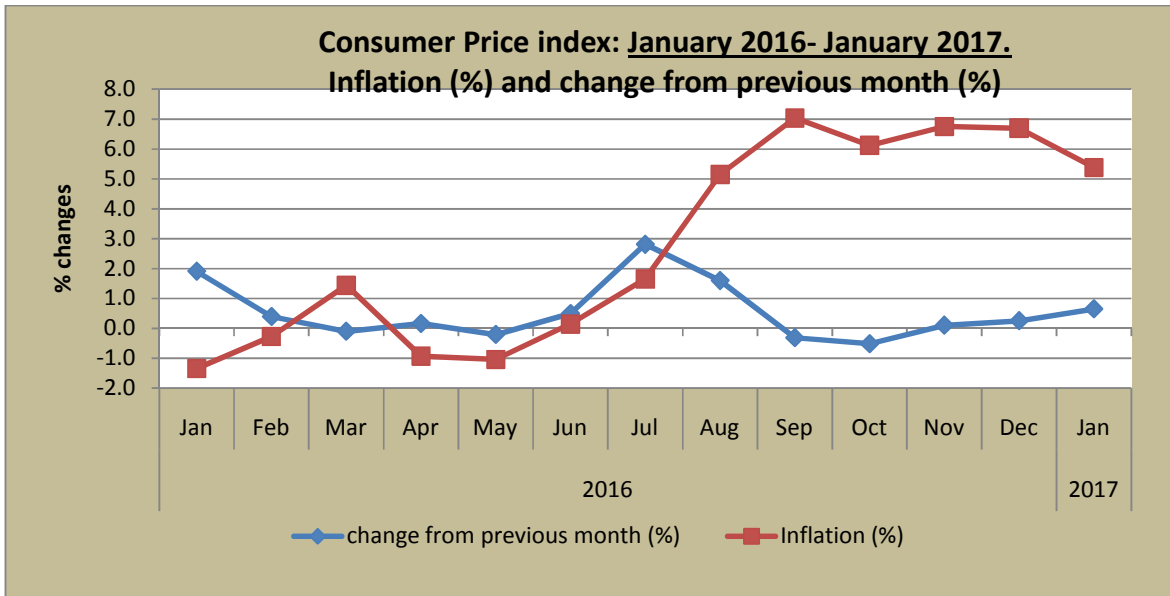




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**Consumer Price Index for January 2017 recorded an increase of 0.6%**  
**With an Annual Inflation Rate of 5.4%.**



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **January 2017** recorded an increase of **0.6%** from **December 2016 (113.2)** and now stands at **113.9**. In comparison with the previous month, local index recorded an increase of **1.3%** and import index increased by **0.2%**. For the previous two months, **December 2016** recorded an increase of **0.3%** and **November 2016** increased by **0.1%**.

The **annual rate of inflation for January 2017** was **5.4%** compares to **6.7%** in previous month. The **annual inflation** for the same month of previous year, **January 2016** was **1.3% (Deflation)**. **Local Index** marked an increase by **2.4%** and **Imported Index** increased by **7.7%** in **January 2017**.

