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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION DECEMBER 2025

1.1 Annual Headline Inflation

The Annual Inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Uganda for the 12 months to December 2025 is 3.1 percent, the same rate registered in the year ended November 2025, see Table 1 and Figure 1 below.

Annual Food Crops and Related Items Inflation increased to 4.4 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to 4.0 percent registered in the year ended November 2025. This is attributed to Irish potatoes (whose rate of price change is 2.3 percent compared to minus 5.9 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025), Cabbage (whose rate of price change is 35.7 percent compared to minus 0.6 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025), Passion fruits (whose rate of price change is 11.1 percent compared to minus 1.1 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025), Fresh cassava (whose rate of price change is 8.9 percent compared to 3.0 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025), Onions (whose rate of price change is minus 3.7 percent compared to minus 8.2 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025) and Green pepper (whose rate of price change is 25.2 percent compared to 5.4 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025).

In addition, Annual Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) Inflation increased to 1.4 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to 0.6 percent registered in the year ended November 2025. This is mainly due to Annual Solid Fuels Inflation that increased to 5.1 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to 3.6 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025. Particularly, Firewood prices increased by 4.9 percent in December 2025 compared to 1.2 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025, Charcoal prices increased by 5.3 percent in December 2025 compared to 4.8 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025 and Petrol prices increased by 1.4 percent in December 2025 compared to minus 0.4 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025 and Water charges increased by 0.7 percent in December 2025 compared to 0.4 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025.

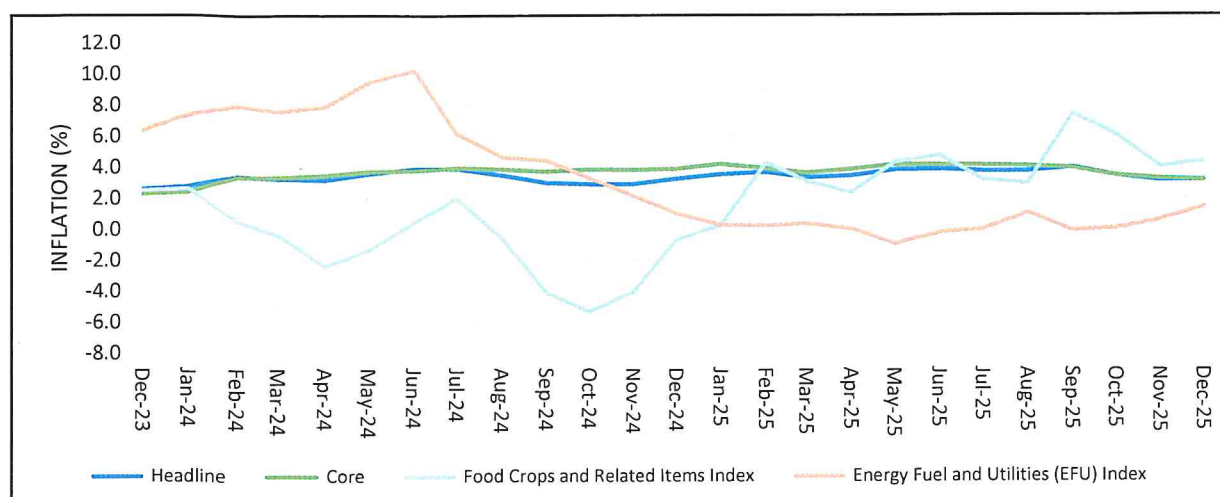
On the other hand, Annual Core Inflation registered 3.1 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to 3.2 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025. This was mainly due to the Annual Services Inflation recorded at 4.0 percent in December 2025 compared to 4.2 percent registered in November 2025. Annual Passenger Transport by Air Inflation increased to 1.2 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to minus 2.0 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025 and Food and beverage Holiday package charges increased to 15.2 percent compared to 1.3 percent registered in the year ended November 2025. However, Annual Core Goods Inflation increased to 2.5 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to 2.4 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025. This is attributed to Annual Dried Fish Inflation recorded at 2.4 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to minus 5.6 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025, Live chicken (whose rate of price change is 0.2 percent compared to minus 1.7 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025) and New Women Clothes (whose rate of price change is 2.7 percent compared to 2.1 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025).

