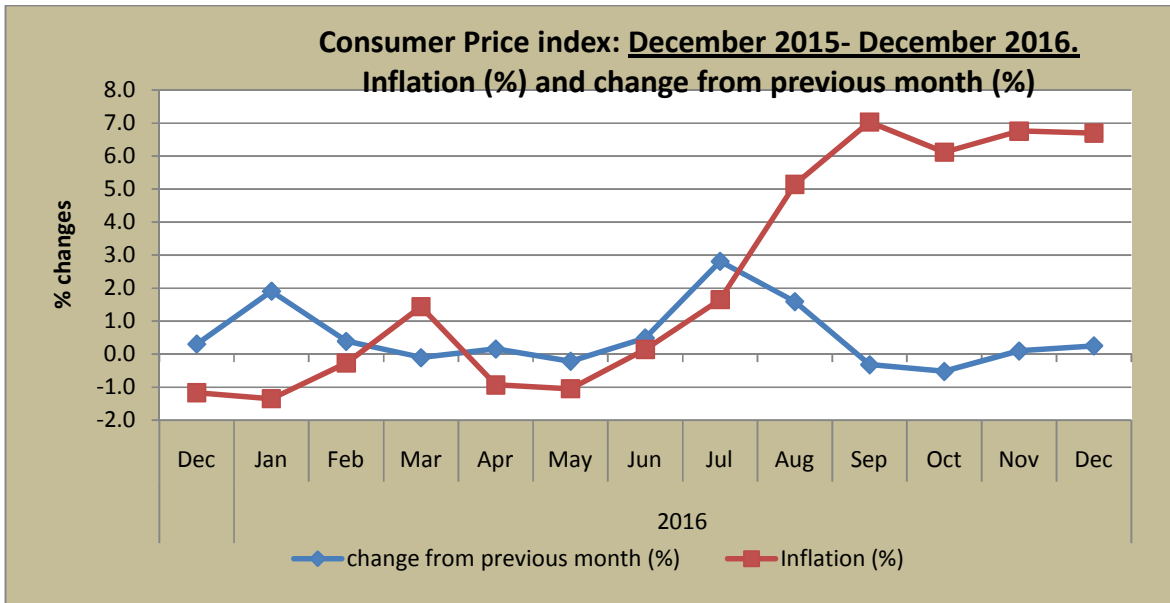




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**Consumer Price Index for December 2016 recorded an increase of 0.3%**  
**With an Annual Inflation Rate of 6.7%.**



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **December 2016** recorded an increase of **0.3%** from **November 2016 (112.9)** and now stands at **113.2**. In comparison with the previous month, local index recorded an increase of **0.1%** and import index increased by **0.3%**. For the previous two months, **November 2016** recorded an increase of **0.1%** and **October 2016** decreased by **0.5%**.

The **annual rate of inflation for December 2016** was **6.7%** compares to **6.8%** in previous month. The **annual inflation** for the same month of previous year, **December 2015** was **1.2% (Deflation)**. **Local Index** marked an increase by **6.4%** and **Imported Index** increased by **6.9%** in **December 2016**.

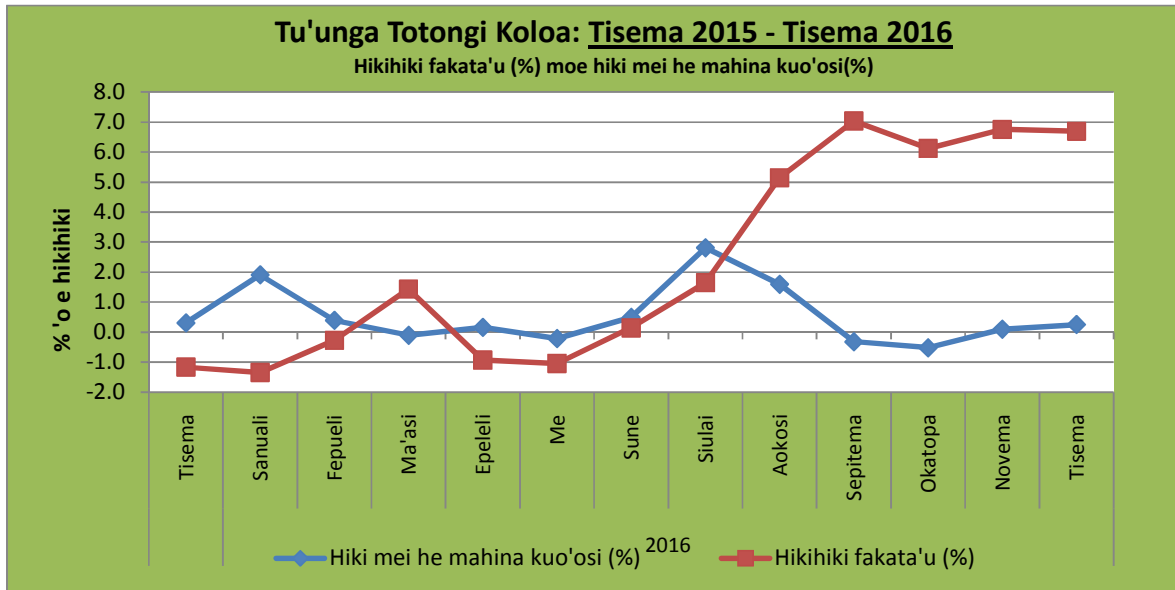
- **Food Group** recorded a decrease of **0.2%** towards the index position of **December 2016**. This was mainly due to decrease in prices of some **fruits and vegetables** items. Prices of some imported and other packaged food decreased throughout the month.
- **Housing Group** recorded an increase by **0.3%** towards the index position of **December 2016**. This was mainly due to increase in price of **paint** and **concrete block** compared to the previous month.
- **Household Operation** group recorded an increase by **0.7%** towards the index of **December 2016** due to increase in price of **Electricity** compares to the previous month.
- **Tobacco, alcohol & kava Tonga group** index marked an increase by **1.5%** towards the index position of **December 2016**. This was mainly due to increase in price of **Kava Tonga** compares to the previous month.
- **Clothing & footwear group** index recorded a decrease by **0.8%** in the index of **December 2016** due to decrease in price of **school uniform** compares to the previous month.
- **Transportation group** index recorded an increase by **0.9%** towards the index position of **December 2016**. This was due to increase in price of both **petrol and Diesel** comparing to the previous month.
- **Misc. Goods and Services group** recorded an increase by **0.2%** in the index of **December 2016**. This was mainly due to fall in price of some **cosmetic and toiletries** compared to the previous month.

