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### 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 February 2025 is 3.7 percent compared to the 3.6 percent registered in the year ended January 2025.

This is largely attributed to Annual Food Crops and Related Items Inflation recorded at 4.3 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 0.2 percent registered in the year ended January 2025. This was mainly attributed to a rise in the prices of Cooking Bananas (Matoke) by 7.6 percent compared to minus 1.4 percent in January 2025, Tomatoes prices by 13.1 percent compared to 3.5 percent in January 2025, Dry beans prices by 4.5 percent compared to 0.9 percent in January 2025 and Fresh Cassava prices decreased by minus 1.4 percent compared to minus 19.2 percent in January 2025.

Annual Core Inflation registered 3.9 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 4.2 percent that was recorded in the year ended January 2025. The main driver of Annual Core Inflation is the Annual Services Inflation recorded at 5.4 percent in February 2025 compared to 6.3 percent registered in January 2025. This was mainly due to Education Services Inflation that registered 6.6 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 10.3 percent registered in the year ended January 2025, Passenger Transport by Road Inflation registered minus 1.0 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 0.2 percent registered in the year ended January 2025 and Hotel and Lodging Service charges registered at 4.4 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 8.0 percent registered in the year ended January 2025. However, Annual Other Goods Inflation recorded 2.7 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 2.5 percent registered in the year ended January 2025. This was mainly due to Rice prices that registered minus 3.2 percent in February 2025 compared to minus 7.8 percent recorded in January 2025, Maize Flour prices that registered minus 7.8 percent in February 2025 compared to minus 13.2 percent registered in January 2025, Tilapia Fresh prices that registered 26.6 percent in February 2025 compared to 15.3 percent registered in January 2025 and Sugar prices that registered minus 16.7 percent in February 2025 compared to minus 19.5 percent registered in January 2025.

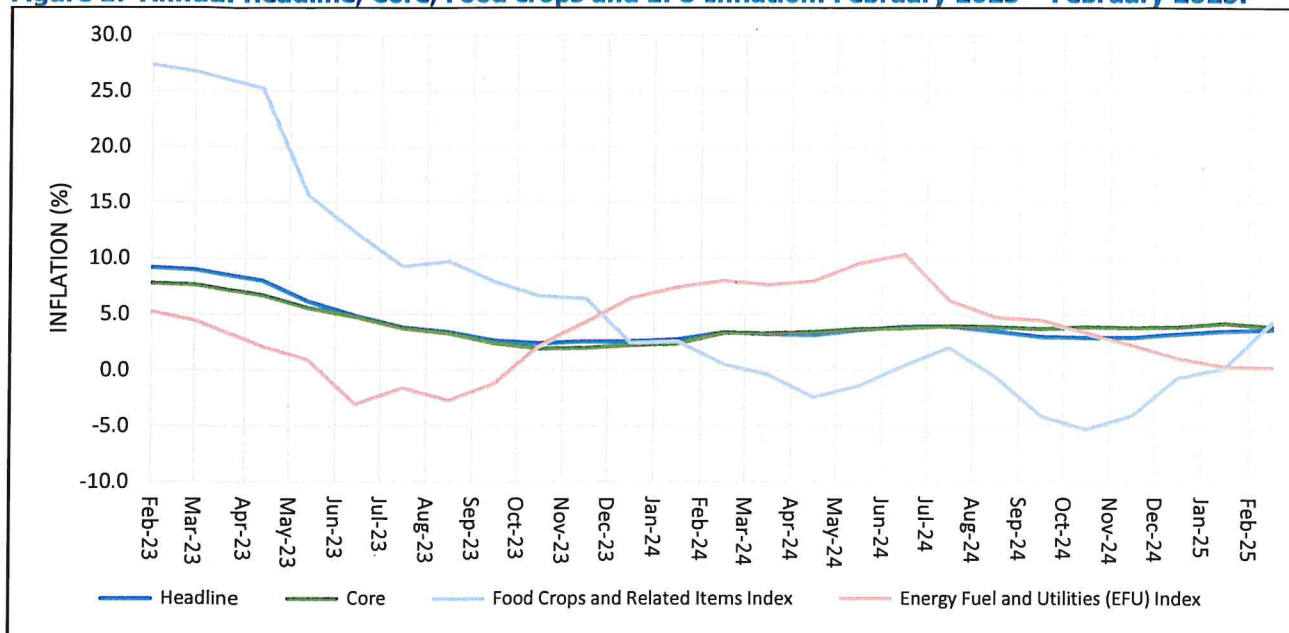
Annual Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) Inflation recorded 0.2 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 0.3 percent registered in the year ended January 2025. This was mainly due to Solid fuels inflation that recorded 6.5 percent in February 2025 compared to 7.6 percent registered in January 2025. Particularly, Firewood prices increased by 9.6 percent in February 2025 compared to 18.8 percent recorded in January 2025 whereas Charcoal prices increased by 5.2 percent in February 2025 compared to 3.1 percent recorded in January 2025. Electricity charges recorded minus 2.0 percent in February 2025 compared to minus 1.9 percent recorded in January 2025. Liquid Energy Fuels Inflation recorded minus 6.9 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to minus 7.5 percent registered in the year ended January 2025 driven mainly by Petrol prices that decreased by minus 8.4 percent in February 2025 compared to minus 9.3 percent in January 2025, Diesel prices by minus 7.1 percent compared to minus 7.2 percent in January 2025 and Kerosene prices by minus 2.4 percent compared to minus 2.9 percent in January 2025.

