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## PRESS RELEASE

### CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION

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#### 1.1 Annual Headline Inflation

The Annual Inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Uganda for the 12 months to April 2025 is 3.5 percent compared to the 3.4 percent registered in the year ended March 2025, see Table 1 and Figure 1 below.

This is largely attributed to Annual Core Inflation registered at 3.9 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 3.6 percent that was recorded in the year ended March 2025. The main driver of Annual Core Inflation is the Annual Other Goods Inflation recorded at 3.0 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 2.6 percent registered in the year ended March 2025. This was mainly due to Beef Prices that increased by 10.1 percent in April 2025 compared to 4.2 percent recorded in March 2025. In addition, Rice prices registered minus 0.8 percent in April 2025 compared to minus 5.5 percent recorded in March 2025. Sugar prices registered minus 10.8 percent in April 2025 compared to minus 15.1 percent recorded in March 2025. Annual Services Inflation recorded 5.0 percent in April 2025 compared to 4.9 percent registered in March 2025. This was mainly due to Food and Beverage Serving Services Inflation that increased to 4.5 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 3.7 percent registered in the year ended March 2025. In addition, Actual rentals for Housing charges increased by 2.1 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 1.3 percent registered in the year ended March 2025.

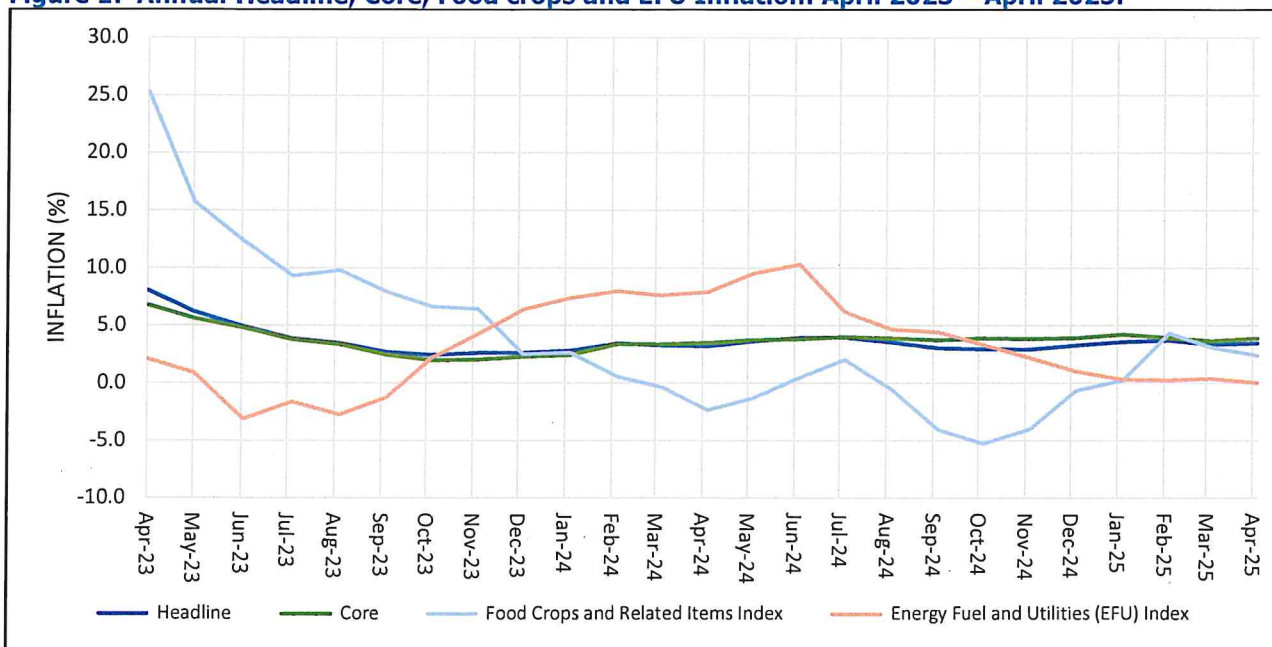
Annual Food Crops and Related Items Inflation recorded 2.4 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 3.1 percent registered in the year ended March 2025. This was mainly attributed to a drop in the prices of Onions by minus 44.6 percent compared to minus 28.6 percent in March 2025, Irish potatoes prices by minus 6.0 percent compared to an increase of 11.2 percent in March 2025, Pineapple prices by minus 8.5 percent compared to an increase of 12.9 percent in March 2025 and Passion fruit prices by minus 5.9 percent compared to 1.3 percent increase in March 2025.

