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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION SEPTEMBER 2025

1.1 Annual Headline Inflation

The Annual Inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Uganda for the 12 months to September 2025 is 4.0 percent compared to 3.8 percent registered in the year ended August 2025, see Table 1 and Figure 1 below.

Annual Food Crops and Related Items Inflation increased to 7.4 percent in the year ending September 2025 compared to 3.0 percent registered in the year ended August 2025. This is attributed to Matooke (whose rate of price change is 14.8 percent compared to 32.5 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025), Tomatoes (whose rate of price change is 30.4 percent compared to minus 6.4 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025), Fresh Leafy Vegetables (whose rate of price change is 2.7 percent compared to minus 9.3 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025), Onions (whose rate of price change is 1.8 percent compared to minus 31.3 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025), Green Cabbage (whose rate of price change is minus 2.5 percent compared to minus 19.2 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025), Pineapples (whose rate of price change is 44.6 percent compared to 9.4 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025) and Mangoes (whose rate of price change is 9.6 percent compared to minus 6.1 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025).

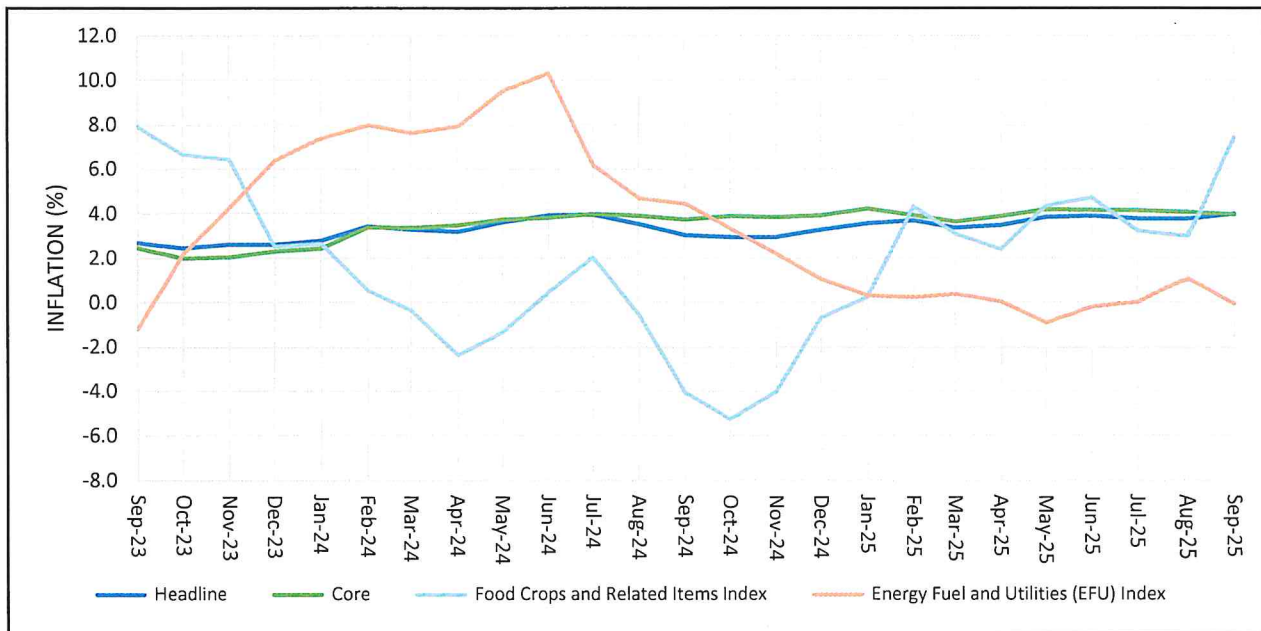
Annual Core Inflation registered 4.0 percent in the year ending September 2025 compared to 4.1 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025. Annual Core Goods Inflation registered 3.0 percent in the year ending September 2025 compared to 3.2 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025. This is attributed to items such as Dried fish (whose rate of price change is minus 7.3 percent compared to minus 5.7 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025) and Cooking Oil (whose rate of price change is 4.5 percent compared to 5.9 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025). Additionally, Annual Services Inflation recorded 5.1 percent in September 2025, same rate registered in August 2025. This was mainly due to Annual Transport Services Inflation (recorded at 3.3 percent in the year ending September 2025 compared to 3.0 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025) and Outpatient Care Services Inflation (recorded at 9.3 percent compared to 8.8 percent registered in the year ended August 2025).

