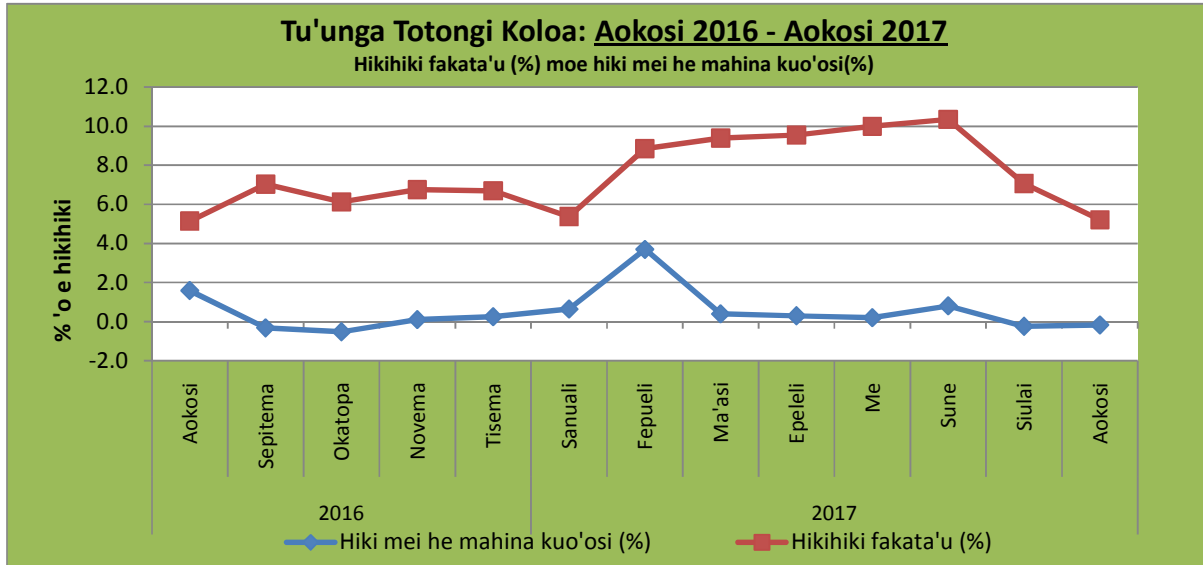




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Na'e holo peseti 'e 0.2 'a e tu'unga totongi koloa 'i 'Aokosi 2017. Pea ko e hikihiki fakata'u 'o e totongi e koloa na'e hiki peseti 'e 5.2



Ko e tu'unga 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina 'Aokosi 2017, 'i hono fakaha mei he Potungae Sitetisitika, na'e holo 'a e totongi 'o e koloa 'aki 'a e peseti 'e 0.2 mei Siulai 2017, na'e holo peseti 2.0 'a e totongi 'o e koloa fakalotofonua pea hiki peseti 'e 1.2 'a e koloa humai. Ko e ongo mahina 'e ua kimu'a, na'e holo peseti 'e 0.2 'i Siulai 2017 pea hiki peseti 'e 0.8 'i Sune 2017.

Ko e Hikihiki fakata'u 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina ko 'Aokosi 2017 na'e hiki peseti 5.2 fakahoa ki he hiki peseti 7.1 'o e mahina ko Siulai 2017. Na'e hiki 'aki 'a e peseti 'e 3.9 'a e totongi koloa fakalotofonua pea hiki peseti 'e 6.2 'a e koloa hu mai. Ko e hiki fakata'u 'i 'Aokosi 2016 na'e hiki peseti 'e 5.1.

