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CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND INFLATION

September 2022

1.1 Annual Headline Inflation

The Inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Uganda for the 12 months to September 2022 increased to 10.0 percent, up from 9.0 percent registered in August 2022. This was mainly driven by the increase in prices of commodities under Core Inflation that increased to 8.1 percent in the year ending September 2022, up from 7.2 percent registered in the year ended August 2022.

This increase in Annual Core inflation was mainly attributed to Annual Other Goods Inflation that increased to 11.2 percent in the year ending September 2022, up from 10.2 percent recorded in the year ended August 2022. Particularly, Rice inflation increased to 32.2 percent in September 2022 from 17.5 percent in August 2022 and Sugar inflation increased to 29.3 percent in September 2022 from 20.1 percent in August 2022. In addition, Annual Services Inflation increased to 4.5 percent in the year ending September 2022, up from 3.7 percent registered in the year ended August 2022. This was due to Education Services inflation that increased to 12.8 percent in September 2022 from 8.9 percent in August 2022.

The Annual Food Crops and Related Items Inflation increased to 21.6 percent in the year ending September 2022, up from 18.8 percent registered in the year ended August 2022. This was mainly due to Annual 'Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses' Inflation that increased to 30.3 percent in September 2022, up from 25.3 percent registered in August 2022. Specifically, Beans Inflation increased to 39.6 percent in September 2022, up from 27.0 percent in August 2022 and Brown/Irish Potatoes Inflation increased to 26.3 percent in September 2022 from 11.2 percent in August 2022.

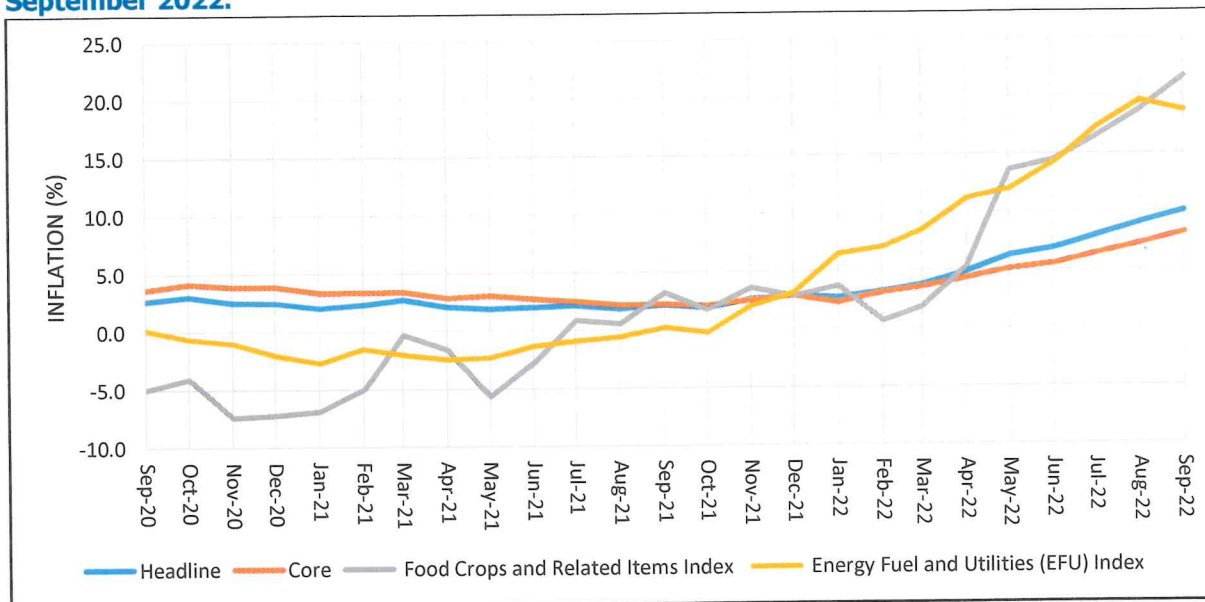
However, Annual Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU) Inflation decreased to 18.7 percent in the year ending September 2022, down from 19.6 percent registered in the year ended August 2022. This was mainly due to Annual Liquid Energy Fuels Inflation that decreased to 50.6 percent in September 2022, down from 54.9 percent in August 2022. Specifically, Annual Petrol inflation decreased to 55.3 percent in September 2022, down from 59.4 percent in August 2022. In addition, Cooking Gas Inflation decreased to 19.3 percent in September 2022, down from 27.3 percent registered in August 2022 the as shown in Table 1 and Figure 1.