Annual Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) Inflation recorded 0.0 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 0.4 percent registered in the year ended March 2025. Electricity charges decreased by minus 5.7 percent in April 2025 compared to minus 2.0 percent registered in March 2025. This was offset by Charcoal prices that increased by 8.5 percent in April 2025 compared to an increase of 6.8 percent recorded in March 2025 and Firewood prices that increased by 9.7 percent in April 2025 compared to an increase of 9.6 percent recorded in March 2025.

**Table 1: Annual Headline, Core, Food Crops and EFU Inflation for March 2025 and April 2025.**

Description	Weights	March 2025	April 2025
<b>Headline</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Core</b>	<b>839.62</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Other Goods	455.51	2.6	3.0
Services	384.11	4.9	5.0
<b>Food Crops and Related Items</b>	<b>95.10</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)</b>	<b>65.28</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Figure 1: Annual Headline, Core, Food crops and EFU Inflation: April 2023 – April 2025.**



The overall Annual Consumer Price Indices for the 12 months to April 2025 are shown in Table 2 below.

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

Month	Overall CPI	Annual Inflation
April 2025	136.09	3.5
March 2025	135.43	3.4
February 2025	135.19	3.7
January 2025	134.33	3.6
December 2024	133.91	3.3
November 2024	133.31	2.9
October 2024	133.01	2.9
September 2024	132.34	3.0
August 2024	132.02	3.5
July 2024	131.78	4.0
June 2024	131.77	3.9
May 2024	131.73	3.6
April 2024	131.53	3.2
March 2024	131.03	3.3

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## Key Annual Inflation Drivers

### Annual Other goods

Year ended March 2025  
at 2.6%

- Beef 4.2%
- Rice -5.5%
- Sugar -15.1%
- Maize flour -4.3%



Year ending April 2025 at  
3.0%

- Beef 10.1%
- Rice -0.8%
- Sugar -10.8%
- Maize flour 0.2%

### Annual Food Crops and Related Items

Year ended March 2025 at  
3.1%

- Onions -28.6%
- Irish potatoes 11.2%
- Pineapple 12.9%
- Passion fruits 1.3%



Year ending April 2025 at  
2.4%

- Onions -44.6%
- Irish potatoes -6.0%
- Pineapple -8.5%
- Passion fruits 5.9%

### Annual Energy, Fuel and Utilities

Year ended March 2025 at  
0.4%

- Electricity -2.0%
- Petrol -8.3%
- Diesel -7.4%
- Cooking gas -5.2%



Year ending April 2025  
at 0.0%

- Electricity -5.7%
- Petrol -8.6%
- Diesel -8.1%
- Cooking gas -6.1%



## 1.2 Annual Inflation by COICOP Divisions

According to the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP), the main drivers to the 3.5 percent Inflation were 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation registered at 2.5 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 2.0 percent registered in the year ended March 2025. 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation increased to 3.4 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 2.2 percent registered in the year ended March 2025. 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' Inflation increased to 4.2 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 3.9 percent registered in the year ended March 2025. 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' Inflation registered 2.0 percent for the year ending April 2025 compared to 1.9 percent registered for the year ended March 2025. 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' Inflation registered 2.4 percent for the year ending April 2025 compared to 2.3 percent registered for the year ended March 2025. 'Recreation, Sport and Culture' Inflation registered 1.7 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 1.6 percent registered in the year ended March 2025.

However, 'Transport' Inflation registered 3.1 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 3.9 percent recorded in the year ended March 2025. 'Information and Communication' Inflation decreased to 1.3 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 2.0 percent recorded in the year ended March 2025. 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' Inflation decreased to 3.3 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 3.9 percent registered in the year ended March 2025. 'Health' Inflation registered 5.7 percent for the year ending April 2025 compared to 6.0 percent registered for the year ended March 2025. 'Clothing and Footwear' Inflation registered 3.8 percent in the year ending April 2025 compared to 3.9 percent recorded in the year ended March 2025. 'Insurance and Financial Services' Inflation registered 13.1 percent in the year ending April 2025 same rate recorded in the year ended March 2025. 'Education Services' Inflation registered 6.7 percent in the year ending April 2025 same rate recorded in the year ended March 2025, see Table 3 below.

