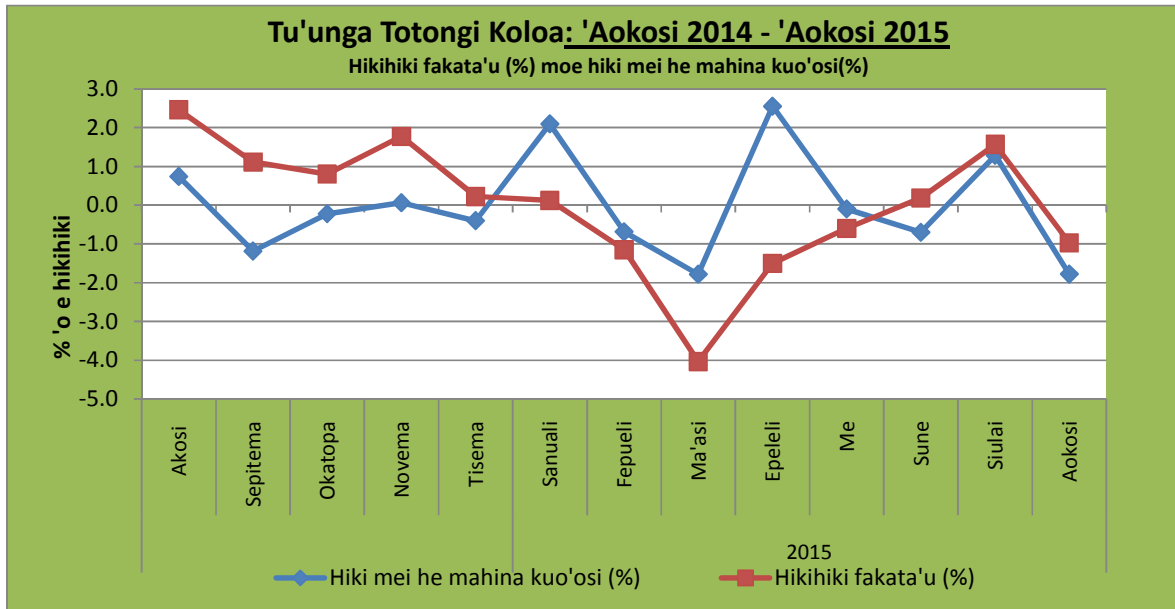




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Na'e holo peseti 'e 1.8 'a e tu'unga totongi koloa 'i Aokosi 2015. Pea koe hikihiki fakata'u 'oe totongi e koloa na'e holo peseti 'e 1.0.



Ko e tu'unga 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina **Aokosi 2015**, 'i hono fakaha mei he **Potungae Sitetisitika**, na'e holo 'a e totongi 'o e koloa 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 1.8** mei **Siulai 2015**, na'e holo peseti **2.6** 'a e totongi 'o e koloa **fakalotofonua** pea holo peseti 'e **1.2** 'a e **koloa humai**. Koe ongo mahina 'e ua kimu'a, na'e hiki peseti 'e **1.3** 'i **Siulai 2015** pea holo peseti 'e **0.7** 'i **Sune 2015**.

Ko e **Hikihiki fakata'u** 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina ko **Aokosi 2015** na'e holo peseti **1.0** fakahoa kihe **hiki peseti 1.6** 'o e mahina kimu'a **Siulai 2015**. Na'e hiki 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 6.6** 'ae totongi koloa fakalotofonua kae holo **peseti 'e 6.0** 'a e koloa hu mai. Koe **hiki fakata'u** 'i **Aokosi 2014** na'e peseti 'e **2.5**.

Koe tu'unga 'oe **koloa me'atokoni** na'e 'ilonga 'ene holo **peseti 'e 4.0** mei **Siulai**. Koe holo ko'eni na'e makatu'unga ia mei he holo 'ihe totongi 'o e ngaahi **Koloa me'atokoni** fakaloto fonua .Na'e holo moe totongi 'oe ngaahi koloa me'atokoni **humai** 'e ni'ihii.

Koe **Koloa Naunau Langa**, Na'e hiki **peseti 0.1** makatu'unga mei hiki 'ae totongi 'oe **sima moe piliki** ihe mahina **Aokosi 2015**.

Koe **Koloa Naunau Faka'api** na'e tu'u tatau pe 'ihe mahina **Aokosi 2015** 'i hono fakahoa kihe mahina **Siulai 2015**.

Koe koloa **Tapaka, 'olokaholo moe kava tonga** na'e hiki peseti **1.1** makatu'unga ia mei he hiki ihe totongi 'oe **Pia VB**.