Table 1: Annual Headline, Core, Food Crops and EFU Inflation for August 2022 and September 2022.

Description	Weights	August 2022	September 2022
Headline	1000.00	9.0	10.0
Core	839.62	7.2	8.1
<i>Other Goods</i>	455.51	10.2	11.2
<i>Services</i>	384.11	3.7	4.5
Food Crops and Related Items	95.10	18.8	21.6
Energy Fuel and Utilities (EFU)	65.28	19.6	18.7

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Figure 1: Annual Headline, Core, Food crops and EFU Inflation: September 2020 – September 2022.



The Overall Annual Consumer Price Indices for the 12 months to September 2022 are shown in Table 2.

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

Month	Overall CPI	Annual Inflation Rate
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
March 2022	116.38	3.7
February 2022	115.42	3.2
January 2022	114.30	2.7
December 2021	114.65	2.9
November 2021	114.13	2.6
October 2021	113.93	1.9
September 2021	113.74	2.2

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Key Inflation Drivers

Other Goods Inflation

September 2021 at 2.5%

- ✓ Rice -3.0 %
- ✓ Sugar -3.8%
- ✓ Bathing Soap - 0.8%
- ✓ Cassava Flour 1.2%
- ✓ Fish Mukene 7.1%
- ✓ Maize Flour -1.0%



September 2022 at 11.2%

- ✓ Rice 32.2%
- ✓ Sugar 29.3%
- ✓ Bathing Soap 29.2%
- ✓ Cassava Flour 67.2%
- ✓ Fish Mukene 31.8%
- ✓ Maize Flour 60.2%



Annual Food Crops and Related Items Inflation

September 2021 at 3.2%

- ✓ Beans dry -23.9%
- ✓ Matooke 22.1%
- ✓ Irish Potatoes - 14.2%
- ✓ Cassava Fresh 7.4%
- ✓ Tomatoes 22.7%
- ✓ Beans Fresh -



September 2022 at 21.6%

- ✓ Beans dry 39.6%
- ✓ Matooke 59.8%
- ✓ Irish Potatoes 26.3%
- ✓ Cassava Fresh 39.2%
- ✓ Tomatoes 30.7%
- ✓ Beans Fresh 26.1%



Annual Energy, Fuel and Utilities Inflation

September 2021 at 0.2%

- ✓ Charcoal -2.0%
- ✓ Petrol 9.6%
- ✓ Diesel 8.1%
- ✓ Kerosene 1.0%
- ✓ Gas -10.8%



September 2022 at 18.7%

- ✓ Charcoal 8.7%
- ✓ Petrol 55.3%
- ✓ Diesel 63.0%
- ✓ Kerosene 49.7%
- ✓ Gas 19.3%



1.2 Annual Inflation by COICOP Divisions

According to the Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP), the main drivers to the increase in Inflation were prices of commodities under; 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' whose inflation increased to 7.1 percent in September 2022, up from 6.7 percent in August 2022. Education Services inflation increased to 12.8 percent for the year ending September 2022 up from 8.9 percent registered for the year ended August 2022. 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' the inflation increased to 18.4 percent in the year ending September 2022 compared to 15.7 percent registered in the year ended August 2022. 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' inflation increased to 7.7 percent for the year ending September 2022 compared to 7.0 percent in August 2022. 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' inflation increased to 7.5 percent for the year ending September 2022 up from 6.8 percent registered for the year ended August 2022.

However, there were decrease in prices of commodities under; 'Insurance and Financial Services' at minus 0.1 percent in September 2022 compared to 1.2 percent in August 2022, Table 3 below.