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**Na'e hiki peseti 'e 0.3 'a e tu'unga totongi koloa 'i Tisema 2016. Pea koe hikihiki fakata'u 'oe totongi e koloa na'e hiki peseti 'e 6.7.**



Ko e tu'unga 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina **Tisema 2016**, 'i hono fakaha mei he **Potungae Sitiesitika**, na'e hiki 'a e totongi 'o e koloa 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 0.3** mei **Novema 2016**, na'e hiki peseti **0.1** 'a e totongi 'o e koloa **fakalotofonua** pea hiki peseti 'e **0.3** 'a e **koloa humai**. Ko e ongo mahina 'e ua kimu'a, na'e hiki peseti 'e **0.1** 'i **Novema 2016** pea holo peseti 'e **0.5** 'i **'Okatopa 2016**.

Ko e **Hikihiki fakata'u** 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina ko **Tisema 2016** na'e hiki **peseti 6.7** fakahoa kihe hiki **peseti 6.8** 'o e mahina kimu'a ko **Novema 2016**. Na'e hiki 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 6.4** 'a e totongi koloa fakalotofonua pea hiki **peseti 'e 6.9** 'a e koloa hu mai. Ko e **hiki fakata'u** 'i **Tisema 2015** na'e holo peseti 'e **1.2**.

- Ko e tu'unga 'o e **koloa me'atokoni** na'e holo **peseti 'e 0.2** mei **Novema 2016**. Ko e holo ko'eni na'e makatu'unga ia mei he holo 'i he totongi 'o e ngaahi **Koloa me'atokoni** fakaloto fonua 'e ni'ih. Na'e holo moe totongi 'o e ngaahi koloa me'atokoni **humai** 'e ni'ih.
- Ko e **Koloa Naunau Langa**, na'e hiki 'aki 'a e **peseti 0.3** makatu'unga mei he hiki 'a e totongi 'oe **vali moe piliki** 'i hono fakahoa kihe mahina **Novema 2016**.
- Ko e **Koloa Naunau Faka'api** na'e hiki **peseti 0.7** mei **Novema 2016** makatu'unga mei hiki 'ihe totongi 'oe **'Uhila**.
- Ko e koloa **Tapaka, 'olokaholo moe kava tonga** na'e hiki **peseti 1.5** mei **Novema 2016** makatu'unga ia mei he hiki 'a e tu'unga totongi 'o e **Kava Tonga**.
- Ko e **Koloa Fefononga 'aki** na'e hiki **peseti 0.9** mei **Novema 2016**, makatu'unga ia mei he hiki 'i he totongi 'o e **penisini moe tisolo**.
- Ko e **koloa vala moe su** na'e holo **peseti 'e 0.8** mei **Novema 2016**, makatu'unga mei holo 'ihe totongi 'oe **vala ako**.
- Ko e **ngaahi koloa kehe mo e sevesi** na'e hiki **peseti 'e 0.2**, makatu'unga mei hiki 'ihe totongi 'oe ngaahi **koloa kehe** 'i hono fakahoa kihe mahina **Novema 2016**.

Koe ngaahi fakaikiiki 'o e fakamatala ni 'e ma'u atu ia mei he Potungae Sitiesitika pe ko ho'o vakai ki he'emaui website [www.spc.int/prism/tonga/](http://www.spc.int/prism/tonga/)