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APRIL 2003 INFLATION RATE SLIGHTLY INCREASES

Inflation rate for April 2003 has slightly increased. According to the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI), inflation rate for April 2003 is 4.3 percent in relation to the figures for April the previous year. The April 2003 inflation rate has gone up by 0.1 percentage point when compared with March 2003 inflation figure, which was 4.2 percent as measured on a year - to - year basis. However, as measured on a month-to-month basis that is between March 2003 and April 2003 inflation went down by 1.4 percent.

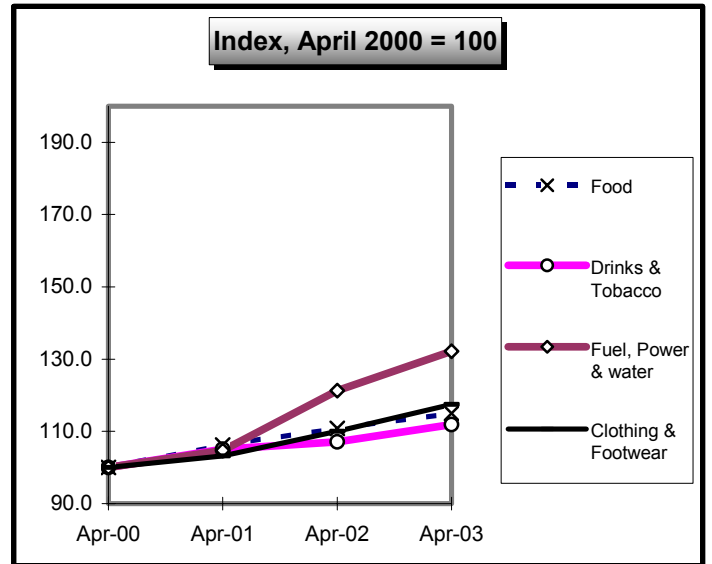
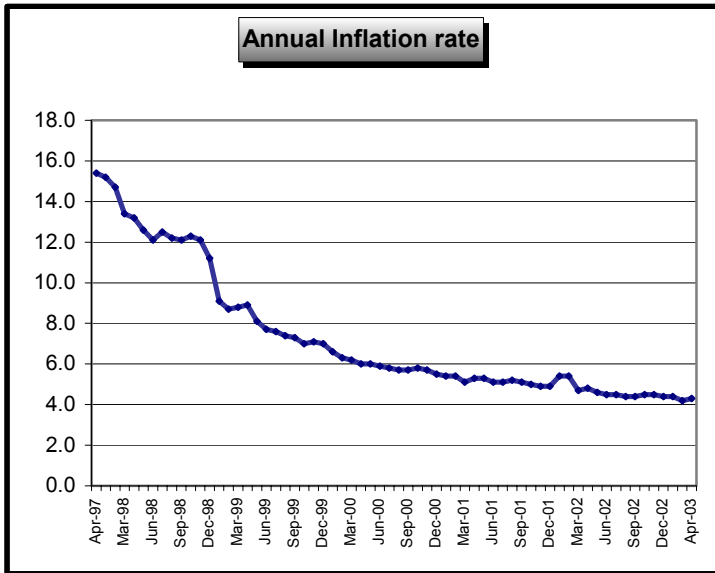
The overall Index decreased from 251.4 in March 2003 to 247.8 in April 2003. Prices of some food items had gone down. Food items that had decreased prices were wheat flour, bread, chicken, fish, cooking bananas, beans, cassava, potatoes and local brew (chibuku). However, average rent and prices of gas, kerosene, clothing and footwear, furniture, mosquito nets, refrigerators, electric and charcoal irons, utensils, laundry soap, basins, water buckets, broom heads, dry cleaning, toilet soap, tooth paste, face and hair creams, cough syrup, radios, bicycles and bicycle tyres, vehicle service, secondary school uniforms, note books, wrist watches and hand bags had gone up. Details of the National Consumer Price Index for the month of April 2003 by consumption groups are tabulated below: -

NATIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (ALL-URBAN) APRIL 2003 (Base: December 1994 = 100)

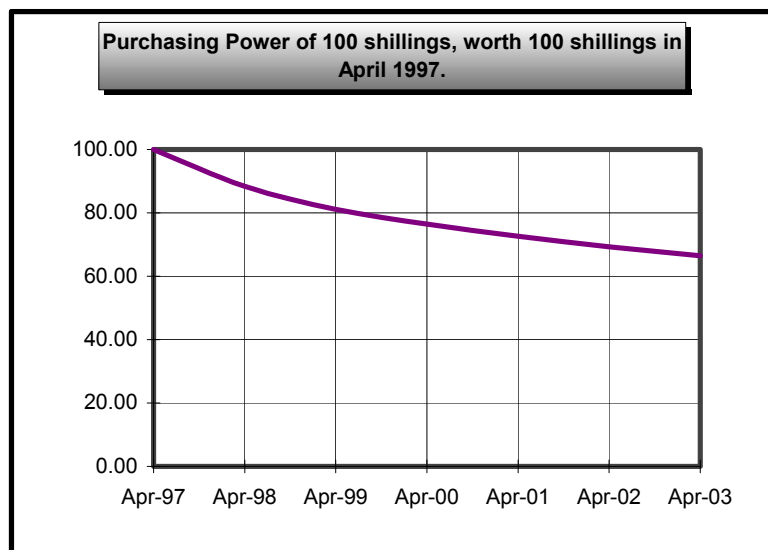
MAIN GROUP		Weight	April 2003	Mar. 2003	% Change Mar. 2003 to April. 2003	April 2002	% Change April. 2002 to April. 2003
1.	Food	71.2	259.1	264.7	- 2.1	249.6	+ 3.8
2.	Drinks and Tobacco	4.4	185.5	185.9	- 0.2	177.5	+ 4.5
3.	Rents	3.9	209.2	207.8	+ 0.7	201.1	+ 4.0
4.	Fuel, Power and Water	4.7	345.8	341.3	+ 1.3	371.2	+ 9.0
5.	Clothing and Footwear	3.7	211.0	209.9	+ 0.5	197.5	+ 6.8
6.	Furniture & Household Equipment	2.5	205.5	204.5	+ 0.5	197.3	+ 4.2
7.	Household Operations & Maintenance	1.5	168.8	167.4	+ 0.8	160.4	+ 5.2
8.	Personal Care & Health	2.2	160.9	160.4	+ 0.3	150.0	+ 7.3
9.	Recreation & Entertainment	1.2	178.9	176.2	+ 1.5	172.6	+ 3.7
10.	Transportation	1.2	252.3	251.4	+ 0.4	243.4	+ 3.7
11.	Education	1.5	212.1	211.7	+ 0.2	201.6	+ 5.2
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.0	163.4	162.6	+ 0.5	158.5	+ 3.1
TOTAL - ALL ITEMS INDEX		100.0	247.8	251.4	-1.4	237.5	+ 4.3

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The yearly price increases i.e. annual rate of inflation (April to April 1997 - 2003) for the last six years as well as movement in group indices from April 2000 to April 2003 are shown in the diagrams below:-



The diagram below depicts the purchasing power of the shilling in terms of consumption at different times. From April 1997, the value of 100 shillings (*and thus the purchasing power*), has been decreasing, declining to 66 shillings and 45 cents in April 2003.



The National Consumer Price Index (NCPI) covers prices collected in 20 urban towns (Regional Towns) in Mainland Tanzania. Prices are gathered for 212 items. All prices collected are the prevailing market prices.

The NCPI is a statistical measure of goods and services bought by persons in urban areas, including all expenditure groups and both families and single persons. It measures changes in price - not - expenditure - which are the most important cause of changes in the cost of living.