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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 April 2023 is registered at 8.0 percent compared to the 9.0 percent registered in the year ended March 2023.

The slowdown in the Annual Inflation is largely attributed to the Annual Core Inflation that registered 6.8 percent in the year ending April 2023 compared to 7.6 percent registered in the year ended March 2023. The main driver to Annual Core Inflation was the Annual Other Goods Inflation that registered 8.8 percent in the year ending April 2023 compared to 10.4 percent in the year ended March 2023. The main driver was laundry soap inflation that registered minus 6.0 percent in April 2023 compared to 4.4 percent registered in March 2023. In addition, Refined Cooking Oil inflation registered minus 9.0 percent in April 2023 compared to 2.8 percent registered in March 2023.

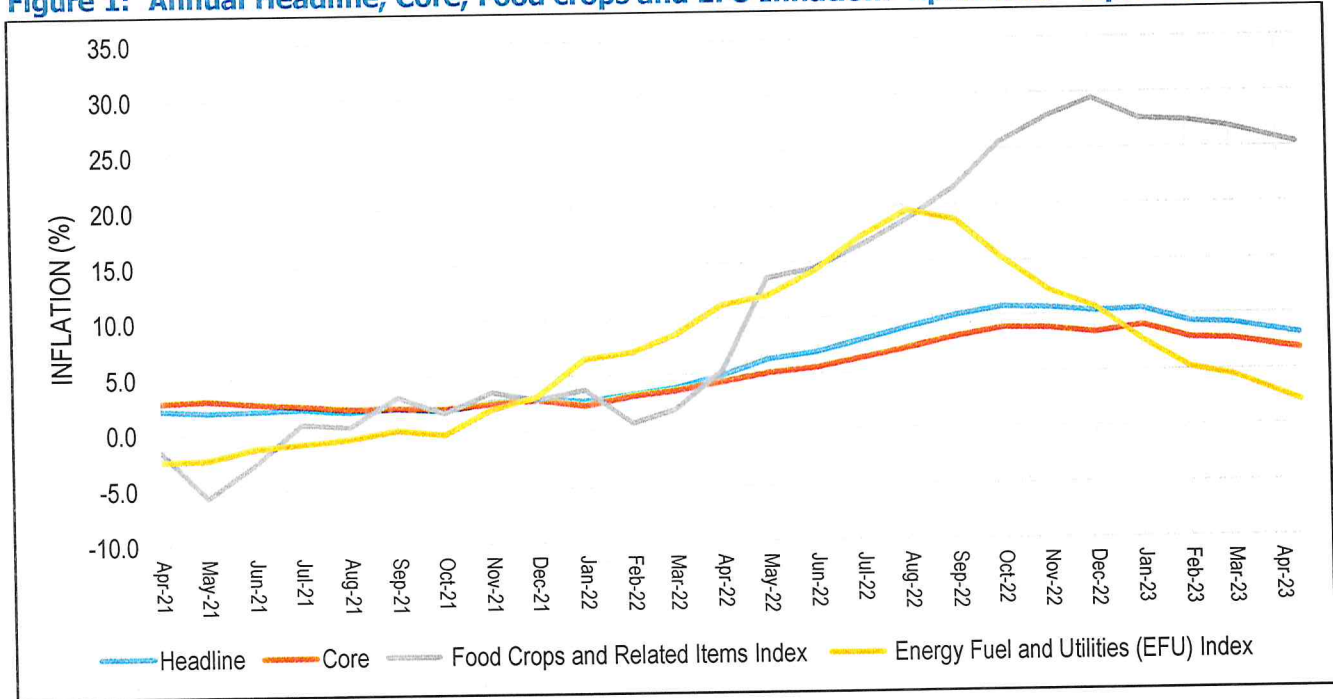
Other driver to the slowdown in the Annual Inflation was the Annual Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) inflation, which slowed down to 2.1 percent in the year ending April 2023 compared to 4.4 percent registered in the year ended March 2023. This was mainly due to solid fuels inflation that registered 6.0 percent in April 2023 compared to 7.2 percent in March 2023. In particular, charcoal inflation registered 2.5 percent in April 2023 compared to 7.7 percent in March 2023. In addition, petrol inflation slowed down to minus 2.9 percent in April 2023 compared to 0.2 percent in March 2023.

