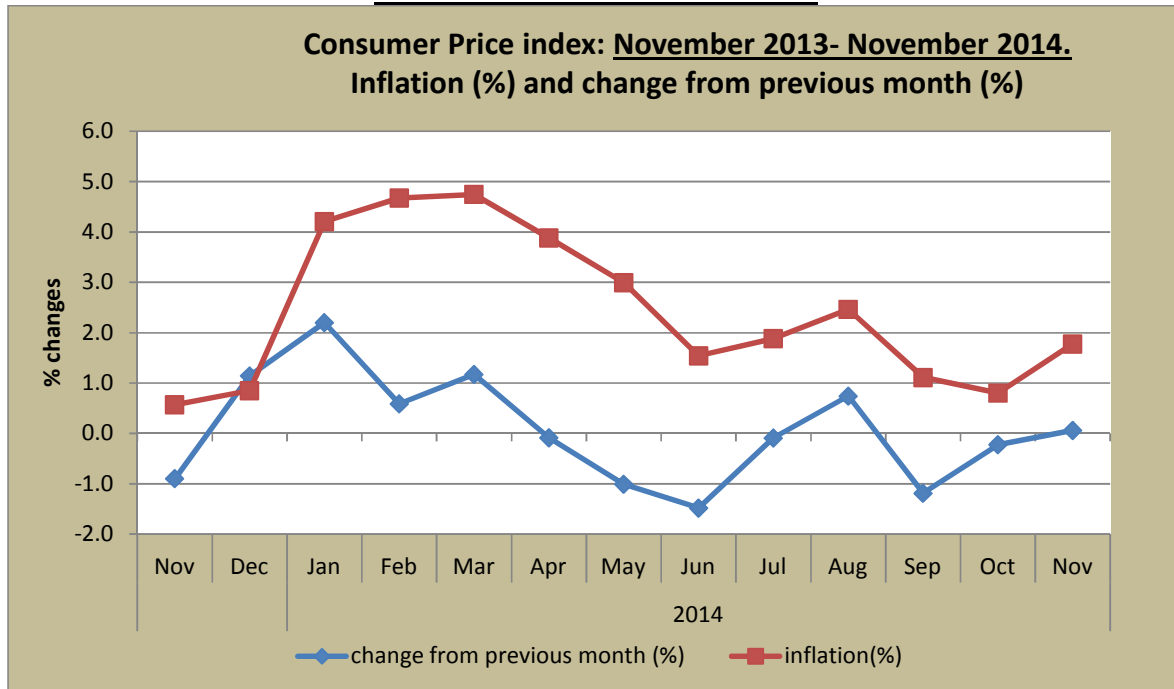




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**Consumer Price Index for November 2014 recorded an increase of 0.1%**  
**With an Annual Inflation Rate of 1.8%**



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **November 2014** recorded an increase of **0.1%** from **October 2014 (107.7)** and now stands at **107.8**. In comparison with the previous month, local index recorded an increase of **0.5%** while import index decreased by **0.2%**. For the previous two months, **October 2014** recorded a decrease of **0.2%** and **September 2014** decreased by **1.2%**

The **Annual Inflation Rate for November 2014** was **1.8%** compares to **0.8%** in previous month. The **annual inflation** for the same month of previous year, **November 2013** was **0.6%**. Local Index marked an increase by **2.7%** and Imported Index increased by **1.2%**.

**Food Group** recorded an increase of **0.5%** towards the index position of **November 2014**, due mainly to increase in prices of some **fruits and vegetables and Meat, fish & poultry** items such as talo leaves, early yam, octopus, cockle pips and suckling pigs. Prices of some imported items such as tinned & packaged food and frozen meat such as lamp chops and mutton flap increased throughout the months.

**Housing** index marked a decrease of **0.2%** compared to the previous month due to decrease in price of Paint.

**Tobacco, alcohol & kava tonga group** index marked no change compared to the previous month.

**Household Operations, Clothing & footwear groups** index marked no change compared to the previous month.

**Transportation group** recorded a decrease of **1.2%** in the index position of **November 2014** due to decrease in price of both Petrol and Diesel.

**Misc. Goods and Services group index** recorded no change compared to the previous month.

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