CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 2010 = 100

NOVEMBER 2015									
							%CHANGE		
Code	Description	WEIGHTS	NOV 2015	NOV 2014	NOV 2013	OCT 2015	NOV 15/ NOV 14	NOV 14/ NOV 13	NOV 15/ OCT 15
0	ALL PRODUCTS	100.00	106.03	107.59	107.85	106.21	-1.45	-0.24	-0.16
11.01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC								
	BEVERAGES	20.35	115.82	116.55	115.21	116.32	-0.62	1.16	-0.43
11.02	ALCOHOL BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	1.83	123.80	124.40	119.97	123.59	-0.48	3.68	0.17
11.03	CLOTHING AND FOOTWARE	3.66	99.43	101.21	100.99	99.43	-1.75	0.22	0.00
11.04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS,								
	& OTHER FUELS	29.05	102.38	105.40	105.92	102.54	-2.86	-0.49	-0.16
11.05	FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD								
	EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD								
	MAINTENANCE	4.5	109.97	110.65	111.37	110.30	-0.62	-0.64	-0.30
11.06	HEALTH	1.94	132.98	127.96	125.43	132.07	3.92	2.02	0.69
11.07	TRANSPORT	18.72	105.35	108.83	110.70	105.55	-3.20	-1.69	-0.19
11.08	COMMUNICATION	10.03	90.96	90.96	92.72	90.96	0.00	-1.90	0.00
11.09	RECREATION AND CULTURE	2.71	110.34	107.39	104.14	110.34	2.75	3.12	0.00
11.10	EDUCATION	0.83	124.34	120.96	117.81	124.34	2.79	2.67	0.00
11.11	RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	1.81	107.25	107.25	107.24	107.25	0.00	0.01	0.00
11.12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	4.59	105.57	104.31	104.51	105.56	1.21	-0.19	0.01

The above table shows the computation of the Consumer Price Index for the month of November 2015, with changes for the previous month October 2015 and the corresponding month of last year November 2014. The overall index moved from 106.21 index points in November 2015 to 106.03 index points in November 2015 representing a decrease of 0.16%. An examination of the various groups revealed the following:

The major groupings "Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels" and "Transport" which together constitutes a total weight share of 47.77%, declined by 0.16% and 0.19% respectively, reflecting a decline in the price of Oil on the international market. This gave rise to a reduction in the price of Electricity 0.54%, Cooking Gas 0.64%, Motor Vehicle Fuel 1.08% and Material for the Maintenance and Repairs of Dwellings 0.19%. "Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages" also recorded a price decrease of 0.43% as the observed items showed the following price decreases, Cereal Products 0.01%, Pasta Product 0.31%, Poultry 2.76%, Milk 0.42%, Cheese 0.32%, Margarine 0.10%, Cooking Oil 0.30%, Fresh Vegetables 0.34%, Preserved Vegetables 0.49%, and Potatoes 2.47%. "Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance" also recorded a price reduction of 0.30%, due to a decrease in Household Utensils by 5.66% and Small Tools and miscellaneous accessories by 0.13%.

"Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco", "Health" and "Miscellaneous Goods and Services" recorded price increase of 0.17 %, 0.69% and 0.01% respectively due to an increase in the following items Spirits 0.03%, Wine 0.27%, Beer 0.10%, Tobacco 0.27%, Pharmaceutical Products 1.42%, Other Medical Products 0.38% and Products for Personal Care 0.02%. The other major groupings remained relatively constant.

Relative to the corresponding month of last year, the Consumer Price Index moved from 107.59 index points in November 2014 to 106.03 index points in November 2015 representing a decline of 1.45%. These major groupings recorded the following decreases; "Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages" 0.62%, "Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco" 0.48%, "Clothing and Footwear" 1.75%, "Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 2.86%, "Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance" 0.62%, and "Transport" 3.20%. The following items contributed to these decreases Rice 0.25%, Bread 0.02%, Pasta Product 0.79%, Poultry 3.93%, Preserved Fish 0.22%, Preserved Milk 6.29%, Cheese 0.41%, Eggs 0.93%, Fruit 3.47%, Potatoes 1.46%, Beer 1.15%, Tobacco 1.36%, Men's Clothing 3.89%, Women's Clothing 3.87%, Other Articles and Accessories for Clothing 3.81%, Footwear 1.37%, Electricity 9.61%, Cooking Gas 15.26%, Kitchen Furniture 26.14%, Household textiles 2.84%, Major Household Appliances 6.98%, Household Glassware Utensils 14.03%, Motor Cars 4.40%, Spares and Accessories for Vehicle 5.34%, Motor Vehicle Fuel 3.36% and Passenger Transport by Air 8.26%.

The following Major Groupings recorded price increases "Health" 3.92%, "Recreation and Culture" 2.75%, "Education" 2.79% and "Miscellaneous Goods" 1.21%, due to price increase of these items Pharmaceutical Products 5.49%, Other Medical Products 3.29%, Medical Services 4.20%, Equipments for Producing Sounds and Pictures 13.99% and Computers 3.38%, Tertiary Education 4.11% and Personal Care Products 3.35%. All the other groupings remained relatively constant.

Accordingly, the inflation rate for the period November 2015 is negative 1.45%. This can be compared to a decrease of 0.24% for the same period 2014.

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