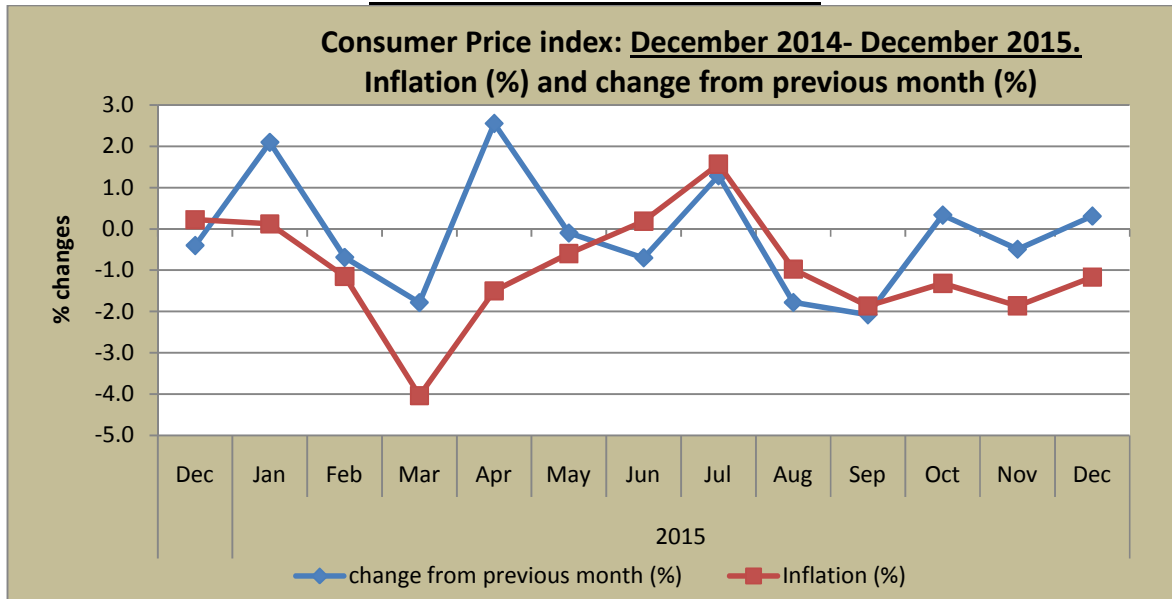




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**Consumer Price Index for December 2015 recorded an decrease of 0.3%
With an Annual Inflation Rate of -1.2%**



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **December 2015** recorded an increase of **0.3%** from **November 2015 (105.8)** and now stands at **106.1**. In comparison with the previous month, local index recorded an increase of **1.8%** and import index decreased by **0.8%**. For the previous two months, **November 2015** recorded a decrease of **0.5%** and **October 2015** increased by **0.3%**.

The **annual rate of inflation for December declined by 1.2% (Deflation)** compares to **1.9% deflation** in previous month. The **annual inflation** for the same month of previous year, **December 2014 was 0.2%**. Local Index marked an increase by **4.4%** while Imported Index decreased by **4.9%** in **December 2015**.

Food Group recorded an increase of **1.1%** towards the index position of **December 2015**. This was due to increase in prices of some **fruits and vegetables, Meat, fish & poultry** items. Prices of some imported items (tinned & packaged food, frozen meat) also increased throughout the months.

Housing Group recorded a decrease by **0.4%** in the index position of **December 2015**, due to decrease in prices of **timber and concrete block** compares to the previous month.

Household Operation group recorded a decrease by **1.0%** towards the index position of **December 2015**, due to decrease in price of **Electricity and LP gas** compared to the previous month.

Tobacco, alcohol & kava Tonga group index marked an increase by **1.0%** compares to the previous month. This was due to increase in price of **kava Tonga**.

Clothing & footwear groups index marked an increase of **0.6%** towards the index position of **December 2015**. This was due to increase in price of **flip flop** compares to the previous month.

Transportation group index recorded a decrease by **0.8%** in the index position of **December 2015**. This was due to decrease in price of both **Petrol and Diesel** compares to the previous month.

