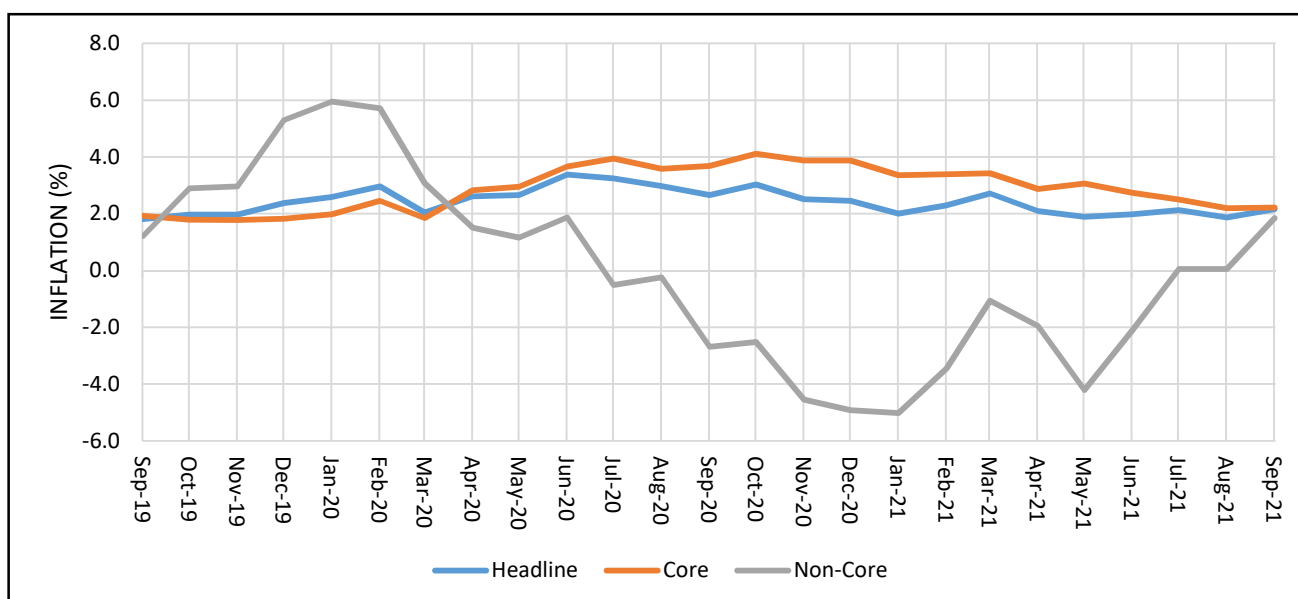
The Core Inflation for the 12 months to September 2021 was registered at 2.2 percent the same rate registered for August 2021. This is attributed to Annual 'Other Goods' Inflation that increased to 2.5 percent in September 2021 up from 1.9 percent in August 2021. However, this was offset by a decrease in Annual Services Inflation that decreased to 1.8 percent for the 12 months to September 2021 down from 2.5 percent in August 2021, Table 4.

Table 4: Annual National Core and Non-Core Inflation for August 2021 and September 2021.

Description	August 2021	September 2021
Headline	1.9	2.2
Core	2.2	2.2
<i>Other Goods</i>	1.9	2.5
<i>Services</i>	2.5	1.8
Non-Core	0.1	1.8
<i>Food Crops and Related Items</i>	0.5	3.2
<i>Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)</i>	-0.5	0.2

The Non-Core inflation for the 12 months to September 2021 increased to 1.8 percent up from 0.1 percent in August 2021. The increase in Annual Non-Core Inflation is mainly attributed to annual 'Food Crops and Related Items' Inflation which increased to 3.2 percent in September 2021 up from 0.5 percent in August 2021. This was due to Annual 'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses' Inflation that increased to 3.0 percent in September 2021 up from 0.4 percent in August 2021. In addition, Annual Energy Fuel and Utilities Inflation (EFU) increased to 0.2 percent, up from minus 0.5 percent in August 2021. The rise in EFU Inflation was due to Annual Liquid Energy Fuels Inflation that increased to 4.8 percent in September 2021 up from 2.2 percent in August 2021. Specifically, Annual Petrol increased to 9.6 percent in September 2021 up from 7.4 percent in August 2021, Table 1 and Figure 2.

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



1.4 Annual Goods and Services Inflation

The Goods inflation for the 12 months to September 2021 increased to 2.4 percent up from 1.4 percent in August 2021. The rise in Annual Goods Inflation was attributed to Annual Non-Durable (ND) Goods Inflation that increased to 2.3 percent in September 2021 up from 1.1 percent in August 2021. In addition, Annual Inflation for Durables (D) increased to 4.5 percent for the 12 months to September 2021 up from 4.2 percent in August 2021. However, Annual Inflation for Semi-Durable Goods (SD) decreased to 1.8 percent for the 12 month to September 2021 down from 1.9 percent in August 2021, Table 5 below.

Table 5: Annual National Goods and Services Inflation for August 2021 and September 2021.

Description	August 2021	September 2021
Headline	1.9	2.2
Goods	1.4	2.4
<i>Non-Durable (ND)</i>	1.1	2.3
<i>Semi-Durables (SD)</i>	1.9	1.8
<i>Durables (D)</i>	4.2	4.5
Services (S)	2.5	1.8

1.5 Annual Headline Inflation by Income Groups and Geographical areas

Analysis by geographical areas and income groups reveal that Kampala High Income registered the highest Inflation of 3.1 percent for the 12 months to September 2021 up from 2.8 percent in August 2021. This was driven by annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that increased to 2.5 percent in September 2021 up from 0.5 percent registered in August 2021. In addition Annual 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' Inflation increased to 1.7 percent in September 2021 up from 0.0 percent in August 2021.

The second highest Inflation was registered in the basket of Fort portal at 2.6 percent for the 12 months to September 2021 up from 1.4 percent in August 2021. The main driver was the Annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that increased to 5.7 percent in September 2021, up from 3.9 percent in August 2021. In addition, Annual 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation increased to minus 3.3 percent for the 12 months to September 2021 up from minus 6.9 percent in August 2021.

The least Annual Inflation was registered in Kampala Low Income at 0.2 percent for the 12 months to September 2021 down from 0.3 percent in August 2021. The low inflation in the Centre was mainly due to Transport Inflation that declined to minus 8.1 Percent for the 12 months to September 2021 down from minus 3.3 percent in August 2021. In addition, Annual 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation declined to minus 2.6 percent in September 2021 down from minus 2.0 percent in August 2021.

Figure 3: Annual Inflation by Income Groups and Geographical Areas for the 12 months to August 2021 and September 2021

