

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Livingstone

April 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	93.56	2	x 25 Kg	187.11
Beans	24.52	3	Kg	73.55
Kapenta (Dry)	125.23	2	Kg	250.46
Fish (Bream, Dry)	159.50	1	Kg	159.50
Beef	31.92	4	Kg	127.66
Dark Green Vegetables	9.67	4	Kg	38.67
Tomatoes	12.86	4	Kg	51.42
Onion	13.00	2	Kg	26.00
Cooking oil (2.5L)	32.71	3	Litres	39.26
Bread	9.18	1	Loaf/day	275.53
Sugar	25.93	3	x 2 Kg	77.78
Milk	7.50	4	x 500ml	29.99
Tea	107.98	1	Kg	107.98
Eggs	10.64	2	Units	21.28
Salt	6.50	1	Kg	6.50

Subtotal **ZMW 1,472.69**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	189.60	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	379.20
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	9.16	10	Tablet(s)	91.58
Wash soap (BOOM)	10.20	4	x 400g	40.79
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	23.63	1	x 500ml	23.63
Electricity (medium density)	226.00	1	x 1month	226.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	136.00	1	x 1month	136.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,500.00	1	x 1month	1,500.00

Subtotal **ZMW 2,397.21**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 3,869.90**

Totals from previous months	Feb 16	Mar 16	Apr 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)	3,890.41	3,921.14	3,929.74	3,847.07	3,860.27	3,852.83	3,626.53	3,699.66	3,849.27	3,817.70	3,911.08	3,900.83	3,863.69	3,869.90

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education		Transport (bus fare round trip)	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	490.00	Dambwa-Town	14.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	750.00	Victoria Falls-Town	20.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,392.00		
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	235.00		
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	270.00		
Health		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	50.00	Petrol (per litre)	13.70
Mosquito net (private)	52.00	Diesel (per litre)	11.40
Malaria test	1.50	Paraffin (per litre)	8.30
Consultation Fee	30.00		
CD4 Count	50.00		
Fast-Track Consultation	50.00		

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 26th to 27th April 2017 by the Social and Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at Town Centre Market, Dambwa Market, Maramba Market, Mbita Market, Elaine Brittel Market, Kashitu Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Livingstone. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$416 based upon the average exchange rate of K9.31per US\$ prevailing at time of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, etc.

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