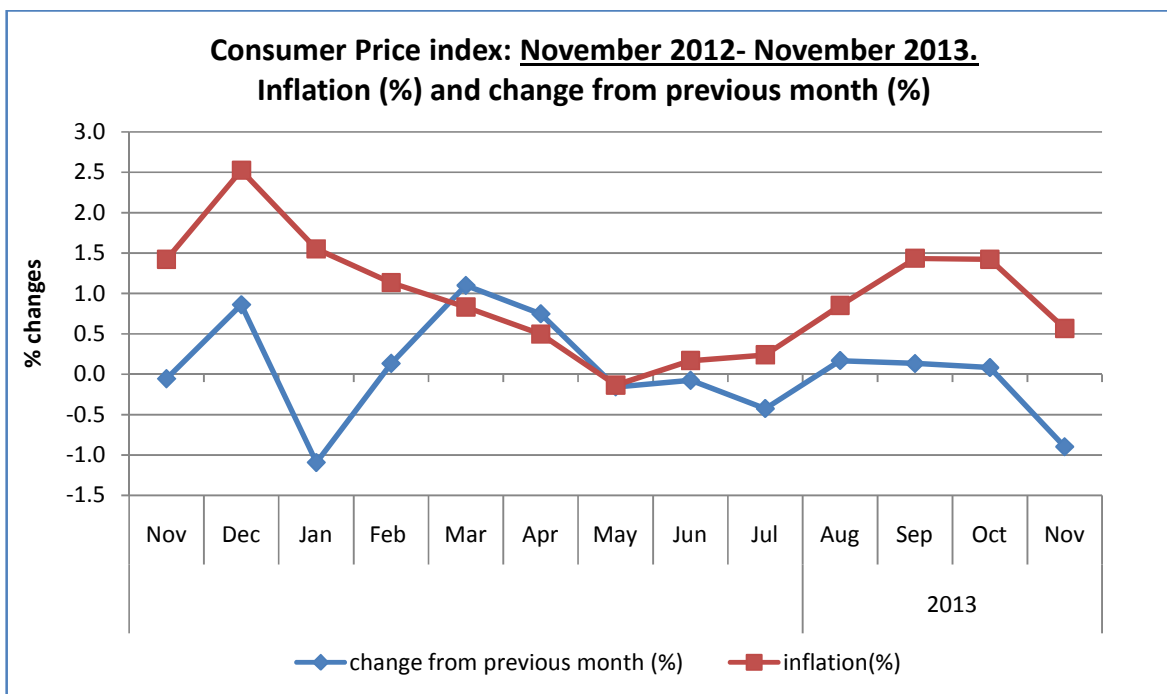




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Consumer Price Index for November 2013 recorded a decrease of 0.9%
With an Annual Inflation Rate of 0.6%



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **November 2013** recorded a decrease of **0.9%** from **October 2013 (106.9)** and now stands at **105.9**. In comparison with the previous month, local index decreased by **2.3%** while import index increased by **0.1%**. From the previous two months, **September 2013** recorded an increase of **0.1%** while **October 2013** increased by **0.1%**

The **Annual Inflation Rate for November 2013** was **0.6%** compare to **1.4%** in previous month. The annual inflation for the same month of previous year, **November 2012** was **1.4%**. Local Index marked a deflation of **-1.9%** while Imported Index was **2.3%**.

The **Food Group** marked a decrease of **1.7%** towards the index position of **November 2013**, due mainly to decrease in prices of most **local Roots crops, Fruits and vegetables** and **Local seafood**. Price of some imported food items such as tinned & packaged food, frozen meat increased.

An increased of **0.2%** in the index position of **Housing group** was due mainly to increasing prices of timber and paint.

A decreased of **0.9%** in the index position of **Transportation group** was due mainly to decreasing prices of fuel both Diesel and Unleaded.

An increase in index of **Misc. Goods and services group** was due mainly to increase in price of some items from Medical Health Supplies.

Household Operations, Clothing and Footwear and Tobacco, Alcohol & Kava Tonga groups recorded no change throughout the month.

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