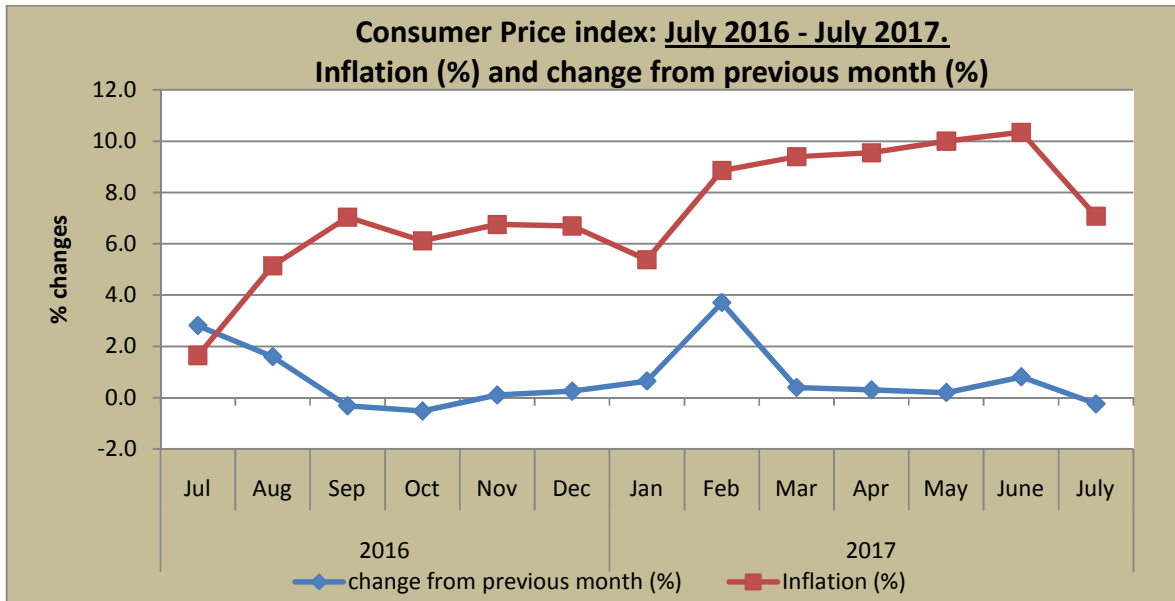




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Consumer Price Index for July 2017 recorded a decrease of 0.2%
With an Annual Inflation Rate of 7.1%.



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **July 2017** recorded a decrease of **0.2%** from **June 2017 (120.2)** and now stands at **119.9**. In comparison with the previous month, local index recorded a decrease of **2.4%** and import index increased by **1.5%**. For the previous two months, **June 2017** recorded an increase of **0.8%** and **May 2017** increased by **0.2%**.

The **annual rate of inflation for July 2017** was **7.1%** compares to **10.3%** in previous month. The **annual inflation** for the same month of previous year, **July 2016** was **1.6% (Inflation)**. **Local Index** marked an increase by **6.7%** and **Imported Index** increased by **7.4%** in **July 2017**.