In addition, the Annual Food Crops and Related Items inflation slowed down to 25.3 percent in the year ending April 2023 compared to 26.7 percent registered in the year ended March 2023. This was mainly due to Whole cassava inflation that registered 51.7 percent in April 2023 compared to 65.8 percent registered in March 2023, tomatoes inflation that registered 26.3 percent in April 2023 compared to 33.3 percent in March 2023, and egg plants & bitter tomatoes inflation that registered 13.0 percent in April 2023 compared to 30.1 percent in March 2023 as shown in Table 1 and Figure 1.

Table 1: Annual Headline, Core, Food Crops and EFU Inflation for March 2023 and April 2023.

Description	Weights	March 2023	April 2023
Headline	1000.00	9.0	8.0
Core	839.62	7.6	6.8
Other Goods	455.51	10.4	8.8
Services	384.11	4.3	4.3
Food Crops and Related Items	95.10	26.7	25.3
Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)	65.28	4.4	2.1

Figure 1: Annual Headline, Core, Food crops and EFU Inflation: April 2021 – April 2023.



The overall Annual Consumer Price Indices for the 12 months to April 2023 are shown in Table 2 below.

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

Month	Overall CPI	Annual Inflation
April 2023	127.47	8.0
March 2023	126.87	9.0
February 2023	126.04	9.2
January 2023	126.19	10.4
December 2022	126.38	10.2
November 2022	126.21	10.6
October 2022	126.13	10.7
September 2022	125.10	10.0
August 2022	123.24	9.0
July 2022	122.04	7.9
June 2022	120.88	6.8
May 2022	119.73	6.3
April 2022	117.98	4.9

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Key Inflation Drivers

Annual Other Goods Inflation

March 2023 at 10.4%

- Laundry Bar Soap 4.4%
- Refined oil 2.8%
- Cement 18.0%
- Rice 50.1%
- Sugar 38.7%



April 2023 at 8.8%

- Laundry Bar Soap -6.0%
- Refined oil -9.0%
- Cement -9.5%
- Rice 42.2%
- Sugar 31.4%



Annual Food Crops and Related Items Inflation

March 2023 at 26.7%

- Cassava 65.8%
- Tomatoes 33.3%
- Eggplants 30.1%
- Passion fruits 22.8%
- Oranges 5.7%



April 2023 at 25.3%

- Cassava 51.7%
- Tomatoes 26.3%
- Eggplants 13.0%
- Passion fruits 12.6%
- Oranges -5.6%



Annual Energy, Fuel and Utilities Inflation

March 2023 at 4.4%

- Charcoal 7.7%
- Petrol 0.2%
- Diesel 16.9%



April 2023 at 2.1%

- Charcoal 2.5%
- Petrol -2.9%
- Diesel 7.3%



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 commodities under; 'Food and Non- alcoholic beverages' whose inflation registered 18.5 percent in the year ending April 2023 compared to 20.9 percent registered in the year ended March 2023, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels whose inflation registered 2.2 percent in the year ending April 2023 compared to 4.3 percent registered in the year ended March 2023, Furnishings, household equipment and routine household' whose inflation registered 2.8 percent in the year ending April 2023 compared to 5.4 percent registered in the year ended March 2023, 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' whose inflation registered 5.2 percent in the year ending April 2023 compared to 6.3 percent registered in the year ended March 2023, 'Recreation, Sport and Culture', whose inflation registered 1.7 percent in the year ending April 2023 compared to 3.3 percent registered in the year ended March 2023', 'Transport' whose inflation registered 3.9 percent in April 2023 compared to 4.3 percent registered in March 2023, 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics', whose inflation registered 8.7 percent in April 2023 compared to 9.1 percent registered in March 2023 and Clothing and Footwear whose inflation registered 3.5 percent in April 2023 compared to 3.7 percent registered in March 2023.

However, there was an increase in price of commodities under; 'Information and Communication' whose inflation was registered at 2.3 percent for the year ending April 2023 compared to 1.2 percent for the year ended March 2023, 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' whose inflation was registered at 10.1 percent for the year ending April 2023 compared to 8.6 percent for the year ended March 2023. In addition, Insurance and Financial Services inflation registered 4.0 percent for the year ending April 2023 compared to minus 0.3 percent for the year ended March 2023 as shown in Table 3 below.

