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# STATISTICAL BULLETIN

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—February 2025

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### HIGHLIGHTS

In February 2025 compared with February 2024. (By PACCOICOP groups)

**Annual Inflation Rate is 4.0%**

The groups with the high percentage change in CPI

- ☐ *Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava: +31.6%*
- ☐ *Clothing and footwear: +13.9%*
- ☐ *Furnishings and household equipment: +12.9%*
- ☐ *Housing, water, electricity and gas: -10.9%*

### Annual Inflation Rate

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for February 2025 for all items is 129.8 (*Figure 1*). The index for February 2024 was 124.8. Compare to the same month of the previous year, the annual inflation rate increased by 4.0% (*Figure 2*).

The CPI has two important components, local and imported goods, which are used to measure the key indicators of inflation like the annual inflation rate. Over the twelve months to February 2025, these two components indicated a higher price increase for local goods. The local goods reflects a price increase of 4.7% compared to imported goods which rose by 3.2% (*Table 1*).

The group *Alcoholic beverage, tobacco and kava* was the largest driver of inflation. CPI increased by 31.6%, contributing 1.8% to overall inflation. This trend was driven by the increase in the price of kava. The CPI for *Food and Non-Alcoholic beverages group* increased by 3.3% adding another 1.4% to the inflation rate in Tonga. Similarly, CPI for the group *Personal care and miscellaneous goods and services* increase by 10.9% due to higher prices for *imported personal care products* contributing 0.6% to inflation rate.

Inflation lowering effects came from the *Housing, water, electricity and gas* group which moderated the overall inflation by 0.7%. This was mainly due to reduced electricity price.

### Monthly Inflation Rate

The CPI decreased by 2.7% from 133.4 in January 2025 to 129.8 February 2025 (*Figure 1*). The price of local goods decreased by 5.2% while the price of imported goods increased by 0.2% compared to the previous month. (*Table 2*)

*Note: Month-on-month percentage change rates based on non-seasonally adjusted index series.*

Figure 1: Consumer price index, year ended to February 2025

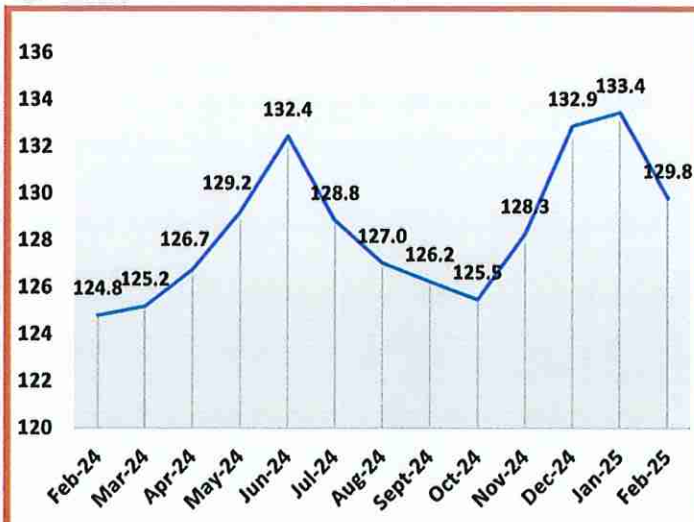
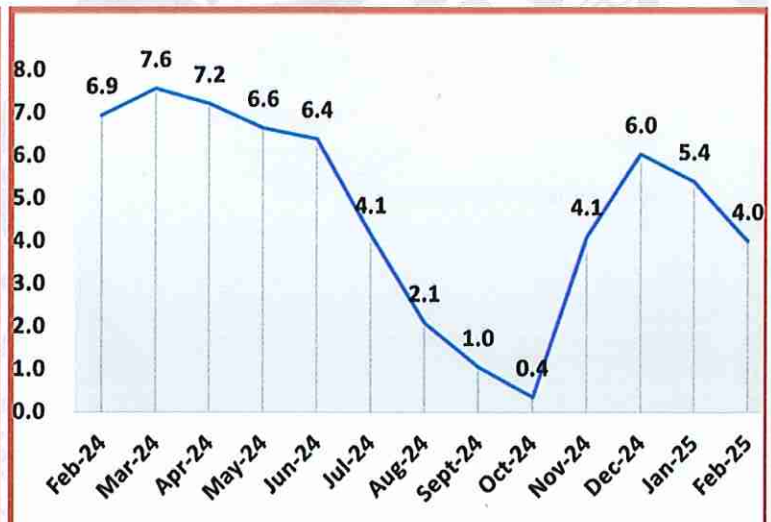


Figure 2: Annual Inflation Rate, year ended to February 2025



**Table A: Summary highlights in percentage points, over the year ended February 2025 (All groups, YoY)**

| PACCOICOP groups  | Growth contribution | Change in the indices | CPI 2021 weights |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Alcoholic beverage, tobacco and kava                      | +1.8                | +31.6                 | 5.6              |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic beverages                          | +1.4                | +3.3                  | 42.6             |
| Personal care and MISC. goods and services                | +0.6                | +10.8                 | 5.4              |
| Restaurant and hotels                                     | +0.4                | +3.0                  | 15.0             |
| Furnishing, household equipment and household maintenance | +0.4                | +12.9                 | 3.2              |
| Clothing and footwear                                     | +0.4                | +13.9                 | 2.8              |
| Recreation and culture                                    | +0.1                | +9.3                  | 0.6              |
| Education   | 0.0                 | +1.9                  | 1.2              |
| Transport   | 0.0                 | -0.1                  | 13.2             |
| Communication   | 0.0                 | -0.3                  | 3.7              |
| Health  | 0.0                 | -1.2                  | 0.2              |
| Housing, water, electricity and gas                       | -0.7                | -10.9                 | 6.6              |
| <b>Total</b>  |                     |                       | <b>100.0</b>     |

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**Please find attached the following:**

**Table 1:** Consumer Price Index with local and imported components, percentage change year on year

**Table 2:** Consumer Price Index with local and imported components, percentage change month on month

**Table 3:** Consumer Price Index, annual inflation and annual average inflation rate

**Table 4:** Consumer Price index by All groups

**Table 5:** Consumer Price Index: Group and Subgroups—index number

**Table 6:** Monthly average price of selected local items

**Table 7:** Monthly average price of selected imported items