Annual Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) Inflation was recorded at minus 0.1 percent in the year ending September 2025 compared to 1.1 percent registered in the year ended August 2025. This is mainly due to a decrease in the rate of price change of Charcoal to 5.5 percent in September 2025 compared to 8.3 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025, Firewood Prices (whose rate of price change is minus 1.2 percent compared to 2.7 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025).

Table 1: Annual Headline, Core, Food Crops and EFU Inflation for August 2025 and September 2025.

| Description | Weights | August 2025 | September 2025 |
|--|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Headline | 1000 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| Core | 839.6200 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| Other Goods | 455.5070 | 3.2 | 3.0 |
| Services | 384.1130 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| Food Crops and Related Items | 95.1046 | 3.0 | 7.4 |
| Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) | 65.2755 | 1.1 | -0.1 |

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



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

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

| Month | Overall CPI | Annual Inflation |
|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| 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 |
| October 2024 | 133.01 | 2.9 |
| September 2024 | 132.34 | 3.0 |
| August 2024 | 132.02 | 3.5 |



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Key Annual Inflation Drivers

Annual Other Goods Inflation for the year ending September 2025 is at 3.0% compared to 3.2% in the year ended August 2025

Changes in Prices for selected items under Other Goods

August 2025

- Mukene -16.7%
- Dried Nile Perch 1.7%
- Cooking Oil 5.9%



September 2025

- Mukene -20.7%
- Dried Nile Perch -2.9%
- Cooking Oil 4.5%

Annual Food Crops and Related Items Inflation for the year ending September 2025 is at 7.4% compared to 3.0% in the year ended August 2025

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

August 2025

- Matoke 32.5%
- Tomatoes -6.4%
- Onions -31.3%
- Fresh Leafy Vegetables -9.3%
- Green Cabbage -19.2%
- Pineapples 9.4%



September 2025

- Matoke 14.8%
- Tomatoes 30.4%
- Onions 1.8%
- Fresh Leafy Vegetables 2.7%
- Green Cabbage -2.5%
- Pineapples 44.6%

Annual Energy, Fuel and Utilities Inflation for the year ending September 2025 is at -0.1% compared to 1.1% in the year ended August 2025

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

August 2025

- Charcoal 8.3%
- Firewood 2.7%



September 2025

- Charcoal 5.5%
- Firewood -1.2%

1.2 Annual Inflation by COICOP Divisions

According to the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP), the main drivers to the 4.0 percent Inflation were 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that registered 5.2 percent in the year ending September 2025 compared to 3.7 percent registered in the year ended August 2025. 'Transport' Inflation increased to 3.3 percent in the year ending September 2025 compared to 3.0 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025. 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' Inflation registered 1.4 percent for the year ending September 2025 compared to 1.2 percent registered for the year ended August 2025.

However, 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation decreased to 2.3 percent in the year ending September 2025 compared to 3.0 percent registered in the year ended August 2025. 'Clothing and Footwear' Inflation registered 2.2 percent in the year ending September 2025 compared to 2.7 percent recorded in the year ended August 2025. 'Health' Inflation decreased to 4.2 percent for the year ending September 2025 compared to 4.9 percent registered for the year ended August 2025. 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' Inflation decreased to 1.6 percent for the year ending September 2025 compared to 2.1 percent registered for the year ended August 2025. 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' Inflation decreased to 1.9 percent in the year ending September 2025 compared to 2.1 percent registered in the year ended August 2025. 'Recreation, Sport and Culture' Inflation decreased to 1.4 percent in the year ending September 2025 compared to 1.5 percent registered in the year ended August 2025. 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' Inflation recorded 5.6 percent in the year ending September 2025, same rate registered in the year ended August 2025. 'Information and Communication' Inflation registered 2.6 percent in the year ending September 2025, same rate recorded in the year ended August 2025. 'Insurance and Financial Services' Inflation registered 16.4 percent in the year ending September 2025, same rate recorded in the year ended August 2025. 'Education Services' Inflation registered 6.3 percent in the year ending September 2025, same rate recorded in the year ended August 2025, see Table 3 below.