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

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Annual % Change March 2022- March 2023	Annual % Change April 2022- April 2023
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.54	20.9	18.5
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.80	9.1	8.7
Clothing and Footwear	69.77	3.7	3.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.16	4.3	2.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.37	5.4	2.8
Health	47.47	1.8	1.8
Transport	104.55	4.3	3.9
Information and Communication	44.32	1.2	2.3
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.85	3.3	1.7
Education Services	57.96	7.3	7.3
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.38	6.3	5.2
Insurance and Financial Services	22.80	-0.3	4.0
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.04	8.6	10.1
Overall	1,000.00	9.0	8.0

1.3 Annual Goods Inflation

The goods inflation for the 12 months to April 2023 was registered at 10.3 percent compared to 12.0 percent registered in March 2023. This was mainly due to the slowdown in annual inflation for non-durable (ND) goods that was registered at 12.6 percent for the 12 months to April 2023 compared to 15.0 percent registered in March 2023. However, Annual inflation for semi-durable goods (SD) registered 3.8 percent in April 2023 compared to 3.5 percent registered in March 2023. Annual inflation for durable (D) goods was registered at 2.4 percent for the 12 months to April 2023 compared to 1.6 percent registered in the year ended March 2023 as shown in Table 4 below.

Table 4: Annual National Goods Inflation for March 2023 and April 2023.

Description	Weights	March 2023	April 2023
Headline	1000.00	9.0	8.0
Goods	615.89	12.0	10.3
Non-Durable (ND)	466.83	15.0	12.6
Semi-Durables (SD)	114.36	3.5	3.8
Durables (D)	34.69	1.6	2.4

1.4 Monthly Inflation.

The Monthly Headline Inflation for April 2023 increased by 0.5 percent compared to 0.7 percent rise recorded in the month of March 2023 as shown in Table 5 below.

The main driver was the monthly core inflation that increased by 0.1 percent in April 2023 from the 0.4 percent rise recorded in March 2023. This was mainly due to monthly services inflation that increased by 0.4 percent in April 2023 from the 0.6 percent rise recorded in March 2023. Specifically, taxi fares- long distance inflation increased by 7.0 percent in April 2023 from the 5.0 percent drop recorded in March 2023 and passenger transport by air inflation increased by 2.2 percent in April 2023 from the 1.7 percent drop recorded in March 2023. In addition, monthly Financial Services of commercial banks inflation increased by 6.3 percent in April 2023 from the 0.0 percent recorded in March 2023. The rise in monthly other goods inflation was mainly due to the monthly second hand vehicles inflation that increased by 2.3 percent in April 2023 from the 1.1 percent drop recorded in March 2023, Live Chicken inflation that increased by 6.3 percent in April 2023 from the 0.2 percent rise recorded in March 2023 and groundnuts (pounded) inflation that increased by 4.4 percent in April 2023 from the 4.0 percent rise recorded in March 2023.

Food crops and related items monthly inflation increased by 4.1 percent in April 2023 compared to 3.2 percent rise registered in March 2023. This was mainly due to monthly matooke bunch inflation that increased by 16.6 percent in April 2023 from the 1.5 percent recorded in March 2023. In addition, Irish potatoes inflation increased by 12.1 percent in April 2023 from the 9.0 percent rise recorded in March 2023.

Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) inflation registered 0.1 percent drop in April 2023 the same rate recorded in March 2023. The drop in EFU was mainly due to charcoal inflation that decreased by 2.3 percent in April 2023 compared to the 0.0 percent recorded in March 2023. Monthly fuel and lubricants inflation decreased by 0.8 percent in April 2023 from the 0.4 percent drop registered in March 2023. Electricity inflation dropped by 0.4 percent in April 2023 from the 0.0 percent in March 2023.

Table 5: Monthly Headline, Core, Food Crops and EFU Inflation for March 2023 and April 2023.

Description	Weights	March 2023	April 2023
Headline	1000.00	0.7	0.5
Core	839.62	0.4	0.1
Other Goods	455.51	0.3	-0.1
Services	384.11	0.6	0.4
Food Crops and Related Items	95.10	3.2	4.1
Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)	65.28	-0.1	-0.1

The overall monthly consumer price indices and inflation from April 2022 to April 2023 are shown in Table 6 below.