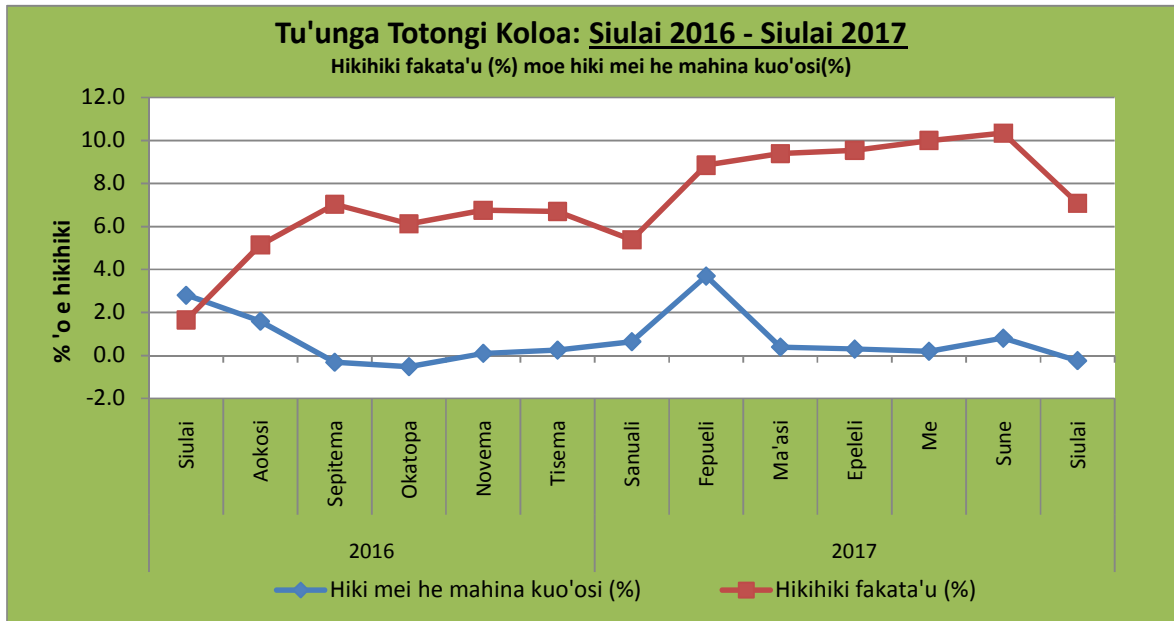
- **Food Group** recorded a decrease of **0.3%** towards the index position of **July 2017**. Although there was an increase in both local and imported **meat, fish and poultry** but this increase was offset by decrease in prices of **fruits and vegetables**. Price increase included mutton flaps, chicken legs, turkey tails, octopus, sea urchin, tuna, clam, string fish and suckling pig. Decrease in price of vegetables and most crops include capsicum, head cabbage, tomatoes, cucumber, carrots, pele, pawpaw, sweet potatoes, yams (late) and cassava.
- **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 a decrease of **1.6%** towards the index position of July 2017. There was an increase in price of kerosene but this increase was offset by decrease in price of electricity 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 **1.9%** 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 **5.2%** due to increase in price of **Tobacco** such as Winfield and Pall Mall compare to the previous month.
- **Misc. Goods and Services** - Price of items in this group recorded a decrease by **0.3%** which includes a decrease in price of **diapers and toothpaste** compare to the previous month.

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Na'e holo peseti 'e 0.2 'a e tu'unga totongi koloa 'i Siulai 2017. Pea ko e hikihiki fakata'u 'o e totongi e koloa na'e hiki peseti 'e 7.1



Ko e tu'unga 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina **Siulai 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 **Sune 2017**, na'e holo peseti **2.4** 'a e totongi 'o e koloa **fakalotofonua** pea hiki **peseti 'e 1.5** 'a e **koloa humai**. Ko e ongo mahina 'e ua kimu'a, na'e hiki peseti 'e **0.8** 'i **Sune 2017** pea hiki peseti 'e **0.2** 'i **Me 2017**.

Ko e **Hikihiki fakata'u** 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina ko **Siulai 2017** na'e hiki **peseti 7.1** fakahoa ki he hiki **peseti 10.3** 'o e mahina ko **Sune 2017**. Na'e hiki 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 6.7** 'a e totongi **koloa fakalotofonua** pea hiki **peseti 'e 7.4** 'a e **koloa hu mai**. Ko e **hiki fakata'u** 'i **Siulai 2016** na'e hiki peseti 'e **1.6**.

- Koe kulupu ko 'eni 'o e **koloa me'a tokoni** na'e holo 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 0.3** 'i he **tu'unga totongi koloa ki he mahina ko Siulai 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, feke, tukumisi, 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, kiukamipa, kaloti, pele, lesi, kumala, 'ufi tokamui mo e manioke.
- Ko e **Koloa Naunau Langa**, na'e tu'unga tatau pe fakahoa ki he mahina ko **Sune 2017**.
- Ko e **Koloa Naunau Faka'api** na'e holo 'aki 'a e peseti 'e **1.6** fakahoa ki he mahina ko **Sune 2017**. Neongo ne hiki 'a e totongi 'o e kalasini ka na'e mahulu age 'a e holo 'i he totongi 'uhila.
- Ko e **koloa vala moe su** na'e tu'unga tatau pe 'i hono fakahoa ki he mahina ko **Sune 2017**.
- Ko e **Koloa Fefononga 'aki** na'e holo 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 1.9** makatu'unga mei he holo 'i he totongi 'o e **tisolo mo e penisini** 'i hono fakahoa ki he mahina ko **Sune 2017**.
- Ko e koloa **Tapaka, 'olokaholo moe kava tonga** na'e hiki 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 5.2** kau ki ai 'a e hiki 'a e tu'unga totongi 'o e **tapaka ko e uinifila moe polomolo** 'i hono fakahoa ki he mahina **Sune 2017**.
- Ko e **ngaahi koloa kehe mo e sevesi** na'e holo 'aki 'a e **peseti 0.3** kau ki ai 'a e holo 'a e tu'unga totongi 'o e **taipa mo e kilimi fulunifo** 'i hono fakahoa ki he mahina **Sune 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/