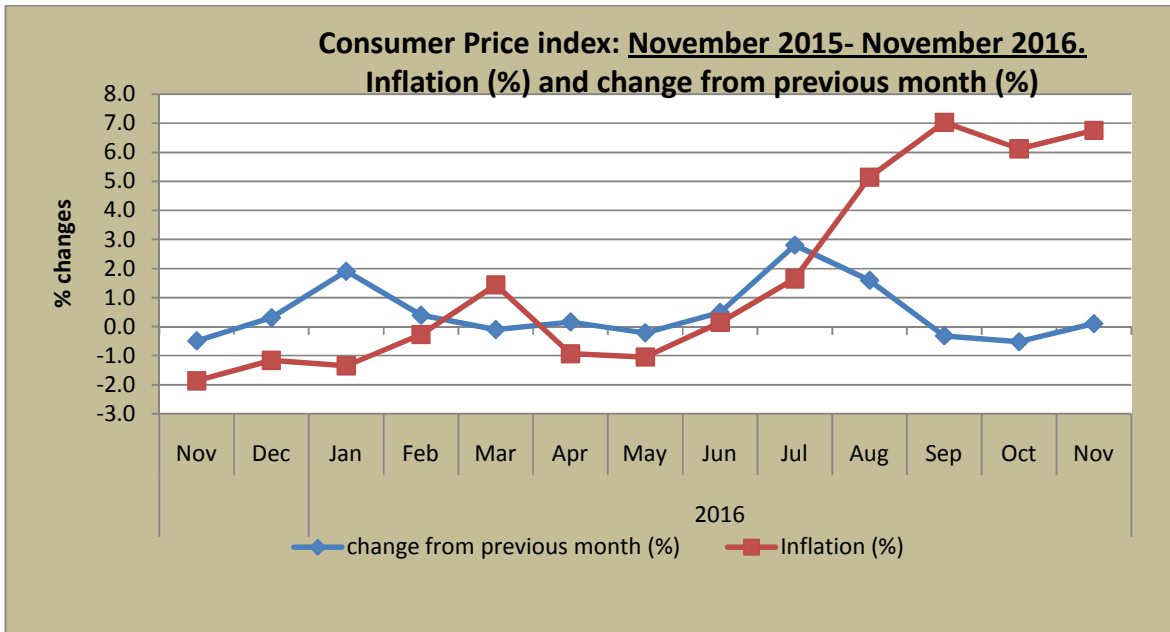




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Consumer Price Index for November 2016 recorded an increase of 0.1%
With an Annual Inflation Rate of 6.8%.



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **November 2016** recorded an increase of **0.1%** from **October 2016 (112.8)** and now stands at **112.9**. In comparison with the previous month, local index recorded a decrease of **0.1%** and import index increased by **0.2%**. For the previous two months, **October 2016** recorded a decrease of **0.5%** and **September 2016** decreased by **0.3%**.

The **annual rate of inflation for November 2016** was **6.8%** compares to **6.1%** in previous month. The **annual inflation** for the same month of previous year, **November 2015** was **1.9% (Deflation)**. **Local Index** marked an increase by **8.1%** and **Imported Index** increased by **5.8%** in **November 2016**.

- **Food Group** recorded a decrease of **0.4%** towards the index position of **November 2016**. This was mainly due to decrease in prices of some **fruits and vegetables and meat, fish & poultry** items. Prices of some imported and other packaged food decreased throughout the month.
- **Housing Group** recorded no change compared to the previous month.
- **Household Operation** group remained unchanged compares to the previous month.
- **Tobacco, alcohol & kava Tonga group** index marked an increase by **0.8%** towards the index position of **November 2016**. This was due to increase in price of **alcohol** compares to the previous month.
- **Clothing & footwear group** index recorded no change compares to the previous month.
- **Transportation group** index recorded an increase by **1.9%** towards the index position of **November 2016**. This was due to increase in price of both **petrol and Diesel** comparing to the previous month.
- **Misc. Goods and Services group** remained unchanged compared to the previous month.

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