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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 October 2021 decreased to 1.9 percent, down from 2.2 percent in September 2021. This was mainly driven by the decline in the prices of commodities under; 'Transport' (2.4 percent), 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' (minus 0.5 percent) and 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (minus 0.9 percent) between October 2020 and October 2021, as shown in Tables 1 and 2.

However, there were some increases in the prices of commodities under; 'Clothing and Footwear' (2.2 percent), 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' (3.9 percent), and, 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' (3.1 percent) between October 2020 and October 2021.

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

Month	Overall CPI	Annual Inflation Rate for the year ending
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
October 2021	113.93	1.9

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1.2 Monthly Inflation

The Monthly Headline Inflation for October 2021 increased by 0.2 percent compared to the 0.6 percent increase recorded for September 2021. This is mainly attributed to the monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages which rose by 0.4 percent in the month of October 2021 compared to the 1.2 percent rise recorded in the month of September 2021. In addition, the monthly Inflation for 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' increased by 0.5 percent in October 2021 compared to the 0.4 percent increase recorded in September 2021. The monthly inflation for 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' increased by 1.1 percent in October 2021 compared to the 0.8 percent recorded in the month of September 2021. 'Clothing and Footwear' Inflation increased by 0.5 percent in October 2021 compared to the 0.4 percent rise recorded in September 2021. 'Recreation, Sport and Culture' monthly Inflation increased by 0.1 percent in October 2021 compared to the 0.0 percent recorded in September 2021, Table 2 below.

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

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Monthly % Change October 2021/ September 2021	Annual % Change October 2021/ October 2020
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.54	0.4	3.1
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.80	- 0.3	- 0.5
Clothing and Footwear	69.77	0.5	2.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.16	0.5	- 0.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.37	1.1	3.9
Health	47.47	- 0.0	5.5
Transport	104.55	- 0.4	2.4
Information and Communication	44.32	0.0	- 0.9
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.85	0.1	- 0.4
Education Services	57.96	0.0	0.6
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.38	0.0	1.4
Insurance and Financial Services	22.80	0.0	2.5
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.04	- 0.1	2.9
Overall	1,000.00	0.2	1.9

Relative to September 2021, the prices of Pineapples in October 2021 increased by 11.2 percent, Cooking Bananas (Matooke) increased by 10.6 percent, Whole Cassava increased by 9.0 percent, Smoked Tilapia increased by 6.9 percent, Sweet Potatoes increased by 5.6 percent, and Laundry Soap Bar increased by 5.6 percent, see Table 3 below.

Table 3: National Average retail prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price October 2020	Average Price September 2021	Average Price October 2021	Monthly % change October 2021/ September 2021	Annual % change October 2021/ October 2020
Pineapple	1	Kg	1,522	1,279	1,422	11.2	- 6.6
Cooking Bananas (Matooke)	1	Kg	658	694	767	10.6	16.6
Whole Cassava	1	Kg	649	667	727	9.0	12.1
Smoked Tilapia	1	Kg	32,149	30,437	32,541	6.9	1.2
Sweet Potatoes	1	Kg	687	1,019	1,077	5.6	56.8
Laundry Soap Bar	1	Kg	3,423	3,610	3,813	5.6	11.4
Maize Flour	1	Kg	1,957	1,916	1,966	2.6	0.4
Charcoal	1	Kg	1,026	953	972	1.9	- 5.3
Cassava Flour	1	Kg	1,618	1,630	1,661	1.9	2.7

1.3 Annual Core and Non-Core Inflation

The Core Inflation for the 12 months to October 2021 decreased to 2.1 percent in October 2021 down from 2.2 percent in September 2021. This is attributed to Annual Services Inflation that decreased to 1.1 percent in October 2021 down from 1.8 percent in September 2021. However, Annual 'Other Goods' Inflation increased to 3.0 percent for the 12 months to October 2021 up from 2.5 percent in September 2021, Table 4.