Table 1 below shows Annual Headline Inflation and its categories for January 2025 and February 2025.

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

Description	Weights	January 2025	February 2025
<b>Headline</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>Core</b>	<b>839.62</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Other Goods	455.51	2.5	2.7
Services	384.11	6.3	5.4
<b>Food Crops and Related Items</b>	<b>95.10</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)</b>	<b>65.28</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>

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



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

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

Month	Overall CPI	Annual Inflation
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
February 2024	130.37	3.4
January 2024	129.71	2.8

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# Key Annual Inflation Drivers

## Annual Services

Year ended January 2025 at 6.3%

- Education Services 10.3%
- Passenger Transport by Road 0.2%
- Hotel and Lodging Services 8.0%



Year ending February 2025 at 5.4%

- Education Services 6.6%
- Passenger Transport by Road -1.0%
- Hotel and Lodging Services 4.4%

## Annual Food Crops and Related Items

Year ended January 2025 at 0.2%

- Cooking Bananas (Matoke) -1.4%
- Tomatoes 3.5%
- Beans 0.9%
- Whole Cassava -19.2%



Year ending February 2025 at 4.3%

- Cooking Bananas (Matoke) 7.6%
- Tomatoes 13.1%
- Beans 4.5%
- Whole Cassava -1.4%

## Annual Energy, Fuel and Utilities

Year ended January 2025 at 0.3%

- Firewood 18.8%
- Charcoal 3.1%
- Electricity -1.9%
- Petrol -9.3%
- Diesel -7.2%
- Kerosene -2.9%



Year ending February 2025 at 0.2%

- Firewood 9.6%
- Charcoal 5.2%
- Electricity -2.0%
- Petrol -8.4%
- Diesel -7.1%
- Kerosene -2.4%



## 1.2 Annual Inflation by COICOP Divisions

According to the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP), the main drivers to the registered inflation were 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' inflation that increased to 2.3 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 0.6 percent registered in the year ended January 2025. 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' inflation recorded 3.4 percent for the year ending February 2025 compared to 2.6 percent registered for the year ended January 2025. 'Health' inflation registered 6.2 percent for the year ending February 2025 compared to 5.7 percent registered for the year ended January 2025.

However, 'Education Services' inflation recorded 6.6 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 10.3 percent registered in the year ended January 2025. 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' inflation recorded 3.8 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 4.8 percent registered in the year ended January 2025. 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' inflation registered 2.4 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 2.8 percent registered in the year ended January 2025. 'Recreation, Sport and Culture' inflation slowed down to 3.7 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 4.4 percent registered in the year ended January 2025. 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' inflation registered 2.0 percent for the year ending February 2025 compared to 2.5 percent registered for the year ended January 2025. 'Clothing and Footwear' inflation registered 4.3 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 4.5 percent recorded in the year ended January 2025. 'Information and Communication' inflation registered 1.8 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 1.9 percent recorded in the year ended January 2025. 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' inflation registered 3.7 percent in the year ending February 2025 compared to 3.8 percent registered in the year ended January 2025. 'Transport' inflation registered 4.3 percent in the year ending February 2025 same rate recorded in the year ended January 2025. 'Insurance and Financial Services' inflation registered 15.8 percent in the year ending February 2025 same rate recorded in the year ended January 2025, see Table 3 below.

