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### BASIC FOOD INDEX – NOVEMBER 2021

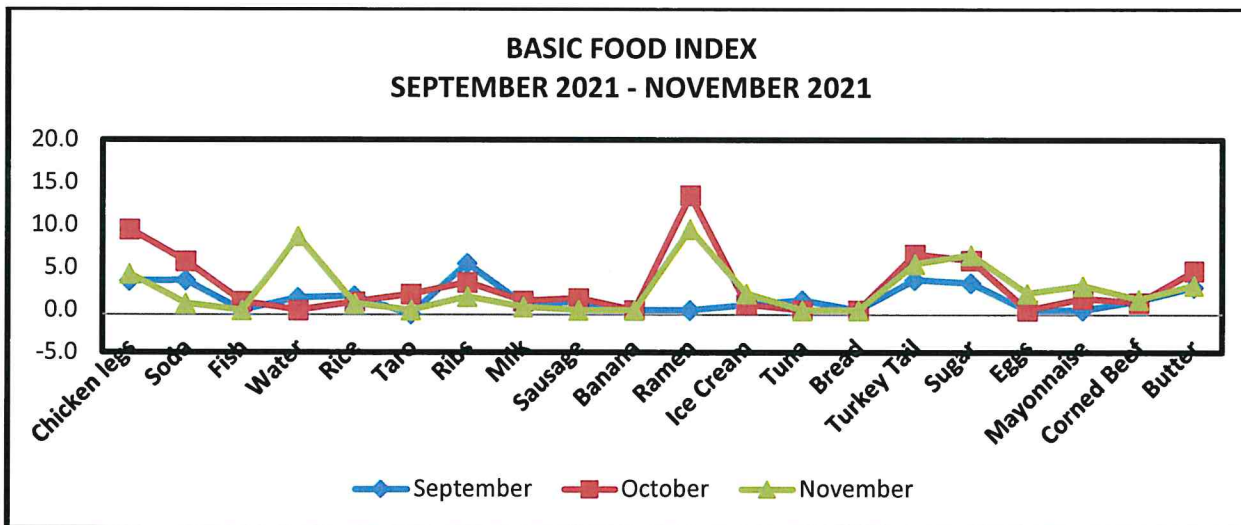
REGISTERED AT 130.0 POINTS – AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF BASIC FOOD BY 3.4%

The monthly Basic Food Index (BFI) in November registered a substantial increase of 3.4% from last month's BFI.

Fourteen out of twenty food commodities contributed to this month's increase of 3.4% except for six food commodities – fish, taro, sausage, banana, canned tuna, and bread – which remained constant throughout the month of November.

The increase for this month's BFI is due to substantial increase of fourteen food items: chicken legs (4.2%), soft drinks (0.8%), bottled water (8.7%), rice (0.8%), pork spare ribs (1.6%), fresh milk (0.4%), ramen (9.5%), ice cream (1.9%), turkey tail (5.5%), sugar (6.5%), eggs (2.0%), mayonnaise (2.9%), corned beef (1.3%), and butter (2.9%).

Seven major food outlets were selected for this monthly survey.



#### *Samoan Translation:*

O lenei fua fa'atautu o lo'o fa'atinoaina i masina ta'itasi, ua fa'aagaaga lea mo taumafa e vave ona mo'imia ma taualoa mo le fofoga taumafa, ina ia vave ona iloa le si'itia o nei oloa i masina ta'itasi ma po'o a fo'i oloa o lo'o mafua ai nei si'itaga. O le masina o Novema na si'itia tau i lenei masina. E aofia ai pusa vae moa, apa inu, fagu vai, alaisa, pepa susu, pepa saimin, aisa kulimi, si'usi'u pipi, suka, fuâmoa, fagu mayonnaise, apa pisupo, ribs ma le paka. E fitu ni faleoloa tetele o lo'o fa'aogaina e fa'atino ai lenei fua fa'atautu fa'alemasina.

**The Basic Food Index is a rapid food assessment conducted on a monthly basis on a subgroup of food items not to be confused with the quarterly full Consumer Price Index assessment.**

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