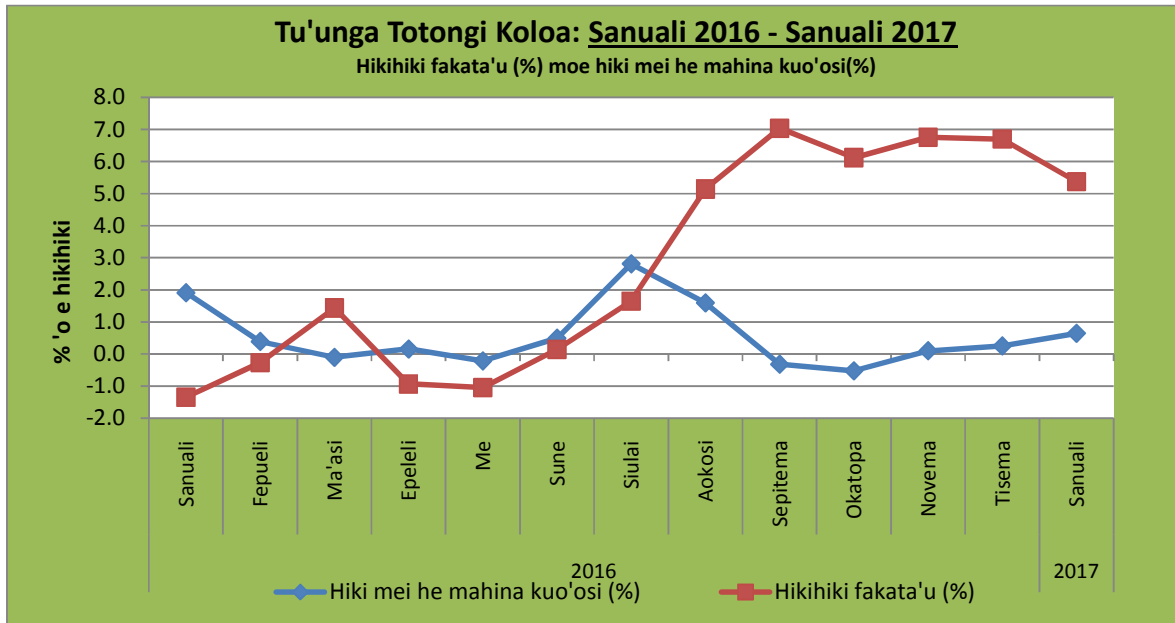
- **Food Group** recorded an increase of **1.4%** towards the index position of **January 2017**. This was mainly due to decrease in prices of some **fruits and vegetables and meat, fish & poultry** items. Prices of some imported and other packaged food also increased throughout the month.
- **Housing Group** recorded **no change** compared to the previous month.
- **Household Operation** group recorded **no change** compares to the previous month.
- **Tobacco, alcohol & kava Tonga group** index marked an increase **by 0.4%** towards the index position of **January 2017**. This was mainly due to increase in price of **Tobacco** compares to the previous month.
- **Clothing & footwear group** index recorded **no change** compares to the previous month.
- **Transportation group** index recorded a decrease by **0.6%** towards the index position of **January 2017**. This was due to decrease in price of both **petrol and Diesel** comparing to the previous month.
- **Misc. Goods and Services group** recorded an increase **by 0.1%** in the index of **January 2017**. 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 0.6 'a e tu'unga totongi koloa 'i Sanuali 2017. Pea koe hikihiki fakata'u 'oe totongi e koloa na'e hiki peseti 'e 5.4.**



Ko e tu'unga 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina **Sanuali 2017**, 'i hono fakaha mei he **Potungae Sitetisitika**, na'e hiki 'a e totongi 'o e koloa 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 0.6** mei **Tisema 2016**, na'e hiki peseti **1.3** 'a e totongi 'o e koloa **fakalotofonua** pea hiki peseti 'e **0.2** 'a e **koloa humai**. Ko e ongo mahina 'e ua kimu'a, na'e hiki peseti 'e **0.3** 'i **Tisema 2016** pea hiki peseti 'e **0.1** 'i **Novema 2016**.

Ko e **Hikihiki fakata'u** 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina ko **Sanuali 2017** na'e hiki **peseti 5.4** fakahoa kihe hiki **peseti 6.7** 'o e mahina kimu'a ko **Tisema 2016**. Na'e hiki 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 2.4** 'a e totongi koloa fakalotofonua pea hiki **peseti 'e 7.7** 'a e koloa hu mai. Ko e **hiki fakata'u** 'i **Sanuali 2016** na'e holo peseti 'e **1.3**.

- Ko e tu'unga 'o e **koloa me'atokoni** na'e hiki **peseti 'e 1.4** mei **Tisema 2016**. Ko e hiki ko'eni na'e makatu'unga ia mei he hiki 'i he totongi 'o e ngaahi **Koloa me'atokoni** fakaloto fonua 'e ni'ihii. Na'e hiki moe totongi 'o e ngaahi koloa me'atokoni **humai** 'e ni'ihii.
- Ko e **Koloa Naunau Langa**, na'e tu'unga tatau pe 'i hono fakahoa kihe mahina **Tisema 2016**.
- Ko e **Koloa Naunau Faka'api** na'e tu'unga tatau pe 'i hono fakahoa kihe mahina **Tisema 2016**.
- Ko e koloa **Tapaka**, 'olokaholo moe kava tonga na'e hiki **peseti 0.4** mei **Tisema 2016** makatu'unga ia mei he hiki 'a e tu'unga totongi 'o e **tapaka Winfield**.
- Ko e **Koloa Fefononga 'aki** na'e holo **peseti 0.6** mei **Tisema 2016**, makatu'unga ia mei he holo 'i he totongi 'o e **penisini moe tisolo**.
- Ko e **koloa vala moe su** na'e tu'unga tatau pe 'ihono fakahoa kihe mahina **Tisema 2016**.
- Ko e **ngaahi koloa kehe mo e sevesi** na'e hiki **peseti 'e 0.1**, makatu'unga mei hiki 'ihe totongi 'oe ngaahi **koloa kehe** 'i hono fakahoa kihe mahina **Tisema 2016**.

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/](http://www.spc.int/prism/tonga/)