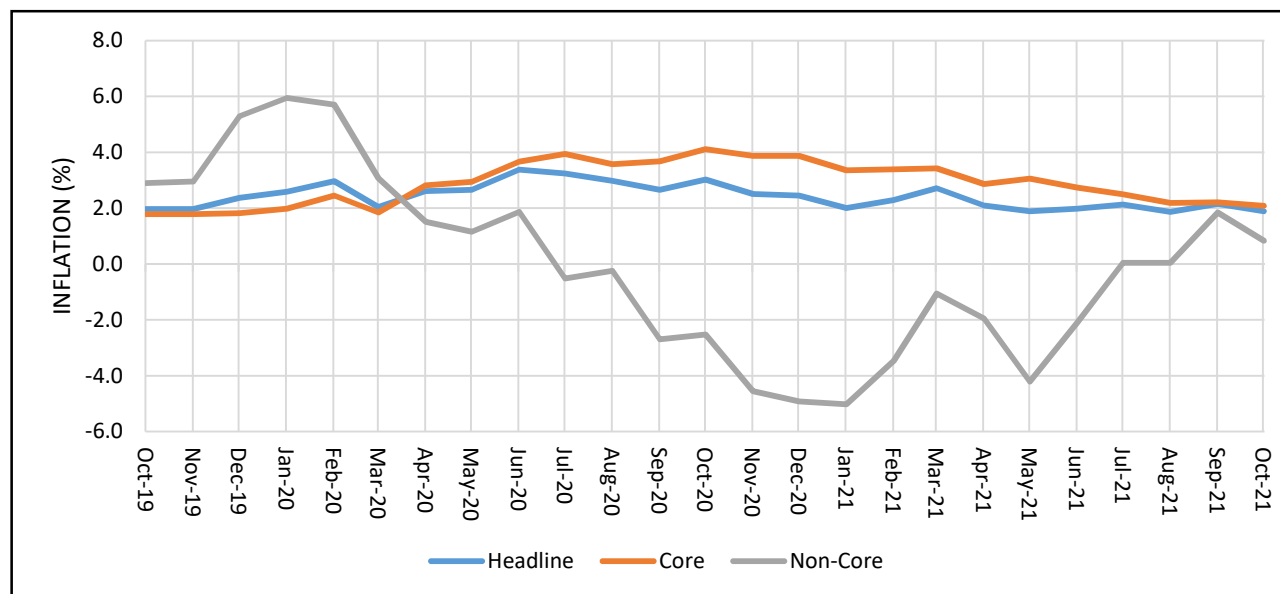
Table 4: Annual National Core and Non-Core Inflation for September 2021 and October 2021.

Description	September 2021	October 2021
Headline	2.2	1.9
Core	2.2	2.1
<i>Other Goods</i>	2.5	3.0
<i>Services</i>	1.8	1.1
Non-Core	1.8	0.8
<i>Food Crops and Related Items</i>	3.2	1.7
<i>Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)</i>	0.2	-0.2

The Non-Core inflation for the 12 months to October 2021 decreased to 0.8 percent down from 1.8 percent in September 2021. The decrease in Annual Non-Core Inflation is mainly attributed to annual 'Food Crops and Related Items' Inflation that decreased to 1.7 percent in October 2021 down from 3.2 percent in September 2021. This majorly was due to Annual 'Fruits and nuts' Inflation that decreased to minus 3.5 percent in October 2021 down from 0.3 percent in September 2021.

In addition, Annual Energy Fuel and Utilities Inflation (EFU) decreased to minus 0.2 percent, down from 0.2 percent in September 2021. The drop in EFU Inflation was due to Annual Solid Fuels Inflation that decreased to minus 7.9 percent in October 2021 down from minus 4.0 percent in September 2021. Specifically, Annual Firewood inflation decreased to minus 17.5 percent in October 2021 down from minus 9.0 percent in September 2021, Table 1 and Figure 2.

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



1.4 Annual Goods Inflation

The Goods inflation for the 12 months to October 2021 is registered at 2.4 percent the same rate recorded in September 2021. This was due to Annual Semi-Durable Goods (SD) Goods Inflation that increased to 2.6 percent in October 2021 up from 1.8 percent in September 2021. This increase was offset by decreases in Annual Inflation for Durables (D) that decreased to 3.3 percent for the 12 months to October 2021 down from 4.5 percent in September 2021. In addition, Annual Inflation for Non-Durable (ND) registered 2.3 percent for the 12 month to October 2021 the same rate recorded in September 2021, Table 5 below.

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

Description	September 2021	October 2021
Headline	2.2	1.9
Goods	2.4	2.4
<i>Non-Durable (ND)</i>	2.3	2.3
<i>Semi-Durables (SD)</i>	1.8	2.6
<i>Durables (D)</i>	4.5	3.3

1.5 Annual Headline Inflation by Income Groups and Geographical areas

Analysis by geographical areas and income groups reveal that Arua registered the highest Inflation of 2.6 percent for the 12 months to October 2021 from 1.7 percent recorded in September 2021. This was driven by annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that increased to 3.5 percent in October 2021 up from 1.2 percent registered in September 2021. In addition Annual Transport Inflation increased to 4.6 percent in October 2021 up from minus 1.4 percent in September 2021.

The second highest Inflation was registered in the basket of Kampala High Income at 2.6 percent for the 12 months to October 2021 down from 3.1 percent in September 2021. The main driver for the high inflation was the Annual 'Clothing and Footwear' Inflation that increased to 2.7 percent in October 2021, up from 1.0 percent in September 2021. In addition, Annual 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' Inflation increased to 2.5 percent for the 12 months to October 2021 up from 0.9 percent in September 2021.

The least Annual Inflation was registered in Kampala Low Income at 0.2 percent for the 12 months to October 2021 the same rate recorded in September 2021. The low inflation in the Centre was mainly due to 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' Inflation that declined to 2.0 Percent for the 12 months to October 2021 down from 5.6 percent in September 2021. In addition, Annual 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' Inflation declined to 1.2 percent in October 2021 down from 2.6 percent in September 2021.

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

