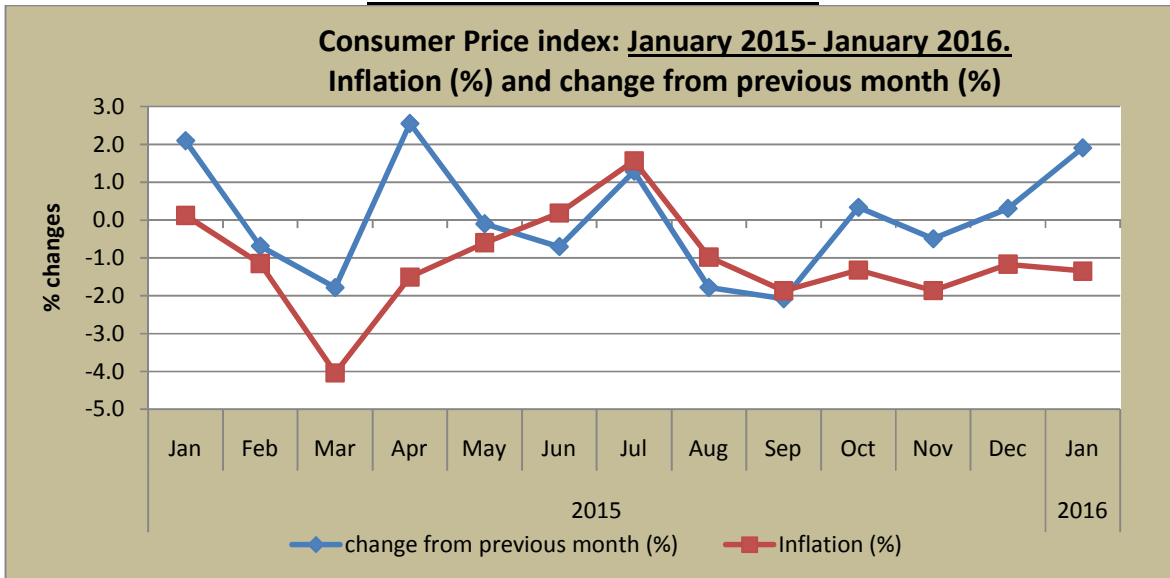




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Consumer Price Index for January 2016 recorded an increase of 1.9%
With an Annual Inflation Rate of -1.3%



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **January 2016** recorded an increase of **1.9%** from **December 2015 (106.1)** and now stands at **108.1**. In comparison with the previous month, local index recorded an increase of **5.2%** and import index decreased by **0.5%**. For the previous two months, **December 2015** recorded an increase of **0.3%** and **November 2015** decreased by **0.5%**.

The **annual rate of inflation for January 2016 declined by 1.3% (Deflation)** compares to **1.2% deflation** in previous month. The **annual inflation for the same month of previous year, January 2015 was 0.1%**. **Local Index** marked an increase by **6.4%** while **Imported Index** decreased by **6.7%** in **January 2016**.

Food Group recorded an increase of **0.9%** towards the index position of **January 2016**. 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 an increase by **1.4%** in the index position of **January 2016**, lower prices was recorded for **Paint** offset by higher prices of **coral aggregate and register lease** compares to the previous month.

Household Operation group recorded an increase by **3.9%** towards the index position of **January 2016**. This was due increase in price of **Equipment & Utensils** and **Furnishings & Textiles** compared to the previous month.

Tobacco, alcohol & kava Tonga group index marked an increase by **1.6%** compares to the previous month. This was due to increase in price of **Tobacco and beer**.

Clothing & footwear groups index marked an increase of **4.9%** towards the index position of **January 2016**. This was due to increase in price of **school uniform** compares to the previous month.

Transportation group index recorded a decrease by **2.5%** in the index position of **January 2016**. This was due to decrease in price of both **Petrol and Diesel** compares to the previous month.