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

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Annual % Change March 2024 - March 2025	Annual % Change April 2024 - April 2025
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.54	2.0	2.5
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.80	2.3	2.4
Clothing and Footwear	69.77	3.9	3.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.16	2.2	3.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.37	3.9	3.3
Health	47.47	6.0	5.7
Transport	104.55	3.9	3.1
Information and Communication	44.32	2.0	1.3
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.85	1.6	1.7
Education Services	57.96	6.7	6.7
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.38	3.9	4.2
Insurance and Financial Services	22.80	13.1	13.1
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.04	1.9	2.0
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1,000.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>

### 1.3 Monthly Inflation.

The Monthly Headline Inflation for April 2025 increased by 0.5 percent from the 0.2 percent rise registered for the month of March 2025, Table 4 below.

This was due to the increase in the monthly Core Inflation by 0.4 percent in April 2025 from the 0.1 percent rise registered in March 2025. The main driver was the monthly Other Goods Inflation that increased by 0.5 percent in April 2025 from the 0.0 percent recorded in March 2025. In addition, Services Inflation increased by 0.4 percent in April 2025 from the 0.3 percent rise recorded in March 2025.

Monthly Food Crops and Related Items Inflation increased by 1.3 percent in April 2025 from the 1.1 percent rise recorded in March 2025. This was mainly due to increase in prices of tomatoes by 7.6 percent in April 2025 from the 1.0 percent rise recorded in March 2025, dry beans by 3.0 percent in April 2025 from the 0.0 percent recorded in March 2025, mangoes by 14.9 percent in April 2025 from the 0.2 percent drop recorded in March 2025 and irish potatoes by 5.2 percent in April 2025 from the 1.9 percent drop recorded in March 2025.

Monthly Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) Inflation decreased by 0.1 percent in April 2025 from the 0.3 percent drop registered in March 2025. This was mainly due to Electricity prices that decreased by 1.8 percent in April 2025 from the 0.0 percent recorded in March 2025. In addition, Cooking gas prices decreased by 0.9 percent in April 2025 from the 0.3 percent drop recorded in March 2025. Kerosene prices dropped by 0.5 percent in April 2025 from the 0.2 percent drop recorded in March 2025.

**Table 4: Monthly Headline, Core, Food Crops and EFU Inflation for March 2025 and April 2025.**

Description	Weights	March 2025	April 2025
<b>Headline</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Core</b>	<b>839.62</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Other Goods	455.51	0.0	0.5
Services	384.11	0.3	0.4
<b>Food Crops and Related Items</b>	<b>95.10</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)</b>	<b>65.28</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>



The overall monthly Consumer Price Indices and Inflation from March 2024 to April 2025 are shown in Table 5 below.

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

Month	Overall CPI	Monthly Inflation
April 2025	136.09	0.5
March 2025	135.43	0.2
February 2025	135.19	0.6
January 2025	134.33	0.3
December 2024	133.91	0.5
November 2024	133.31	0.2
October 2024	133.01	0.5
September 2024	132.34	0.2
August 2024	132.02	0.2
July 2024	131.78	0.0
June 2024	131.77	0.0
May 2024	131.73	0.2
April 2024	131.53	0.4
March 2024	131.03	0.5

#### 1.4 Monthly Inflation by COICOP Divisions

According to the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP), monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation increased by 1.1 percent in April 2025 from the 0.2 percent rise recorded in March 2025. Monthly Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels Inflation increased by 1.4 percent in April 2025 from the 0.2 percent drop recorded in March 2025. Monthly Clothing and Footwear Inflation increased by 0.5 percent in April 2025 from the 0.1 percent rise recorded in March 2025. Monthly Restaurants and Accommodation Services Inflation increased by 0.2 percent in April 2025 from the 0.5 percent rise recorded in March 2025. Monthly Health Inflation increased by 0.3 percent in April 2025 from the 0.4 percent rise recorded in March 2025. Monthly Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics Inflation increased by 0.2 percent in April 2025, the same rate recorded in March 2025. Monthly Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods Inflation increased by 0.1 percent in April 2025 from the 0.0 percent recorded in March 2025.