Table 1 and figure 1 below show the components of the Annual Headline Inflation for the year ending December 2025.
Table 1: Annual Headline, Core, Food Crops and EFU Inflation for November 2025 and December 2025.

Description	Weights	November 2025	December 2025
Headline	1000	3.1	3.1
Core	839.6200	3.2	3.1
Other Goods	455.5070	2.4	2.5
Services	384.1130	4.2	4.0
Food Crops and Related Items	95.1046	4.0	4.4
Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)	65.2755	0.6	1.4

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Figure 1: Annual Headline, Core, Food Crops and EFU Inflation: December 2023 - December 2025



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

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

Month	Overall CPI	Annual Inflation
December 2025	138.11	3.1
November 2025	137.46	3.1
October 2025	137.59	3.4
September 2025	137.61	4.0
August 2025	136.97	3.8
July 2025	136.73	3.8
June 2025	136.90	3.9
May 2025	136.77	3.8
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

1.2 Annual Average Headline Inflation

The Annual Average Headline Inflation for the Calendar Year 2025 increased to 3.6 percent compared to 3.3 percent recorded during the Calendar Year 2024. This was mainly due to Annual Average Core Inflation that increased to 3.8 percent for the Calendar Year 2025 compared to 3.6 percent recorded during the Calendar Year 2024.

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Key Annual Inflation Drivers

Annual Core Goods Inflation for the year ending December 2025 is at 2.5% compared to 2.4% in the year ended November 2025

Changes in Prices for selected items under Core Goods

November 2025

- Dried Fish -5.6%
- Local Chicken 2.0%
- Bread -2.1%
- Off layers -12.2%



December 2025

- Dried Fish 2.4%
- Local Chicken 3.2%
- Bread -0.7%
- Off layers -6.0%

Annual Food Crops and Related Items Inflation for the year ending December 2025 is at 4.4% compared to 4.0% in the year ended November 2025

Changes in prices for selected items under Food Crops and Related Items

November 2025

- Irish potatoes -5.9%
- Cabbage -0.6%
- Passion fruits -1.1%
- Onions -8.2%
- Fresh cassava 3.0%



December 2025

- Irish potatoes 2.3%
- Cabbage 35.7%
- Passion fruits 11.1%
- Onions -3.7%
- Fresh cassava 8.9%

Annual Energy, Fuel and Utilities Inflation for the year ending December 2025 is at 1.5% compared to 0.6% in the year ended November 2025

Changes in prices for selected items under Energy, Fuel and Utilities

November 2025

- Firewood 1.2%
- Charcoal 4.8%
- Petrol -0.4%
- Water Charges 0.4%



December 2025

- Firewood 4.9%
- Charcoal 5.3%
- Petrol 1.4%
- Water Charges 0.7%

1.3 Annual Inflation by COICOP Divisions

According to the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP), the main drivers to the 3.1 percent Inflation were 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that registered 3.5 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to 2.9 percent registered in the year ended November 2025. 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation registered 2.5 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to 2.2 percent registered in the year ended November 2025. 'Health' Inflation registered 4.3 percent for the year ending December 2025 compared to 3.8 percent registered for the year ended November 2025. 'Recreation, Sport and Culture' Inflation registered 2.1 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to 1.7 percent registered in the year ended November 2025. 'Insurance and Financial Services' Inflation registered 10.1 percent in the year ending December 2025 same rate recorded in the year ended November 2025. 'Education Services' Inflation registered 7.6 percent in the year ending December 2025 same rate recorded in the year ended November 2025. 'Information and Communication' Inflation registered 2.2 percent in the year ending December 2025 same rate recorded in the year ended November 2025. 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' Inflation registered 1.6 percent for the year ending December 2025 same rate recorded for the year ended November 2025.

However, 'Transport' Inflation registered 0.1 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to 1.4 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025. 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' Inflation recorded 4.7 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to 5.2 percent registered in the year ended November 2025. 'Clothing and Footwear' Inflation registered 2.6 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to 2.7 percent recorded in the year ended November 2025. 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' Inflation registered 2.1 percent for the year ending December 2025 compared to 2.2 percent registered for the year ended November 2025. 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' Inflation registered 2.0 percent in the year ending December 2025 compared to 2.1 percent registered in the year ended November 2025, see Table 3 below.

