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OCTOBER 2003 INFLATION RATE SLIGHTLY INCREASES

Inflation rate for October 2003 has slightly increased. According to the National Consumer Price Index (NCPI), inflation rate for October 2003 is 4.6 percent in comparison to the figures for October the previous year. The October 2003 inflation rate has gone up by 0.1 percentage point when compared with September 2003 inflation figure, which was 4.5 percent as measured on a year - to - year basis.

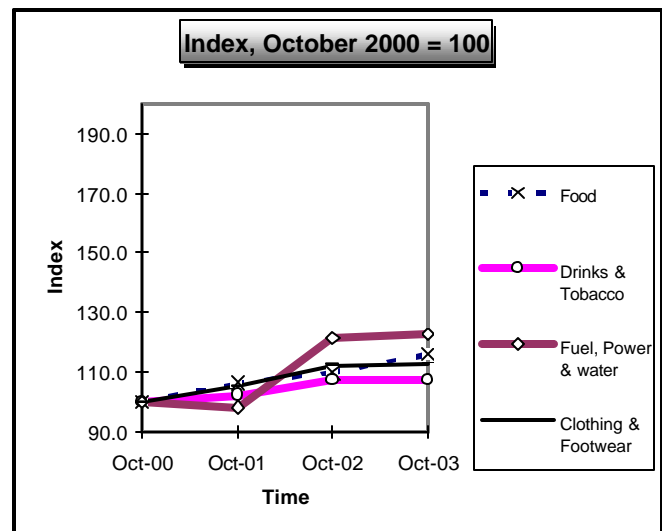
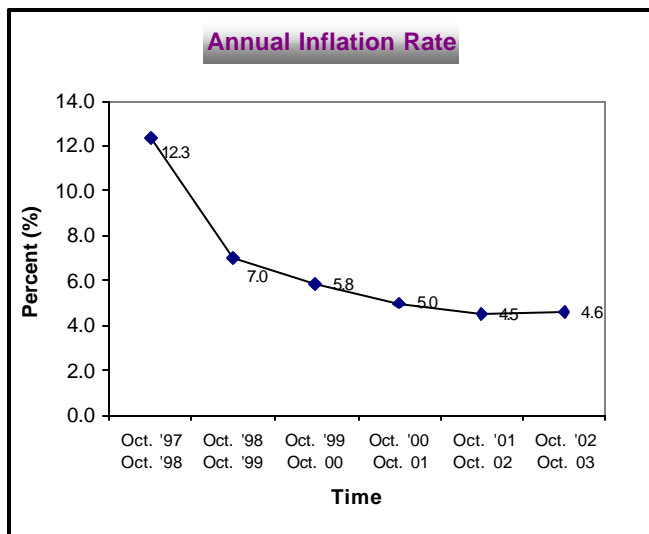
The October inflation rate as measured on a month-to-month basis that is between September 2003 and October 2003 went up by 0.6 percent. The overall Index increased from 233.1 in September 2003 to 234.5 in October 2003. Prices for both food items and non-food items had gone up. Food items that had increased prices were, rice, maize and wheat flour, beef, liver, chicken, goat meat, dried and fresh fish, fresh milk, sweet bananas, coconuts, beans, cow peas, onions, cassava, potatoes and meals from restaurants. Non-food items that had increased prices were average rent, kerosene and charcoal. However, prices of clothing, furniture, laundry and toilet soap, insecticides, basins, toothpaste, shaving cream, cough syrup, radio cassettes, school uniforms, wrist watches and umbrellas had gone down. Details of the National Consumer Price Index for the month of October 2003 by consumption groups are tabulated below: -

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

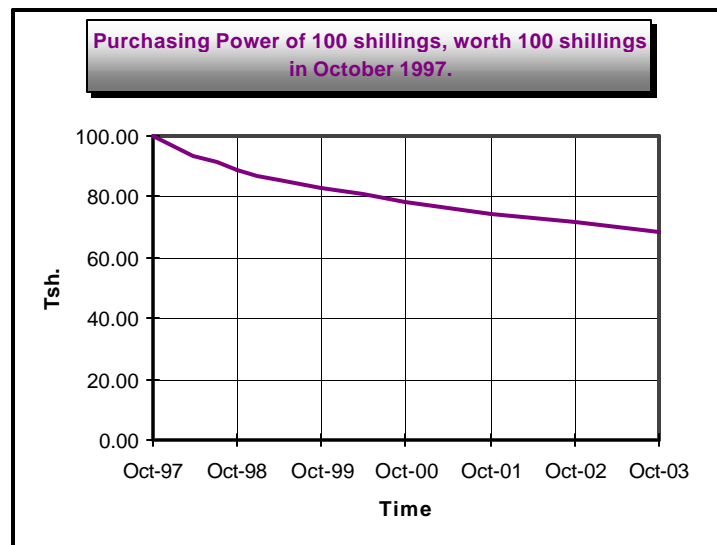
MAIN GROUP		Weight	Oct. 2003	Sept. 2003	% Change Sept. 2003 to Oct. 2003	October 2002	% Change Oct. 2002 to Oct. 2003
1.	Food	71.2	241.5	239.4	+0.9	228.4	+5.7
2.	Drinks and Tobacco	4.4	184.1	184.1	0.0	184.2	-0.1
3.	Rents	3.9	211.6	211.1	+0.2	202.1	+4.7
4.	Fuel, Power and Water	4.7	338.0	336.1	+0.6	335.3	+0.8
5.	Clothing and Footwear	3.7	204.4	205.5	-0.5	203.0	+0.7
6.	Furniture & Household Equipment	2.5	207.2	207.8	-0.3	201.0	+3.1
7.	Household Operations & Maintenance	1.5	169.8	170.9	-0.6	164.2	+3.4
8.	Personal Care & Health	2.2	159.1	159.6	-0.3	151.9	+4.7
9.	Recreation & Entertainment	1.2	177.6	177.9	-0.2	175.0	+1.5
10.	Transportation	1.2	251.1	251.1	0.0	247.9	+1.3
11.	Education	1.5	206.9	207.5	-0.3	203.2	+1.8
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.0	158.8	159.9	-0.7	158.5	+0.2
TOTAL - ALL ITEMS INDEX		100.0	234.5	233.1	+0.6	224.1	+4.6

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The yearly price increases i.e. annual rate of inflation (October to October 1997 - 2003) for the last six years as well as movement in group indices from October 2000 to October 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 October 1997, the value of 100 shillings (*and thus the purchasing power*), has been decreasing, declining to 68 shillings and 54 cents in October 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 at 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 prices - not expenditure, which are the most important cause of changes in the cost of living.