However, Monthly Transport Inflation decreased by 0.2 percent in April 2025 from the 0.2 percent rise recorded in March 2025. Monthly Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Inflation decreased by 0.2 percent in April 2025 from the 0.2 percent rise recorded in March 2025.

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

<b>13 COICOP Divisions</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Monthly %Change February 2025- March 2025</b>	<b>Monthly % Change March 2025 – April 2025</b>
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.54	0.2	1.1
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.80	0.2	0.2
Clothing and Footwear	69.77	0.1	0.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.16	-0.2	1.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.37	0.2	-0.2
Health	47.47	0.4	0.3
Transport	104.55	0.2	-0.2
Information and Communication	44.32	0.4	0.0
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.85	0.2	0.0
Education Services	57.96	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.38	0.5	0.2
Insurance and Financial Services	22.80	0.7	0.0
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.04	0.0	0.1
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>



## Key Monthly Inflation Drivers

### Monthly Other goods

March 2025 at 0.0%

- Beef 0.2%
- Rice -2.8%
- Maize flour 1.7%
- Maize grain 1.3%



April 2025 at 0.5%

- Beef 4.7%
- Rice 5.1%
- Maize flour 4.1%
- Maize grain 21.8%

### Monthly Food Crops and Related Items

March 2025 at 1.1%

- Tomatoes 1.0%
- Dry beans 0.0%
- Mangoes -0.2%
- Irish potatoes -1.9%



April 2025 at 1.3%

- Tomatoes 7.6%
- Dry beans 3.0%
- Mangoes 14.9%
- Irish potatoes 5.2%

### Monthly Energy, Fuel and Utilities

March 2025 at -0.3%

- Electricity 0.0%
- Cooking gas -0.3%
- Kerosene -0.2%



April 2025 at -0.1%

- Electricity -1.8%
- Cooking gas -0.9%
- Kerosene -0.5%



Relative to April 2024 and March 2025, the national average retail prices of selected commodities in April 2025 are shown in Table 7 below.

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

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price April 2024	Average Price March 2025	Average Price April 2025
Beef	1	Kg	15,025	15,738	16,721
Rice	1	Kg	4,899	4,469	4,712
Maize flour	1	Kg	2,353	2,519	2,592
Refined oil	1	Litre	8,882	9,254	9,398
Tomatoes	1	Kg	2,571	2,844	3,033
Dry beans	1	Kg	4,472	4,461	4,733
Irish potatoes	1	Kg	2,095	1,975	2,111
Petrol	1	Litre	5,440	4,971	4,968
Diesel	1	Litre	5,117	4,669	4,703

### 1.5 Annual Headline Inflation by CPI Geographical Center

Analysis by geographical areas and income groups revealed that Masaka center registered the highest Inflation at 5.0 percent for the year ending April 2025 compared to 4.1 percent recorded in March 2025. This was mainly driven by annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that increased to 5.7 percent in April 2025 compared to 3.3 percent registered in March 2025. In addition, Annual 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation increased to 8.6 percent in April 2025 compared to 6.1 percent registered in March 2025.

The second highest Annual Inflation was registered in Mbarara center at 4.2 percent for the year ending April 2025 compared to 3.7 percent recorded in March 2025. This was mainly driven by annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that increased to 4.1 percent in April 2025 compared to 2.0 percent registered in March 2025. In addition, Annual 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation increased to 4.4 percent in April 2025 compared to 2.5 percent registered in March 2025.

The least Annual Inflation was registered in Mbale Centre at 1.7 percent for the year ending April 2025 compared to 2.0 percent recorded in March 2025. This was mainly due to the annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that registered 0.7 percent in April 2025 compared to 1.6 percent registered in March 2025. In addition, Annual 'Information and Communication' Inflation registered 0.8 percent in April 2025 compared to 2.9 percent registered in March 2025.

**Figure 2: Annual Inflation by CPI Geographical Center for the 12 months to March 2025 and April 2025**

