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## FOREWORD

This publication gives the monthly Consumer Price Index for Uganda (Composite) and for the eight urban centers of Kampala High Income, Kampala Low and Middle Income, Jinja, Mbale, Masaka, Mbarara, Gulu and Arua.

The current Consumer Price Index was rebased from (July 1997 to June 1998 = 100) to (July 2005 to June 2006 = 100) using weights calculated from the 2005/2006 Uganda National Household Survey data. The Kampala centre was decomposed into two centres and the Arua centre was incorporated into the Index. The number of the items in the revised Index also increased from 125 to 276.

Decreases in prices of some food items and charcoal pushed down both Annual and Monthly Headline Inflation rates for the year ending October 2009.

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**PRESS RELEASE**



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**HIGHLIGHTS**

**ANNUAL INFLATION RATES DOWN**

The Annual Headline Inflation rate for the year ending October 2009 went down to 13.3% from 14.6% for September 2009 (table 3). Likewise the Annual Core (Underlying) Inflation rate which excludes food crop , fuel, electricity and metered water from the CPI basket dropped further to 9.1% for the year ending October 2009 from 9.9% for the year ended September 2009 (Table 4). The Annual Food crops Inflation rate for the year ending October 2009 also decreased to 38.9% from 49.5% in September 2009 (table 4).

**MONTHLY INFLATION RATES**

The Monthly Headline Inflation rate for the month of October 2009 dropped by 0.3% compared to a 2.5% increase recorded during the month of September 2009 (Table 3). The Monthly Core Inflation rate for the month of October 2009 remained relatively stable compared to a 0.4% increase registered during the month of September 2009 while Monthly Food crops Inflation rate dropped by 4.0%.

**MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO INFLATION RATES**

The main Inflation drivers were food (from 30.3% to 26.5%) and rent, fuel and utilities group (from 4.5% to 3.9%) (Table 5). During the month, food prices reduced by 1.1% due to significant reductions in prices of most fresh vegetables and milk. The decreases in food prices are mainly attributed to increased supplies to the markets due to the current rainy conditions in most parts of the country. However increases in prices of staple foods, dried vegetables especially beans, some fruits and sugar were registered in most centers.

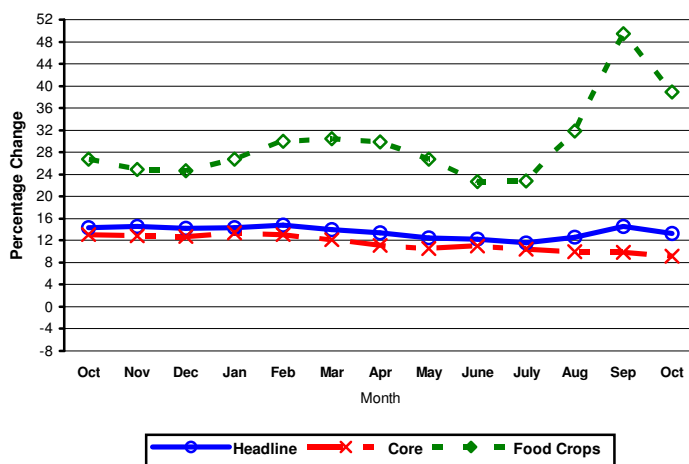
**INFLATION RATES CENTRE ANALYSIS**

Kampala High Income registered the lowest annual headline inflation rate of 9.7% while Mbarara, Gulu and Arua centers registered higher rates of 19.1%, 15.7% and 15.6% respectively in the year ended October 2009. (Table 1)

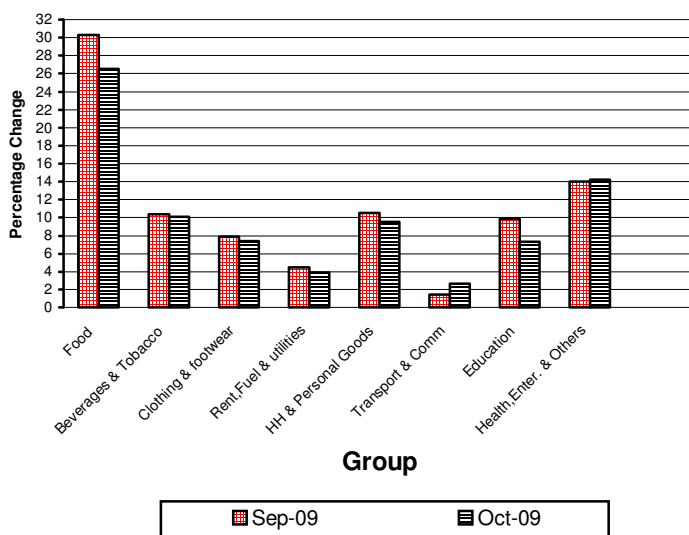
**OTHER PRICE MOVEMENTS**

During the month, prices of petrol, diesel, firewood and local brew (waragi) and some transport charges went up while the price of charcoal, soap, cement and paint went down in most centers.

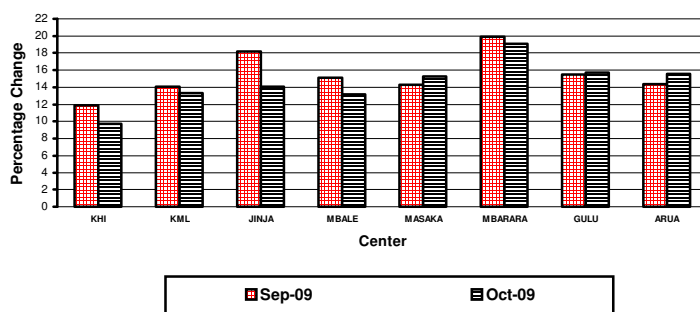
**Annual Percentage Changes (Composite),  
October 2008–October 2009**



**Annual Inflation rates (by Group)**



**Annual Inflation Rates (by Center)**



## Release Calendar for CPI 2009

The Provisional and Final CPI are expected to be released at 11:00 o'clock on the dates shown below.

Year 2009	Release Dates for CPI			
	Provisional		Final	
	Expected Date	Actual Date	Expected Date	Actual Date
January	20 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
February	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
March	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>
April	21 <sup>st</sup>	21 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
May	19 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
June	23 <sup>rd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
July	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>
August	18 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>
September	22 <sup>nd</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
October	20 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
November	17 <sup>th</sup>		30 <sup>th</sup>	
December	22 <sup>nd</sup>		31 <sup>st</sup>	