Table 6: Overall Monthly CPI and Rates of Inflation (Base: 2016/17=100)

Month	Overall CPI	Monthly Inflation Rate
April 2023	127.47	0.5
March 2023	126.87	0.7
February 2023	126.04	-0.1
January 2023	126.19	-0.2
December 2022	126.38	0.1
November 2022	126.21	0.1
October 2022	126.13	0.8
September 2022	125.10	1.5
August 2022	123.24	1.0
July 2022	122.04	1.0
June 2022	120.88	1.0
May 2022	119.73	1.5
April 2022	117.98	1.4

1.5 Monthly Inflation by COICOP Divisions

The monthly headline inflation for April 2023 increased by 0.5 percent compared to 0.7 percent rise recorded in the month of March 2023. This was mainly attributed to the Monthly Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Inflation that increased by 1.0 percent in April 2023 from the 1.4 percent rise recorded in March 2023. In addition, Monthly transport inflation increased by 0.8 percent in the month of April 2023 from the 0.6 percent drop recorded in March 2023. Monthly Insurance and Financial Services inflation increased by 4.2 percent in April 2023 from the 0.0 percent recorded in March 2023.

However, Restaurants and Accommodation Services inflation decreased by 0.5 percent in April 2023 from the 1.6 percent rise recorded in March 2023. Monthly Recreation, Sport and Culture inflation decreased by 0.5 percent in April 2023 from the 0.0 percent recorded in March 2023. Monthly Clothing and Footwear inflation decreased by 0.1 percent in April 2023 from 0.3 percent rise registered in March 2023 as indicated in Table 7 below.

Table 7: Monthly Changes in the Consumer Price Indices for the COICOP Divisions.

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Monthly % Change February 2023 - March 2023	Monthly % Change March 2023 - April 2023
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.54	1.4	1.0
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.8	-0.1	-0.1
Clothing and Footwear	69.77	0.3	-0.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.16	-0.2	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.37	0.4	0.2
Health	47.47	-0.4	0.1
Transport	104.55	-0.6	0.8
Information and Communication	44.32	0.2	1.0
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.85	-0.0	-0.5
Education Services	57.96	3.1	0.0
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.38	1.6	-0.5
Insurance and Financial Services	22.8	0.0	4.2
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.04	0.3	0.5
Overall	1,000.00	0.7	0.5

Relative to April 2022 and March 2023, the national average retail prices of selected commodities in April 2023 are shown in Table 8 below.

Table 8: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price April 2022	Average Price March 2023	Average Price April 2023
Matooke(Bunch)	1	Kg	764	984	1,166
Beans-Dry	1	Kg	3,020	4,730	5,081
Irish Potatoes	1	Kg	1,617	1,960	2,295
Sweet Potatoes	1	Kg	945	1,119	1,213
Groundnuts (Pounded)	1	Kg	6,154	7,790	8,348
Tomatoes	1	Kg	2,068	2,616	2,694
Pineapple	1	Kg	1,372	1,325	1,462
Maize Flour	1	Kg	2,264	3,362	3,357
Diesel	1	Litre	4,704	5,075	5,089
Petrol	1	Litre	5,207	5,138	5,086

1.5 Annual Headline Inflation by Income Groups and Geographical areas

Analysis by geographical areas and income groups revealed that Arua registered the highest inflation of 11.9 percent for the 12 months to April 2023 compared to 13.6 percent recorded in March 2023. This was mainly driven by annual 'Clothing and Footwear' inflation that increased to 2.5 percent in April 2023 compared to 0.3 percent registered in March 2023. In addition, annual 'Insurance and Financial Services' inflation registered 3.5 percent in April 2023 compared to minus 0.1 percent in March 2023.

The second highest inflation was registered in Fortportal at 10.4 percent for the 12 months to April 2023 compared to 11.2 percent recorded in March 2023. This was mainly driven by annual 'Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages' inflation that registered 25.9 percent in April 2023 compared to 25.6 percent registered in March 2023. In addition, annual 'Insurance and Financial Services' inflation registered 3.4 percent in April 2023 compared to minus 0.5 percent in March 2023.

The least annual inflation was registered in Kampala High Income at 6.5 percent for the 12 months to April 2023 compared to 7.2 percent recorded in March 2023. This was mainly due to the annual inflation for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels that registered 0.4 percent in April 2023 compared to 3.6 percent registered in March 2023. In addition, annual Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages inflation registered 17.4 percent in April 2023 compared to 19.0 percent in March 2023.

Figure 2: Annual Inflation by Income Groups and Geographical Areas for the 12 months to March 2023 and April 2023