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

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Annual % Change January 2024 - January 2025	Annual % Change February 2024 - February 2025
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.54	0.6	2.3
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.80	2.6	3.4
Clothing and Footwear	69.77	4.5	4.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.16	2.8	2.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.37	3.8	3.7
Health	47.47	5.7	6.2
Transport	104.55	4.3	4.3
Information and Communication	44.32	1.9	1.8
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.85	4.4	3.7
Education Services	57.96	10.3	6.6
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.38	4.8	3.8
Insurance and Financial Services	22.80	15.8	15.8
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.04	2.5	2.0
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1,000.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>

### 1.3 Monthly Inflation.

The Monthly Headline Inflation for February 2025 increased by 0.6 percent from the 0.3 percent rise registered for the month of January 2025, Table 4 below.

This was mainly due to Monthly Core Inflation that increased by 0.6 percent in February 2025 from the 0.3 percent rise registered in January 2025. The main driver for the rise in Core Inflation was monthly Services Inflation that registered an increase of 0.9 percent in February 2025 from the 0.1 percent drop recorded in January 2025. In addition, monthly Other Goods Inflation increased by 0.4 percent in February 2025 from the 0.7 percent rise recorded in January 2025.

In addition, monthly Food Crops and Related Items Inflation registered an increase of 1.6 percent in February 2025 from the 0.7 percent rise recorded in January 2025. This was mainly due to Tomato prices that increased by 12.4 percent in February 2025 from the 4.7 percent rise recorded in January 2025. Dry beans prices increased by 2.8 percent in February 2025 from the 0.4 percent rise recorded in January 2025. Fresh Leaf Vegetable prices increased by 11.9 percent in February 2025 from the 8.9 percent rise recorded in January 2025. Green pepper prices increased by 17.2 percent in February 2025 from the 5.4 percent drop recorded in January 2025 and Fresh Cassava prices increased by 4.1 percent in February 2025 from the 2.5 percent rise recorded in January 2025.

Monthly Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) Inflation recorded a 0.4 percent decrease in February 2025 from the 0.2 percent drop registered in January 2025. This was mainly due to monthly Solid Fuels inflation that decreased by 1.0 percent in February 2025 from the 0.5 percent drop recorded in January 2025. Specifically, Charcoal prices decreased by 1.0 percent in February 2025 from the 0.4 percent drop recorded in January 2025. Firewood prices decreased by 1.0 percent in February 2025 from the 0.7 percent drop recorded in January 2025. In addition, monthly Petrol prices decreased by 0.7 percent in February 2025 from the 0.7 percent rise recorded in January 2025. Diesel prices decreased by 0.7 percent in February 2025 from the 0.8 percent rise recorded in January 2025.

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

Description	Weights	January 2025	February 2025
<b>Headline</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Core</b>	<b>839.62</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Other Goods	455.51	0.7	0.4
Services	384.11	-0.1	0.9
<b>Food Crops and Related Items</b>	<b>95.10</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)</b>	<b>65.28</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>





The overall monthly Consumer Price Indices and Inflation from January 2024 to February 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
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
February 2024	130.37	0.5
January 2024	129.71	0.0

#### 1.4 Monthly Inflation by COICOP Divisions

According to the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP), monthly Education Services Inflation increased by 4.4 percent in February 2025 from the 0.0 percent recorded in January 2025. Monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation increased by 0.9 percent in February 2025 from the 0.6 percent rise recorded in January 2025. Monthly Restaurants and Accommodation Services Inflation increased by 0.8 percent in February 2025 from the 0.4 percent rise recorded in January 2025. Monthly Health Inflation increased by 1.0 percent in February 2025 from the 0.5 percent rise recorded in January 2025. Monthly Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics Inflation increased by 0.4 percent in February 2025 from the 0.7 percent rise recorded in January 2025. Monthly Clothing and Footwear Inflation increased by 0.1 percent in February 2025 from the 0.9 percent rise recorded in January 2025. Monthly Recreation, Sport and Culture Inflation increased by 0.2 percent in February 2025 from the 0.4 percent drop recorded in January 2025. Monthly Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Inflation increased by 0.1 percent in February 2025 from the 1.0 percent rise recorded in January 2025. Monthly Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods Inflation increased by 0.1 percent in February 2025 from the 0.0 percent recorded in January 2025.