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

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Annual % Change August 2021-August 2022	Annual % Change September 2021-September 2022
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.54	15.7	18.4
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.80	7.0	7.7
Clothing and Footwear	69.77	3.4	3.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.16	6.2	6.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.37	16.2	16.2
Health	47.47	3.3	3.0
Transport	104.55	8.7	8.8
Information and Communication	44.32	-1.2	-1.3
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.85	6.4	6.6
Education Services	57.96	8.9	12.8
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.38	6.8	7.5
Insurance and Financial Services	22.80	1.2	-0.1
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.04	6.7	7.1
Overall	1,000.00	9.0	10.0

1.3 Annual Goods Inflation

The Goods Inflation for the 12 months to September 2022 increased to 13.5 percent up from 12.4 percent recorded in August 2022. This was due to Annual Inflation for Non-Durable (ND) goods that increased to 16.9 percent for the 12 months to September 2022 up from 15.4 percent recorded in August 2022. However, Annual Inflation for Durable (D) goods decreased to 2.4 percent for the 12 months to September 2022 down from 3.0 percent in August 2022. Annual Semi-Durable Goods (SD) Inflation decreased to 4.0 percent in September 2022 down from 4.1 percent in August 2022, Table 4 below.

Table 4: Annual National Goods Inflation for August 2022 and September 2022.

Description	Weights	August 2022	September 2022
Headline	1000.00	9.0	10.0
Goods	615.89	12.4	13.5
<i>Non-Durable (ND)</i>	466.83	15.4	16.9
<i>Semi-Durables (SD)</i>	114.36	4.1	4.0
<i>Durables (D)</i>	34.69	3.0	2.4

1.4 Monthly Inflation.

The Monthly Headline Inflation for September 2022 increased by 1.5 percent from the 1.0 percent rise recorded in the month of August 2022 as shown in Table 5 below. This is mainly attributed to the monthly Core Inflation that rose by 1.2 percent in September 2022 from 0.7 percent rise recorded in August 2022. This increase in monthly Core inflation was mainly attributed to Other Goods Inflation that increased by 1.4 percent in September 2022 from 0.6 percent rise recorded in August 2022. Specifically, Rice inflation increased by 12.3 percent in September 2022 from the 0.3 percent rise recorded in August 2022. Dried Mukene inflation increased by 19.6 percent in September 2022 from the 17.4 percent rise recorded in August 2022.

In addition, monthly Services Inflation increased by 0.9 percent in September 2022 from the 0.7 percent rise registered in August 2022. This was mainly due to the monthly Education Services inflation that increased by 3.6 percent in September 2022 from the 0.0 percent recorded in August 2022.

The monthly Energy Fuel and Utilities Inflation (EFU) increased by 0.1 percent in September 2022 from the 2.3 percent rise registered in August 2022. This was mainly due to monthly Charcoal Inflation that increased by 4.7 percent in September 2022 from the 4.1 percent rise registered in August 2022.

Food Crops and Related Items monthly Inflation increased by 5.6 percent in September 2022, from the 3.1 percent rise registered in August 2022. This was specifically due to, Matoke (bunch) monthly Inflation that rose by 33.6 percent in September 2022 from the

17.6 percent rise recorded in August 2022. In addition, Dry beans inflation rose by 12.7 percent in September 2022 from the 4.1 percent rise recorded in August 2022.

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

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September 2022	125.10	1.5
August 2022	123.24	1.0
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June 2022	120.88	1.0
May 2022	119.73	1.5
April 2022	117.98	1.4
March 2022	116.38	0.8
February 2022	115.42	1.0
January 2022	114.30	-0.3
December 2021	114.65	0.5
November 2021	114.13	0.2
October 2021	113.93	0.2
September 2021	113.74	0.6

1.5 Monthly Inflation by COICOP Divisions

The Monthly Headline Inflation for September 2022 increased by 1.5 percent from the 1.0 percent rise recorded in the month of August 2022. This is mainly attributed to the monthly Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages Inflation that rose by 3.5 percent in September 2022 from the 1.8 percent rise recorded in August 2022 as indicated in Table 6 below.

In addition, the monthly Inflation for Education Services increased by 3.6 percent in September 2022 compared to the 0.0 percent recorded in August 2022. 'Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods' increased by 1.5 percent compared to the 1.2 percent rise recorded in August 2022. Monthly 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' Inflation increased by 0.6 percent in the month of September 2022 compared to the 1.0 percent rise recorded in August 2022.

