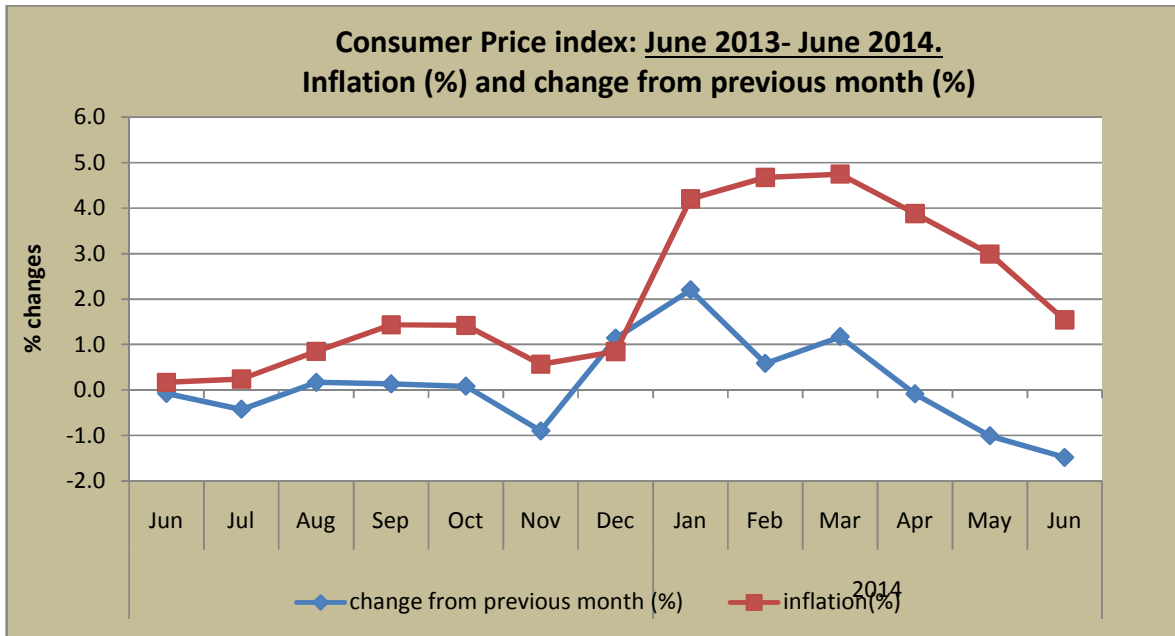




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**Consumer Price Index for June 2014 recorded a decrease of 1.5%**  
**With an Annual Inflation Rate of 1.5%**



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **June 2014** recorded a decrease of **1.5%** from **May 2014 (110.2)** and now stands at **108.5**. In comparison with the previous month, local index recorded a decrease of **3.4%** and import index decreased by **0.2%**. For the previous two months, **May 2014** recorded a decrease of **1.0%** while **April 2014** decreased by **0.1%**

The **Annual Inflation Rate** for **June 2014** was **1.5%** compares to **3.0%** in previous month. The **annual inflation** for the same month of previous year, **June 2013** was **0.2%**. Local Index marked a decrease by **2.6%** while Imported Index increased by **4.5%**.

The **Food Group** marked a decrease of **3.3%** towards the index position of **June 2014**, due mainly to decrease in prices of **roots crops, fruits and vegetables** and **local seafood**. Prices of some imported items such as tinned & packaged food and frozen meat decreased throughout the months.

**Household Operations** index marked a decrease compared to the previous month due to decrease in price of LP gas.

**Clothing and Footwear** index marked an increase in the index position of **June 2014** due to increased in price of some school uniform.

**Misc. Goods and Services groups** recorded an increase of **1.4%** in the index position of **June 2014** due to increase in price of stationery supplies.

**Housing, Transportation and Tobacco, Alcohol & Kava Tonga group** recorded no change throughout the month.

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