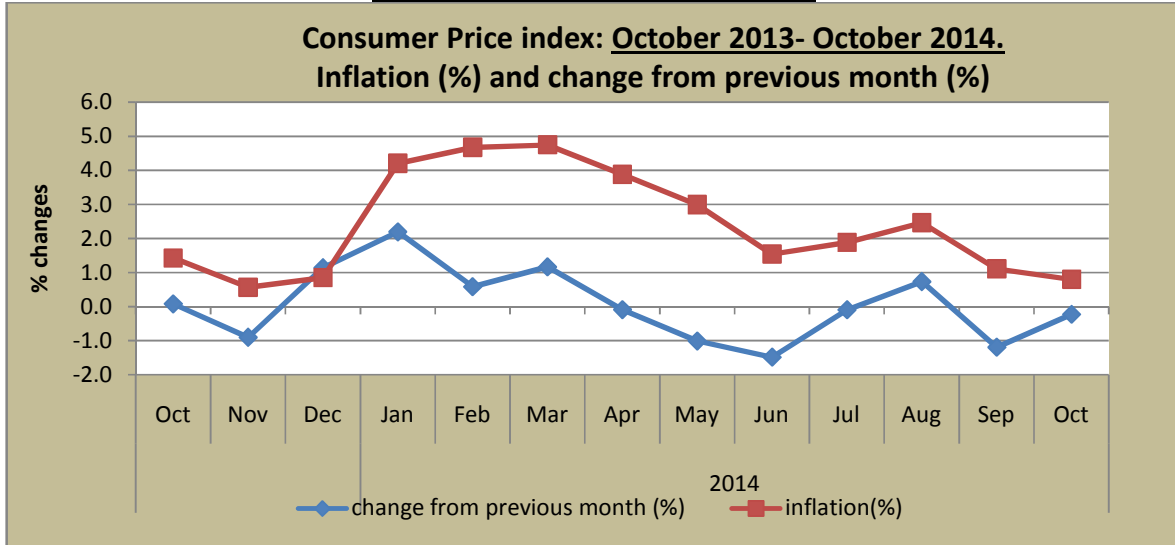




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**Consumer Price Index for October 2014 recorded a decrease of -0.2%**  
**With an Annual Inflation Rate of 0.8%**



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **October 2014** recorded a decrease of **0.2%** from **September 2014 (107.9)** and now stands at **107.7**. In comparison with the previous month, local index recorded an increase of **0.4%** and import index decreased by **0.6%**. For the previous two months, **September 2014** recorded a decrease of **1.2%** while **August 2014** increased by **0.7%**

The **Annual Inflation Rate for October 2014** was **0.8%** compares to **1.1%** in previous month. The **annual inflation** for the same month of previous year, **October 2013** was **1.4%**. Local Index marked a decrease by **0.2%** while Imported Index increased by **1.5%**.

**Food Group** recorded a decrease of **0.2%** towards the index position of **October 2014**, due mainly to increase in prices of some **fruits and vegetables, Meat, fish & poultry, Dairy farm & Vegetable product** and **Cereal products**. Prices of some imported items such as tinned & packaged food and frozen meat decreased throughout the months.

**Housing** index marked an increase of **0.3%** compared to the previous month due to increase in price of Paint and cement.

**Tobacco, alcohol & kava tonga group** index marked a decrease of **0.6 %** compared to the previous month due to decreased in price of beer VB.

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

**Transportation group** recorded a decrease of **1.0%** in the index position of **October 2014** due to decrease in price of both Petrol and Diesel.

**Misc. Goods and Services group index** recorded a decrease of **-0.2%** due to decrease in price of mosquito coil compared to the previous month.

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