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

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Annual % Change November 2024 - November 2025	Annual % Change December 2024 - December 2025
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.5390	2.9	3.5
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.7958	1.6	1.6
Clothing and Footwear	69.7729	2.7	2.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.1617	2.2	2.5
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.3672	2.1	2.0
Health	47.4695	3.8	4.3
Transport	104.5479	1.4	0.1
Information and Communication	44.3216	2.2	2.2
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.8494	1.7	2.1
Education Services	57.9558	7.6	7.6
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.3791	5.2	4.7
Insurance and Financial Services	22.7953	10.1	10.1
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.0447	2.2	2.1
Overall	1,000	3.1	3.1

1.4 Monthly Inflation.

The Monthly Headline Inflation for December 2025 increased by 0.5 percent from 0.1 percent drop registered in November 2025, Table 4 below.

This was mainly due to monthly Core Inflation that increased by 0.5 percent in December 2025 from the 0.0 percent registered in November 2025. This was mainly due to monthly Services Inflation that increased by 0.7 percent in December 2025 from the 0.0 percent recorded in November 2025. In addition, monthly Core Goods Inflation increased by 0.3 percent in December 2025 from the 0.0 percent recorded in November 2025.

Monthly Food Crops and Related Items Inflation increased by 0.3 percent in December 2025 from the 0.9 percent drop recorded in November 2025. This was attributed to the increase in prices of cabbage by 32.0 percent in December 2025 from the 7.3 percent drop recorded in November 2025, passion fruits by 8.9 percent in December 2025 from the 9.2 percent rise recorded in November 2025, avocado by 9.5 percent in December 2025 from the 9.4 percent rise recorded in November 2025, green pepper by 15.2 percent in December 2025 from the 6.3 percent drop recorded in November 2025 and fresh leafy vegetables by 5.6 percent in December 2025 from the 4.8 percent drop recorded in November 2025.

Monthly Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) Inflation increased by 0.4 percent in December 2025 from the 0.2 percent drop registered in November 2025. This was mainly due to monthly firewood prices that increased by 7.0 percent in December 2025 from the 0.8 percent rise recorded in November 2025. In addition, water charges increased by 0.3 percent in December 2025 from the 0.0 percent recorded in November 2025.

Table 4: Monthly Headline, Core, Food Crops and EFU Inflation for November 2025 and December 2025.

Description	Weights	November 2025	December 2025
Headline	1000	-0.1	0.5
Core	839.6200	0.0	0.5
Other Goods	455.5070	0.0	0.3
Services	384.1130	0.0	0.7
Food Crops and Related Items	95.1046	-0.9	0.3
Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)	65.2755	-0.2	0.4

The overall monthly Consumer Price Indices and Inflation from November 2024 to December 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
December 2025	138.11	0.5
November 2025	137.46	-0.1
October 2025	137.59	0.0
September 2025	137.61	0.5
August 2025	136.97	0.2
July 2025	136.73	-0.1
June 2025	136.90	0.1
May 2025	136.77	0.5
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

1.5 Monthly Inflation by COICOP Divisions

According to the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP), monthly Transport Inflation increased by 1.7 percent in December 2025 from the 0.1 percent drop recorded in November 2025. Monthly Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages Inflation increased by 0.5 percent in December 2025 from the 0.5 percent drop recorded in November 2025. Monthly Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels Inflation increased by 0.3 percent in December 2025 from the 0.1 percent drop recorded in November 2025. Monthly Health Inflation increased by 0.5 percent in December 2025 from 0.1 percent rise recorded in November 2025. Monthly Restaurants and Accommodation Services Inflation increased by 0.3 percent in December 2025 from the 0.1 percent rise recorded in November 2025. Monthly Clothing and Footwear Inflation increased by 0.2 percent in December 2025 from the 0.1 percent rise recorded in November 2025. Monthly Recreation, Sport and Culture Inflation increased by 0.2 percent in December 2025 from 0.1 percent rise recorded in November 2025. Monthly Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Inflation increased by 0.2 percent in December 2025 from the 0.3 percent rise recorded in November 2025. Monthly Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics Inflation increased by 0.2 percent in December 2025 from 0.5 percent rise recorded in November 2025. Monthly Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods Inflation increased by 0.1 percent in December 2025 from 0.5 percent rise recorded in November 2025.