Monthly 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household' increased by 0.8 percent in September 2022 compared to the 0.1 percent drop recorded in August 2022. Monthly 'Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics' Inflation increased by 1.0 percent in the month of September 2022 compared to the 0.1 percent drop recorded in August 2022. 'Information and Communication' increased by 0.9 percent compared to the 0.1 percent rise recorded in August 2022

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

13 COICOP Divisions	Weight	Monthly % Change July 2022-August 2022	Monthly % Change August 2022-September 2022
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	270.54	1.8	3.5
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	38.80	-0.1	1.0
Clothing and Footwear	69.77	0.2	0.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	104.16	0.8	0.3
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household	48.37	-0.1	0.8
Health	47.47	0.5	0.4
Transport	104.55	1.8	0.1
Information and Communication	44.32	0.1	0.9
Recreation, Sport and Culture	49.85	0.5	0.2
Education Services	57.96	0.0	3.6
Restaurants and Accommodation Services	87.38	1.0	0.6
Insurance and Financial Services	22.80	0.0	0.0
Personal Care, Social Protection and Miscellaneous Goods	54.04	1.2	1.5
Overall	1,000.00	1.0	1.5

Relative to September 2021 and August 2022, the national average retail prices of selected commodities in September 2022 are shown in Table 7 below.

Table 7: National Average Retail Prices of Selected Commodities

Commodity Name	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Average Price September 2021	Average Price August 2022	Average Price September 2022
Matoke (bunch)	1	Kg	673	802	1,062
Matoke (Heap)	1	Kg	939	1,045	1,255
Rice	1	Kg	3,678	4,368	4,908
Sugar	1	Kg	3,110	3,855	4,169
Brown/Irish potatoes	1	Kg	1,241	1,449	1,597
Sweet Potatoes	1	Kg	1,001	1,183	1,247
Cassava fresh	1	Kg	648	914	919
Maize Flour	1	Kg	1,978	3,421	3,536
Cassava Flour	1	Kg	1,505	2,332	2,358
Pumpkin	1	Kg	1,112	1,114	1,245
Dry Beans	1	Kg	2,808	3,805	4,559
Fresh Beans	1	Kg	4,336	4,854	5,557
Fish Mukene	1	Kg	11,884	13,339	16,085
Petrol	1	Litre	4,188	6,563	6,516
Diesel	1	Litre	3,748	6,192	6,101
Paraffin	1	Litre	3,105	4,640	4,645

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 14.4 percent for the 12 months to September 2022 up from 10.4 percent recorded in August 2022. This was mainly driven by annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that increased to 24.3 percent in September 2022 up from 16.5 percent registered in August 2022. Specifically, green pepper Inflation increased to 120.9 percent, maize grains 103.8 percent, beans dry 92.8 percent, cassava flour 121.8 percent, cassava fresh 70.6 percent, maize flour 60.6 percent and ground nuts 58.9 percent. In addition, annual Restaurants and Accommodation Services Inflation increased to 15.2 percent in September 2022, up from 7.1 percent in August 2022.

The second highest Inflation was registered in Mbale at 12.5 percent for the 12 months to September 2022 up from 11.8 percent recorded in August 2022. This was mainly driven by annual 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' Inflation that increased to 25.2 percent in September 2022 up from 22.3 percent registered in August 2022. Specifically, maize grains 126.3 percent, Irish potatoes 72.2 percent, cassava fresh 84.7 percent, beans dry 84.3 percent, matooke 55.2 percent and ground nuts 47.0 percent. In addition, annual 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' Inflation increased to 5.8 percent in September 2022 up from 3.5 percent in August 2022.

The least Annual Inflation was registered in Kampala High Income at 8.3 percent for the 12 months to September 2022 up from 7.6 percent recorded in August 2022. This was mainly due to the annual Transport Inflation that decreased to 13.0 percent in September 2022 down from 13.5 percent registered in August 2022. Specifically, taxi fare short distance decreased to minus 13.4 percent, new motor cycle minus 7.6 percent and bus fare long distance minus 3.4 percent. In addition, annual Clothing and Footwear' Inflation decreased to 2.2 percent in September 2022, down from 3.3 percent in August 2022.

Figure 2: Annual Inflation by Income Groups and Geographical Areas for the 12 months to August 2022 and September 2022

