

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

**Kasama**

**April 2017**

## (A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	85.70	2	x 25 Kg	171.40
Beans	13.60	3	Kg	40.79
Kapenta (Dry)	124.74	2	Kg	249.49
Fish (Bream, Dry)	100.00	1	Kg	100.00
Beef	38.10	4	Kg	152.40
Dark Green Vegetables	3.88	4	Kg	15.50
Tomatoes	6.70	4	Kg	26.79
Onion	10.60	2	Kg	21.20
Cooking oil (2.5L)	50.60	3	Litres	60.72
Bread	7.96	1	Loaf/day	238.74
Sugar	27.50	3	x 2 Kg	82.49
Milk	7.10	4	x 500ml	28.39
Tea	57.20	1	Kg	57.20
Eggs	10.87	2	Units	21.73
Salt	10.10	1	Kg	10.10

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,276.94**

## (B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	64.75	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	129.50
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	9.70	10	Tablet(s)	96.98
Wash soap (BOOM)	10.20	4	x 400g	40.79
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	19.70	1	x 500ml	19.70
Electricity (medium density)	178.00	1	x 1month	178.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	190.00	1	x 1month	190.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,125.00	1	x 1month	1,125.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,779.97**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 3,056.91**

Totals from previous months	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16	April 16	May 16	June 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Amount (K)	4,201.04	4,220.15	4,278.61	4,293.95	4,817.41	4,810.52	4,820.70	4,870.89	4,934.09	5,036.28	5,005.14	2,997.91	3,011.64	2,964.86	2,982.58

## (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

### *Education*

Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	803.50	Tazara-Town	15.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	803.50	Location-Town	15.00

### *Health*

### *Fuel (cost at the pump)*

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Petrol (per litre)	9.87
Diesel (per litre)	8.97

## D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (IN KWACHA) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN APRIL

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
5,017.09	3,056.91	3,319.76	3,041.76	4,612.35	4,034.00	3,746.50	2,646.25	2,641.60	3,688.43	3,983.53	3,439.03	3,869.90	3,715.83	2,906.65

*This survey was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 by the Social & Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of prices gathered from retail outlets at Tazara, chambeshi, chikumanino, Newtown and shoprite around Kasama. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$328 based upon the exchange rate of K9.31 prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.*

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