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

| 13 COICOP Divisions | Weight | Annual % Change August 2024 - August 2025 | Annual % Change August 2024 - September 2025 |
|--|--------------|--|--|
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 270.5390 | 3.7 | 5.2 |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics | 38.7958 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 69.7729 | 2.7 | 2.2 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 104.1617 | 3.0 | 2.3 |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household | 48.3672 | 2.1 | 1.9 |
| Health | 47.4695 | 4.9 | 4.2 |
| Transport | 104.5479 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| Information and Communication | 44.3216 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Recreation, Sport and Culture | 49.8494 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| Education Services | 57.9558 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| Restaurants and Accommodation Services | 87.3791 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| Insurance and Financial Services | 22.7953 | 16.4 | 16.4 |
| Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods | 54.0447 | 2.1 | 1.6 |
| Overall | 1,000 | 3.8 | 4.0 |

1.3 Monthly Inflation.

The Monthly Headline Inflation for September 2025 increased by 0.5 percent from the 0.2 percent rise registered in August 2025, Table 4 below.

This was mainly due to the increase in the monthly Food Crops and Related Items Inflation by 4.5 percent in September 2025 from the 0.7 percent rise recorded in August 2025. This was attributed to increase in prices of matoke by 17.2 percent in September 2025 from the 0.9 percent drop recorded in August 2025, tomatoes by 20.8 percent in September 2025 from the 4.3 percent drop recorded in August 2025, mangoes by 33.8 percent in September 2025 from the 9.6 percent rise recorded in August 2025, onions by 17.4 percent in September 2025 from the 5.5 percent drop recorded in August 2025 and green pineapples by 34.0 percent in September 2025 from the 4.3 percent drop recorded in August 2025.

Monthly Core Inflation increased by 0.1 percent in September 2025, the same rate registered in August 2025. The main driver was the monthly Services Inflation that increased by 0.1 percent in September 2025 from the 0.4 percent rise recorded in August 2025. However, monthly Other Goods Inflation registered 0.0 percent in September 2025 from the 0.2 percent drop recorded in August 2025.

Monthly Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) Inflation increased by 0.3 percent in September 2025 from the 0.7 percent rise registered in August 2025. This was mainly due to monthly charcoal prices that increased by 2.9 percent in September 2025 from the 3.2 percent rise recorded in August 2025. In addition, diesel prices increased by 0.1 percent in September 2025 from the 0.0 percent recorded in August 2025.

Table 4: Monthly Headline, Core, Food Crops and EFU Inflation for August 2025 and September 2025.

| Description | Weights | August 2025 | September 2025 |
|--|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Headline | 1000 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Core | 839.6200 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Other Goods | 455.5070 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| Services | 384.1130 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Food Crops and Related Items | 95.1046 | 0.7 | 4.5 |
| Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) | 65.2755 | 0.7 | 0.3 |

The overall monthly Consumer Price Indices and Inflation from June 2024 to September 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 |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 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 |
| October 2024 | 133.01 | 0.5 |
| September 2024 | 132.34 | 0.2 |
| August 2024 | 132.02 | 0.2 |

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 1.5 percent in September 2025 from the 0.0 percent recorded in August 2025. Monthly Transport Inflation increased by 0.2 percent in September 2025 from the 0.1 percent drop recorded in August 2025. Monthly Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels Inflation increased by 0.2 percent in September 2025 from the 0.4 percent rise recorded in August 2025. Monthly Restaurants and Accommodation Services Inflation increased by 0.1 percent in September 2025 from the 0.6 percent rise recorded in August 2025. Monthly Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics Inflation increased by 0.3 percent in September 2025 from the 0.5 percent drop recorded in August 2025. Monthly Information and Communication Inflation increased by 0.1 percent in September 2025 from the 0.8 percent rise recorded in August 2025. Monthly Recreation, Sport and Culture Inflation registered 0.0 percent in September 2025 from the 0.4 percent rise recorded in August 2025. Monthly Health Inflation recorded 0.0 percent in September 2025 from the 0.2 percent rise recorded in August 2025. Monthly Education Services Inflation recorded 0.0 percent in September 2025 same rate recorded in August 2025. Monthly Insurance and Financial Services Inflation recorded 0.0 percent in September 2025 same rate recorded in August 2025.