However, monthly Education Services Inflation registered 0.0 percent in December 2025 same rate recorded in November 2025. Monthly Insurance and Financial Services Inflation recorded 0.0 percent in December 2025 same rate recorded in November 2025. Monthly Information and Communication Inflation recorded 0.0 percent in December 2025 same rate recorded in November 2025.

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

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Monthly %Change October 2025- November 2025	Monthly % Change November 2025 – December 2025
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.5390	-0.5	0.5
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.7958	0.5	0.2
Clothing and Footwear	69.7729	0.1	0.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.1617	-0.1	0.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.3672	0.3	0.2
Health	47.4695	0.1	0.5
Transport	104.5479	-0.1	1.7
Information and Communication	44.3216	0.0	0.0
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.8494	0.1	0.2
Education Services	57.9558	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.3791	0.1	0.3
Insurance and Financial Services	22.7953	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.0447	0.5	0.1
Overall	1,000	-0.1	0.5

Key Monthly Inflation Drivers

Monthly Core goods Inflation for December 2025 is 0.3% from 0.0% in November 2025

Changes in Prices for selected items under Core goods

November 2025

- Local Chicken -1.0%
- Beef -0.5%
- Smoked Tilapia -5.3%
- Rice 1.1%



December 2025

- Local Chicken 5.8%
- Beef 0.9%
- Smoked Tilapia 3.6%
- Rice 0.8%

Monthly Food Crops and Related Items Inflation for December 2025 is 0.3% from -0.9% in November 2025.

Changes in Prices for selected items under Food Crops and Related Items

November 2025

- Cabbage -7.3%
- Passion Fruits 9.2%
- Avocado 9.4%
- Green Pepper -6.3%



December 2025

- Cabbage 32.0%
- Passion Fruits 8.9%
- Avocado 9.5%
- Green Pepper 15.2%

Monthly Energy, Fuel and Utilities Inflation for December 2025 is 0.4% from -0.2% in November 2025

Changes in Prices for selected items under Energy, Fuel and Utilities

November 2025

- Firewood 0.8%
- Water Charges 0.0%



December 2025

- Firewood 7.0%
- Water Charges 0.3%

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

Table 7: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price December 2024	Average Price November 2025	Average Price December 2025
Local Chicken	1	Kg	18,062	17,738	18,431
Smoked Tilapia	1	Kg	32,094	35,292	36,126
Beef	1	Kg	15,557	17,129	17,176
Cabbage	1	Kg	832	858	1,088
Passion fruits	1	Kg	7,183	7,258	8,115
Avocado	1	Kg	1,537	1,849	2,082
Green pepper	1	Kg	3,019	3,296	3,631
Petrol	1	Litre	4,981	5,048	5,040
Diesel	1	Litre	4,625	4,702	4,668

1.6 Annual Headline Inflation by CPI Geographical Center

Analysis by geographical areas and income groups revealed that Kampala High Income group registered the highest Inflation at 4.2 percent for the year ending December 2025 compared to 4.4 percent recorded in November 2025. This was mainly driven by annual 'Recreation, Sport and Culture' inflation that registered 2.8 percent in December 2025 compared to 2.0 percent registered in November 2025. In addition, Annual 'Health' Inflation registered 4.2 percent in December 2025 compared to 3.6 percent registered in November 2025.

The second highest Annual Inflation was registered in Masaka at 3.7 percent for the year ending December 2025 compared to 4.2 percent recorded in November 2025. This was mainly driven by annual 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' Inflation that increased to 7.1 percent in December 2025 compared to 6.0 percent registered in November 2025. In addition, annual 'Health' Inflation increased to 7.2 percent in December 2025 compared to 6.9 percent registered in November 2025.

The least Annual Inflation was registered in Mbale Centre at 1.0 percent for the year ending December 2025 compared to 0.7 percent recorded in November 2025. This was mainly due to the annual 'Clothing and Footwear' Inflation that registered minus 0.1 percent in December 2025 compared to 2.0 percent registered in November 2025. In addition, Annual 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' Inflation registered minus 7.6 percent in December 2025 compared to minus 6.0 percent registered in November 2025.

Figure 2: Annual Inflation by CPI Geographical Center for the 12 months to November 2025 and December 2025

