

## CSO: Inflation rises to 1.5% in April

TRINIDAD and Tobago's annual inflation rate rose by one percentage point to 1.5% in April, up from 0.5% in the same month last year, according to data released by the Central Statistical Office (CSO) yesterday.

'The Inflation Rate for April 2025, which measures the percentage change in the All Items Index for the month of April 2025 over April 2024, was 1.5%. This represents an increase from 1.0% for the previous period (March 2025/March 2024). The Inflation Rate for the comparative period (April 2024/April 2023) was 0.5%,' the CSO stated in a release issued yesterday.

The CSO said the All Items Index calculated from prices collected in April 2025 was 125.2-a 0.2-point or 0.2% increase from March 2025.

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 153.4 in March to 152.9 in April, reflecting a 0.3% decline, the CSO stated..

'Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of fresh whole chickens, hot peppers, tomatoes, cabbage, cucumber, fresh king fish, plantains, full cream powdered milk, pimento and melongene. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of pumpkin, Irish potatoes, garlic, fresh steak, table margarine, cheddar cheese, oranges, parboiled rice, ochroes and onions,' it stated. 'A further review of the data for April 2025 compared with March 2025 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcohol and Tobacco of 0.7%, Home Ownership of 0.7%, Rent of 0.7%, Health of 0.3%, Transport of 0.4%, Recreation and Culture of 0.1%, Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants of 0.6% and Miscellaneous Good and Services of 0.2%. This period also showed a decrease in the sub-index for Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of -0.4%,' it stated. The CSO said all other sections remained unchanged.