However, Monthly Clothing and Footwear Inflation decreased by 0.1 percent in September 2025 from the 0.2 percent rise recorded in August 2025. Monthly Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods Inflation decreased by 0.1 percent in September 2025 from the 0.7 percent rise recorded in August 2025. Monthly Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Inflation decreased by 0.1 percent in September 2025 from the 0.2 percent rise recorded in August 2025.

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

| 13 COICOP Divisions | Weight | Monthly %Change July 2025- August 2025 | Monthly % Change August 2025 – September 2025 |
|--|---------------|---|--|
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 270.5390 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics | 38.7958 | -0.5 | 0.3 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 69.7729 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 104.1617 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household | 48.3672 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| Health | 47.4695 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Transport | 104.5479 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| Information and Communication | 44.3216 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| Recreation, Sport and Culture | 49.8494 | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Education Services | 57.9558 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Restaurants and Accommodation Services | 87.3791 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Insurance and Financial Services | 22.7953 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods | 54.0447 | 0.7 | -0.1 |
| Overall | 1,000 | 0.2 | 0.5 |

Key Monthly Inflation Drivers

Monthly Services Inflation for September 2025 is 0.1% from 0.4% in August 2025

Changes in Prices for selected items under Services

August 2025

- **International Flights 4.1%**
- **Accommodation services -0.1%**



September 2025

- **International Flights 9.6%**
- **Accommodation services 0.8%**

Monthly Food Crops and Related Items Inflation for September 2025 is 4.5% from 0.7% in August 2025

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

August 2025

- **Matoke -0.9%**
- **Tomatoes -4.3%**
- **Mangoes 9.6%**
- **Onions -5.5%**
- **Pineapples -4.3%**



September 2025

- **Matoke 17.2%**
- **Tomatoes 20.8%**
- **Mangoes 33.8%**
- **Onions 17.4%**
- **Pineapples 34.0%**

Monthly Energy, Fuel and Utilities Inflation for September 2025 is 0.3% from 0.7% in August 2025

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

August 2025

- **Charcoal 3.2%**
- **Diesel 0.0%**



September 2025

- **Charcoal 2.9%**
- **Diesel 0.1%**

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

Table 7: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

| Commodity Name | Quantity | Unit of Measure | Average Price September 2024 | Average Price August 2025 | Average Price September 2025 |
|----------------|----------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Matoke-bunch | 1 | Kg | 1,018 | 1,035 | 1,189 |
| Tomatoes | 1 | Kg | 2,188 | 2,374 | 2,834 |
| Onions | 1 | Kg | 3,733 | 3,330 | 3,961 |
| Pineapple | 1 | Kg | 1,487 | 1,584 | 1,995 |
| Irish potatoes | 1 | Kg | 2,186 | 1,704 | 1,814 |
| Beef | 1 | Kg | 15,137 | 16,919 | 17,098 |
| Dried Tilapia | 1 | Kg | 36,035 | 37,839 | 38,312 |
| Petrol | 1 | Litre | 5,291 | 5,099 | 5,080 |
| Diesel | 1 | Litre | 4,839 | 4,733 | 4,736 |