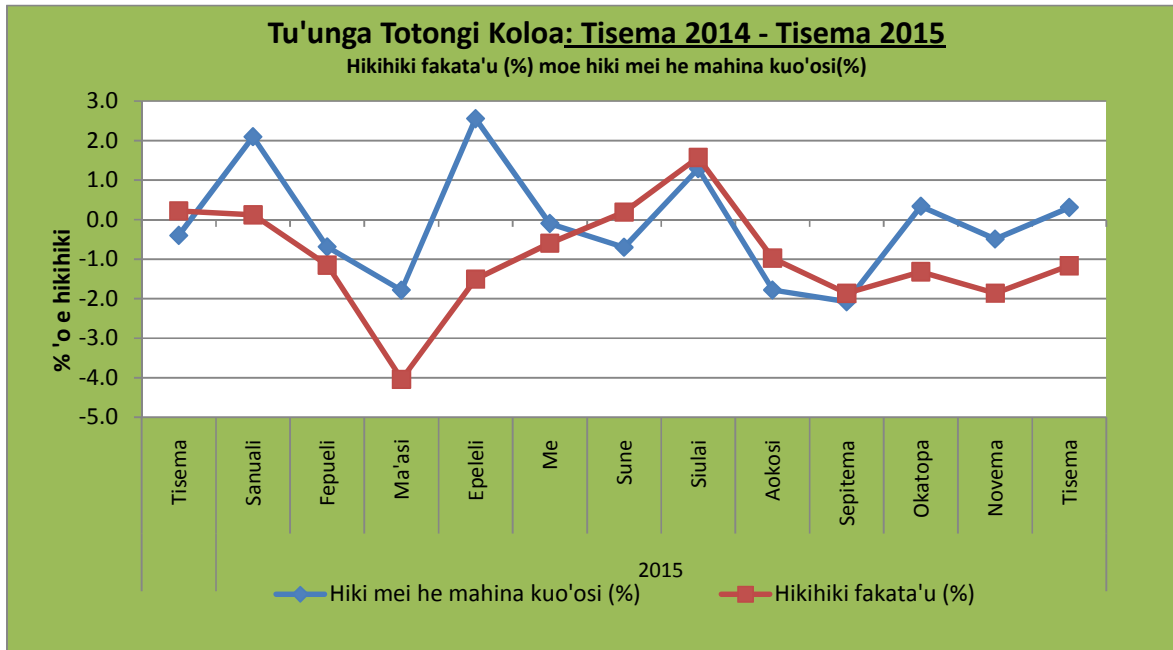
Misc. Goods and Services group index recorded a decrease by **0.2%** in the index position of **December 2015** due to decrease in price of some items of **medical health** and **cosmetic** compared to the previous month.

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**PULE'ANGA FAKATU'I 'O TONGA.
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Na'e hiki peseti 'e 0.3 'a e tu'unga totongi koloa 'i Tisema 2015. Pea koe hikihiki fakata'u 'oe totongi e koloa na'e holo peseti 'e 1.2.



Ko e **tu'unga 'o e totongi koloa** ki he mahina **Tisema 2015**, 'i hono fakaha mei he **Potungae Sitetisitika**, na'e hiki 'a e totongi 'o e koloa 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 0.3** mei **Novema 2015**, na'e hiki peseti **1.8** 'a e totongi 'o e koloa **fakalotofonua** pea holo peseti 'e **0.8** 'a e **koloa humai**. Koe ongo mahina 'e ua kimu'a, na'e holo peseti 'e **0.5** 'i **Novema 2015** pea hiki peseti 'e **0.3** 'i **'Okatopa 2015**.

Ko e **Hikihiki fakata'u** 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina ko **Tisema 2015** na'e holo peseti **1.2** fakahoa kihe holo peseti **1.9** 'o e mahina kimu'a **Novema 2015**. Na'e hiki 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 4.4** 'ae totongi koloa fakalotofonua kae holo **peseti 'e 4.9** 'a e koloa hu mai. Koe **hiki fakata'u** 'i **Tisema 2014** na'e peseti 'e **0.2**.

Koe tu'unga 'oe **koloa me'atokoni** na'e hiki **peseti 'e 1.1** mei **Novema**. Koe hiki ko'eni na'e makatu'unga ia mei he hiki 'ihe totongi 'o e ngaahi **Koloa me'atokoni** fakaloto fonua .Na'e hiki moe totongi 'oe ngaahi koloa me'atokoni **humai** 'e ni'ihiki.

Koe **Koloa Naunau Langa**, Na'e holo **peseti 0.4** makatu'unga mei holo 'ae totongi 'oe **papa moe piliki** ihe mahina **Tisema 2015**.

Koe **Koloa Naunau Faka'api** na'e holo **peseti 1.0** makatu'unga mei he holo 'ae totongi 'oe **'Uhila moe kasa** 'i hono fakahoa kihe mahina **Novema 2015**.

Koe koloa **Tapaka, 'olokaholo moe kava tonga** na'e hiki peseti **1.0** makatu'unga ia mei he hiki ihe totongi 'oe **kava Tonga**.

Koe **Koloa Fefononga 'aki** na'e holo peseti **0.8** mei **Novema 2015**, makatu'unga ia mei he holo 'ihe totongi 'oe **penisini moe tisolo**.

Koe **koloa vala moe su** na'e hiki **peseti 0.6** makatu'unga mei he hiki 'ihe totongi 'oe **silipa blue dia**.

Koe **ngaahi koloa kehe** na'e holo **peseti 0.2** makatu'unga mei he holo 'ihe totongi 'oe koloa **faito'o** moe **me'a teuteu**.

Koe ngaahi fakaikiiki 'oe fakamatala ni 'e ma'u atu ia mei he Potungae Sitetisitika pe ko ho'o vakai ki he'emaui website www.spc.int/prism/tonga/