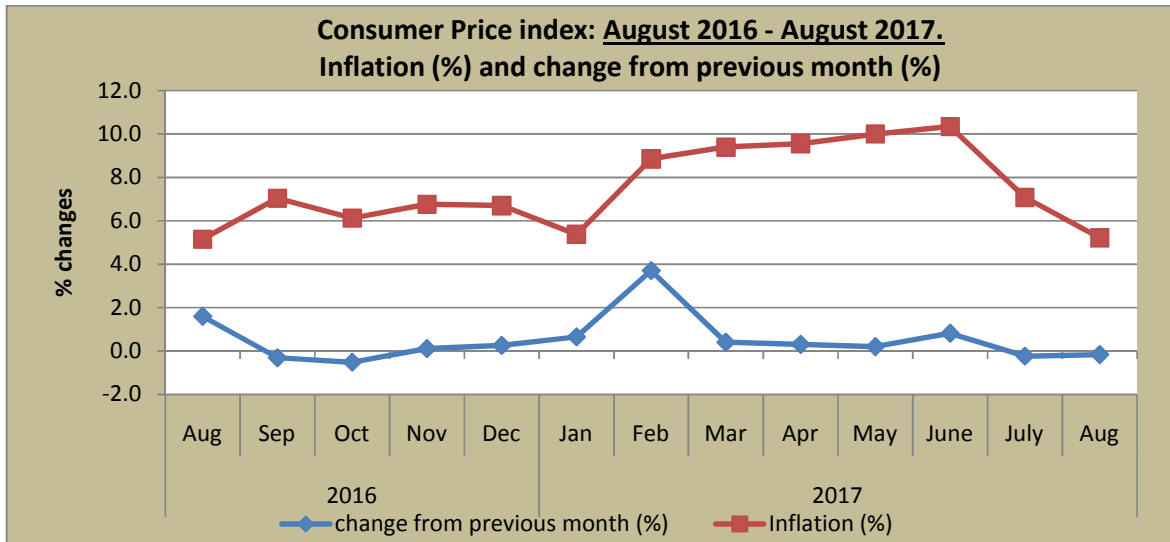
- Koe kulupu ko 'eni 'o e koloa me'a tokoni na'e holo 'aki 'a e peseti 'e 0.5 'i he tu'unga totongi koloa ki he mahina ko 'Aokosi 2017. Neongo na'e hiki 'a e totongi 'o e koloa fakalotofonua mo e hu mai 'i he kulupu mei he kakano'i manu mo e ika, ka na'e mahulu ange 'a e holo 'i he tu'unga totongi 'o e fua'i'akau mo e vesitapolo fakalotofonua. Ko e hiki ko eni 'i he totongi 'o e sipi kapakapa, alanga'i moa, mui'i pipi, pulu masima, kongokonga sipi, sosisi, vasuva, ika mo e puaka tunu. Na'e holo leva e totongi 'o e vesitapolo mo e ngoue foha kau ai 'a e polo, kapisi fua, temata, siaine momoho, kaloti, meleni, la'i Lu moe talo futuna.
- Ko e Koloa Naunau Langa, na'e tu'unga tatau pe fakahoa ki he mahina ko Siulai 2017.
- Ko e Koloa Naunau Faka'api na'e tu'unga tatau pe fakahoa ki he mahina ko Siulai 2017. Neongo ne hiki 'a e totongi 'o e kasa ka na'e tu'unga tatau pe 'ihe holo 'a e Kalasini.
- Ko e koloa vala moe su na'e tu'unga tatau pe 'i hono fakahoa ki he mahina ko Siulai 2017.
- Ko e Koloa Fefononga 'aki na'e holo 'aki 'a e peseti 'e 1.4 makatu'unga mei he holo 'i he totongi 'o e tisolo mo e penisini 'i hono fakahoa ki he mahina ko Siulai 2017.
- Ko e koloa Tapaka, 'olokaholo moe kava tonga na'e hiki 'aki 'a e peseti 'e 2.5 kau ki ai 'a e hiki 'a e tu'unga totongi 'o e Kava Tonga, pia VB mo e tapaka ko e uinifila 'i hono fakahoa ki he mahina Siulai 2017.
- Ko e ngaahi koloa kehe mo e sevesi na'e tu'unga tatau pe 'i hono fakahoa ki he mahina Siulai 2017. Neongo ne holo e totongi e shampoo ka ko e fakalukufua ne 'ikai ha fu'u liliu 'i hono fakahoa ki he mahina Siulai 2017.

Koe ngaahi fakaikiiki 'o e 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/



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Consumer Price Index for August 2017 recorded a decrease of 0.2%
With an Annual Inflation Rate of 5.2%.



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **August 2017** recorded a decrease of **0.2%** from **July 2017 (119.9)** and now stands at **119.7**. In comparison with the previous month, local index recorded a decrease of **2.0%** and import index increased by **1.2%**. For the previous two months, **July 2017** recorded a decrease of **0.2%** and **June 2017** increased by **0.8%**.

The **annual rate of inflation for August 2017 was 5.2%** compares to **7.1%** in previous month. The **annual inflation** for the same month of previous year, **August 2016 was 5.1% (Inflation)**. **Local Index** marked an increase by **3.9%** and **Imported Index** increased by **6.2%** in **August 2017**.

- **Food Group** recorded a decrease of **0.5%** towards the index position of **August 2017**. Although there was an increase in both local and imported **meat, fish and poultry** but this increase was offset by decrease in prices of **fruits and vegetables**. Price increase included mutton flaps, chicken legs, turkey tails, salted beef, lamb chop, sausages, tuna, clam, string fish and suckling pig. Decrease in price of vegetables and most crops include capsicum, head cabbage, tomatoes, ripe banana, carrots, water melon, taro leaves and dry land.
- **Housing Group**- Price of items in this group recorded no change compare to the previous month.
- **Household Operations** – Price of items in this group recorded no change towards the index position of **August 2017**. Although there was an increasing in price of **LP gas** and decreasing in price of **Kerosene** but the overall balance remained unchanged compare to the previous month.
- **Clothing & Footwear** – Price of items in this group recorded no change compare to the previous month.
- **Transportation group index** – Price of items in this group recorded a decrease by **1.4%** due to decrease in price of **diesel and petrol** compare to the previous month.
- **Tobacco, Alcohol & Kava Tonga** – Price of items in this group recorded an increase by **2.5%** due to increase in price of **Kava Tonga, Beer VB** and **Tobacco** such as Winfield compare to the previous month.
- **Misc. Goods and Services** - Price of items in this group recorded no change, although there was a decreasing in price of shampoo but the overall balance remained unchanged compare to the previous month.

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