1.5 Annual Headline Inflation by CPI Geographical Center

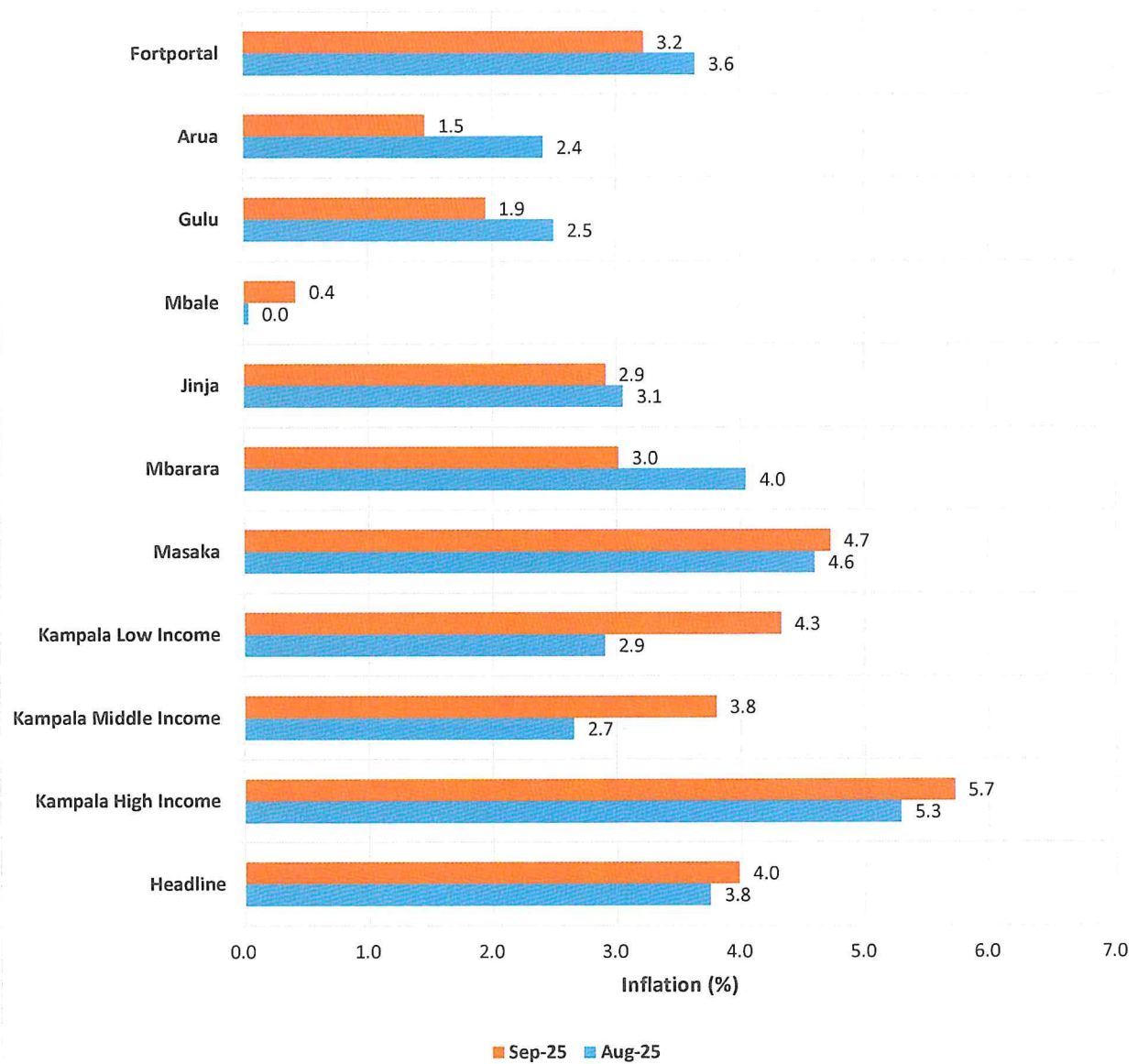
Analysis by geographical areas and income groups revealed that Kampala High Income group registered the highest Inflation at 5.7 percent for the year ending September 2025 compared to 5.3 percent recorded in August 2025. This was mainly driven by annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that increased to 9.1 percent in September 2025 compared to 7.0 percent registered in August 2025. In addition, Annual 'Transport' Inflation increased to 6.0 percent in September 2025 compared to 5.4 percent registered in August 2025.

The second highest Annual Inflation was registered in Masaka at 4.7 percent for the year ending September 2025 compared to 4.6 percent recorded in August 2025. This was mainly driven by annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that increased to 6.9 percent in September 2025 compared to 4.2 percent registered in August 2025. In addition, Annual 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' Inflation increased to 6.7 percent in September 2025 compared to 5.1 percent registered in August 2025.

The least Annual Inflation was registered in Mbale Centre at 0.4 percent for the year ending September 2025 compared to 0.0 percent recorded in August 2025. This was mainly due to the annual 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation that registered 2.0 percent in September 2025 compared to 4.6 percent registered in August 2025. In addition, Annual 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' Inflation registered minus 6.0 percent in September 2025 compared to minus 4.7 percent registered in August 2025.

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

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