However, Monthly Transport Inflation decreased by 0.2 percent in February 2025 from the 1.3 percent drop recorded in January 2025. Monthly Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels Inflation decreased by 0.2 percent in February 2025 from the 0.1 percent drop recorded in January 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 December 2024- January 2025</b>	<b>Monthly % Change January 2025 - February 2025</b>
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.54	0.6	0.9
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.80	0.7	0.4
Clothing and Footwear	69.77	0.9	0.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.16	-0.1	-0.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.37	1.0	0.1
Health	47.47	0.5	1.0
Transport	104.55	-1.3	-0.2
Information and Communication	44.32	0.1	0.1
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.85	-0.4	0.2
Education Services	57.96	0.0	4.4
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.38	0.4	0.8
Insurance and Financial Services	22.80	7.0	0.0
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.04	0.0	0.1
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>





# Key Monthly Inflation Drivers

## Monthly Other Goods

**January 2025 at 0.7%**

- **Fresh Tilapia 9.6%**
- **Smoked Tilapia 10.5%**
- **Rice -1.5%**
- **Beef 0.6%**



**February 2025 at 0.4%**

- **Fresh Tilapia 15.7%**
- **Smoked Tilapia 3.9%**
- **Rice 0.8%**
- **Beef 0.4%**

## Monthly Food Crops and Related Items

**January 2025 at 0.7%**

- **Tomatoes 4.7%**
- **Dry beans 0.4%**
- **Fresh Leaf vegetables 8.9%**
- **Fresh cassava 2.5%**



**February 2025 at 1.6%**

- **Tomatoes 12.4%**
- **Dry beans 2.8%**
- **Fresh Leaf vegetables 11.9%**
- **Fresh cassava 4.1%**

## Monthly Energy, Fuel and Utilities

**January 2025 at -0.2%**

- **Charcoal -0.4%**
- **Firewood -0.7%**
- **Petrol 0.7%**
- **Diesel 0.8%**



**February 2025 at -0.4%**

- **Charcoal -1.0%**
- **Firewood -1.0%**
- **Petrol -0.7%**
- **Diesel -0.7%**



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

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

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price February 2024	Average Price January 2025	Average Price February 2025
Tomatoes	1	Kg	2,578	2,576	2,813
Dry beans	1	Kg	4,488	4,436	4,463
Green Pepper	1	Kg	3,803	2,867	3,261
Fresh cassava	1	Kg	868	800	810
Tilapia Fresh	1	Kg	14,489	16,098	17,231
Smoked Tilapia	1	Kg	35,385	35,976	36,936
Milk-Sold loose	1	Litre	1,897	1,939	1,984
Petrol	1	Litre	5,443	5,007	4,983
Diesel	1	Litre	4,980	4,654	4,659