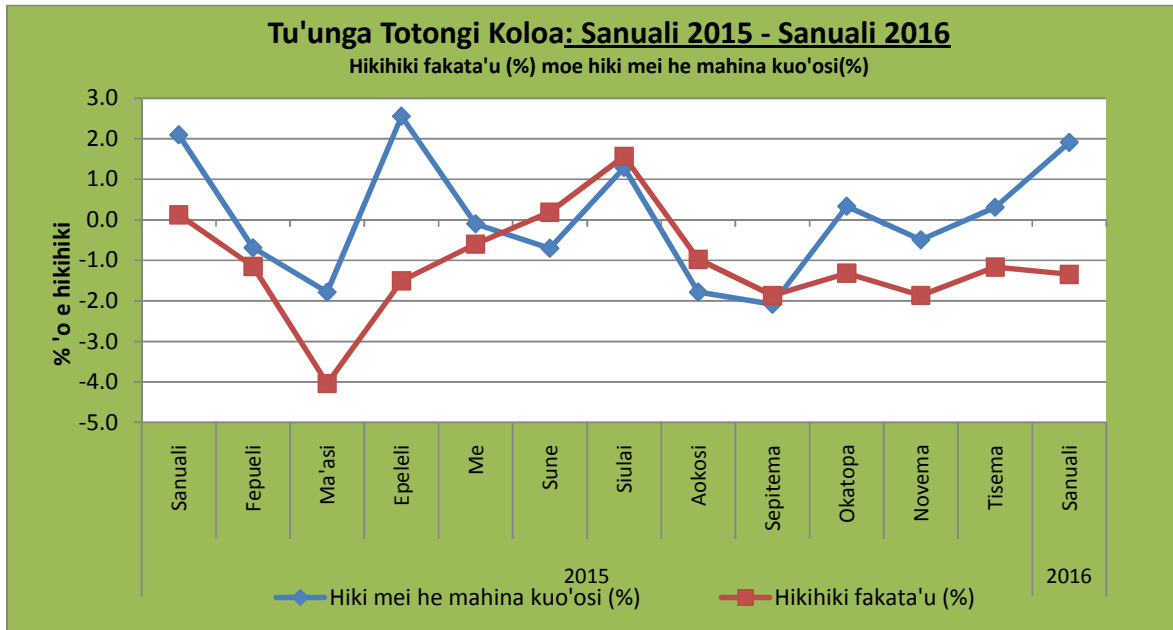
Misc. Goods and Services group index recorded an increase by **6.9%** in the index position of **January 2016** due to increased in price of **other goods & services** compared to the previous month.

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**PULE'ANGA FAKATU'I 'O TONGA.
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Na'e hiki peseti 'e 1.9 'a e tu'unga totongi koloa 'i Sanuali 2016. Pea koe hikihiki fakata'u 'oe totongi e koloa na'e holo peseti 'e 1.3.



Ko e **tu'unga 'o e totongi koloa** ki he mahina **Sanuali 2016**, 'i hono fakaha mei he **Potungau Sitetisitika**, na'e hiki 'a e totongi 'o e koloa 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 1.9** mei **Tisema 2015**, na'e hiki peseti **5.2** 'a e totongi 'o e koloa **fakalotofonua** pea holo peseti 'e **0.5** 'a e **koloa humai**. Koe ongo mahina 'e ua kimu'a, na'e hiki peseti 'e **0.3** 'i **Tisema 2015** pea holo peseti 'e **0.5** 'i **Novema 2015**.

Ko e **Hikihiki fakata'u** 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina ko **Sanuali 2016** na'e holo **peseti 1.3** fakahoa kihe holo **peseti 1.2** 'o e mahina kimu'a **Tisema 2015**. Na'e hiki 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 6.4** 'ae totongi koloa fakalotofonua kae holo **peseti 'e 6.7** 'a e koloa hu mai. Koe **hiki fakata'u** 'i **Sanuali 2015** na'e peseti 'e **0.1**.

Koe tu'unga 'oe **koloa me'atokoni** na'e hiki **peseti 'e 0.9** mei **Tisema**. 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'ihi.

Koe **Koloa Naunau Langa**, Na'e hiki **peseti 1.4** makatu'unga mei hiki 'ae totongi 'oe **maka moe Lisi** ihe mahina **Sanuali 2016**.

Koe **Koloa Naunau Faka'api** na'e hiki **peseti 3.9** makatu'unga mei he hiki 'ae totongi 'oe **ngaahi koloa moe naunau faka'api** fakahoa kihe mahina **Tisema 2015**.

Koe koloa **Tapaka**, 'olokaholo moe **kava tonga** na'e hiki peseti **1.6** makatu'unga ia mei he hiki ihe totongi 'oe **Tobacco and beer**.

Koe **Koloa Fefononga 'aki** na'e holo peseti **2.5** mei **Tisema 2015**, makatu'unga ia mei he holo 'ihe totongi 'oe **penisini moe tisolo**.

Koe **koloa vala moe su** na'e hiki **peseti 4.9** makatu'unga mei he hiki 'ihe totongi 'oe **vala ako**.

Koe ngaahi koloa kehe na'e hiki **peseti 6.9** makatu'unga mei he hiki 'ihe totongi 'oe ngaahi koloa **moe sevesi**.

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