Koe **Koloa Fefononga 'aki** na'e tuu tatau pe mei **Siulai 2015**, neongo 'a e feto'aki 'a e totongi lolo.

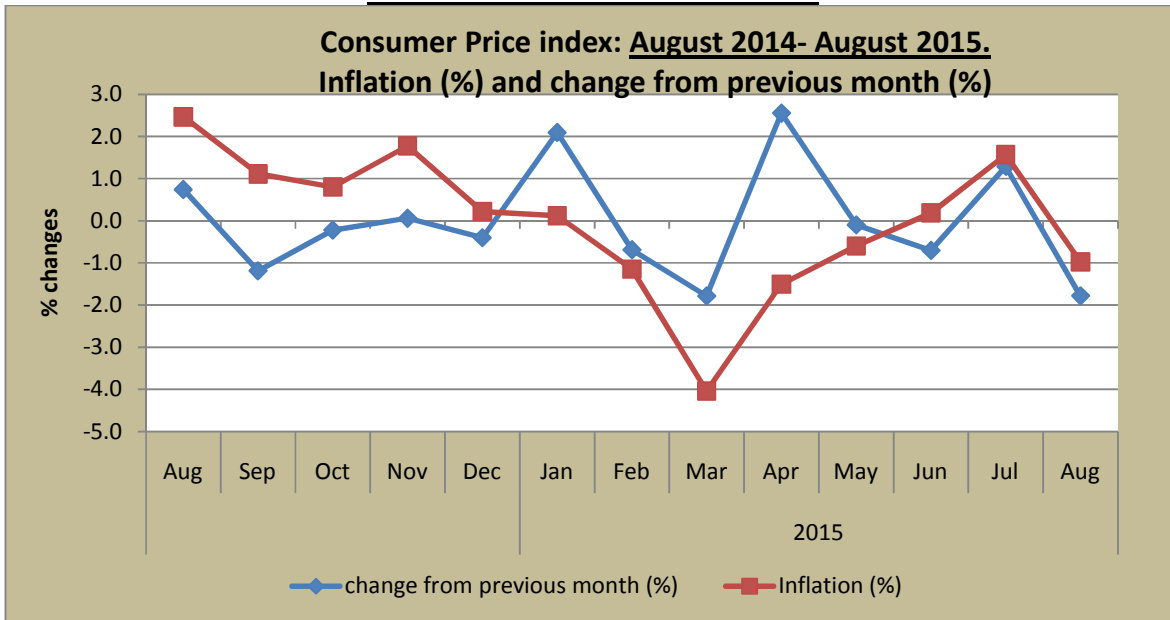
Koe **koloa vala moe su moe ngaahi koloa kehe** na'e hiki peseti **2.9%** makatu'unga ia mei he hiki ihe totongi 'oe **silipa (blue dia)** ihe mahina **Aokosi 2015**.

Koe ngaahi fakaikiiki 'oe 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 2015 recorded a decrease of 1.8%
With an Annual Inflation Rate of -1.0%



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **August 2015** recorded a decrease of **1.8%** from **July 2015 (110.1)** and now stands at **108.2**. In comparison with the previous month, local index recorded a decrease of **2.6%** and import index also decreased by **1.2%**. For the previous two months, **July 2015** recorded an increase of **1.3%** and **June 2015** increased by **0.7%**.

The **annual rate of inflation for August was -1.0%(Deflation)** compares to **1.6%** inflation in previous month. The **annual inflation** for the same month of previous year, **August 2014 was 2.5%**. Local Index marked an increase by **6.6%** while Imported Index decreased by **6.0%** in **August 2015**.

Food Group recorded a significant decrease of **4.0%** towards the index position of **August 2015**. This was due to decrease in prices of most **fruits and vegetables, Meat, fish & poultry** items. Prices of some imported items (tinned & packaged food, frozen meat) also decreased such as mutton flap and chicken pieces throughout the months.

Housing Group recorded a decrease by **0.1%** in the index position of **August 2015**, due to increase in prices of **cement and concrete block** compares to the previous month.

Although there were price change amongst **Household Operation** group items, but these changes counter balance each other compares to the previous month.

Tobacco, alcohol & kava Tonga group index marked an increase by **1.1%** compares to the previous month. This was due to increase in price of **beer VB**.

Clothing & footwear groups index marked an increase of **2.9%** in the index position of **August 2015** due to increase in price of **flip flop** compares to the previous month.

Although there were change amongst **Transportation group** items, but these changes counter balance each other compares to the previous month.

Misc. Goods and Services group index recorded an increase by **0.1%** due to increase in price of **cosmetics & toiletries** compared to the previous month.

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