### 1.5 Annual Headline Inflation by CPI Geographical Center

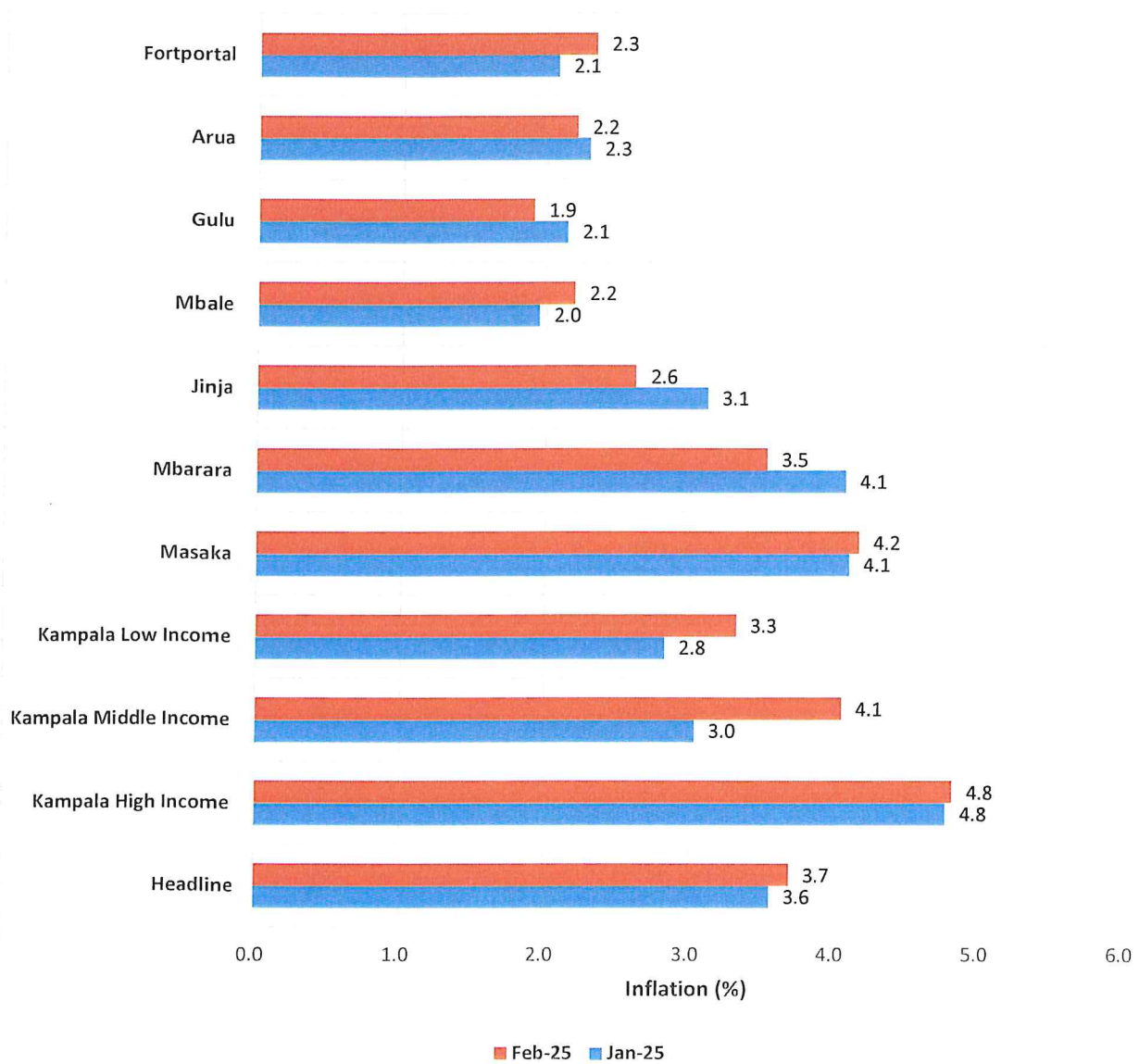
Analysis by geographical areas and income groups revealed that Kampala High Income group registered the highest inflation at 4.8 percent for the year ending February 2025, the same rate recorded in January 2025. This was mainly driven by annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' inflation that increased to 4.2 percent in February 2025 compared to 2.3 percent registered in January 2025. In addition, Annual 'Health' inflation increased to 4.2 in February 2025 compared to 2.5 percent registered in January 2025.

The second highest Annual Inflation was registered in Masaka center at 4.2 percent for the year ending February 2025 compared to 4.1 percent recorded in January 2025. This was mainly driven by annual 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' inflation that increased to 4.6 percent in February 2025 compared to minus 1.2 percent registered in January 2025. In addition, Annual 'Transport' inflation registered minus 1.7 percent in February 2025 compared to minus 3.9 percent registered in January 2025.

The least Annual Inflation was registered in Gulu Centre at 1.9 percent for the year ending February 2025 compared to 2.1 percent recorded in January 2025. This was mainly due to the annual 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' inflation that registered minus 0.6 percent in February 2025 compared to 5.3 percent registered in January 2025. In addition, Annual 'Health' inflation registered 4.2 percent in February 2025 compared to 7.2 percent registered in January 2025.



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



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