

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Lusaka

April 2017

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

| Commodity | Price (ZMW) | Quantity | Units | Total (ZMW) |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Mealie Meal | 91.38 | 2 | x 25 Kg | 182.77 |
| Beans | 30.00 | 3 | Kg | 90.00 |
| Kapenta (Dry) | 208.17 | 2 | Kg | 416.33 |
| Fish (Bream, Dry) | 96.35 | 1 | Kg | 96.35 |
| Beef | 36.13 | 4 | Kg | 144.53 |
| Dark Green Vegetables | 6.07 | 4 | Kg | 24.27 |
| Tomatoes | 5.33 | 4 | Kg | 21.31 |
| Onion | 8.50 | 2 | Kg | 17.00 |
| Cooking oil (2.5L) | 45.98 | 3 | Litres | 55.17 |
| Bread | 8.04 | 1 | Loaf/day | 241.24 |
| Sugar | 25.51 | 3 | x 2 Kg | 76.54 |
| Milk | 7.50 | 4 | x 500ml | 29.99 |
| Tea | 93.36 | 1 | Kg | 93.36 |
| Eggs | 10.54 | 2 | Units | 21.09 |
| Salt | 7.37 | 1 | Kg | 7.37 |

Subtotal **ZMW 1,517.32**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

| Commodity | Price (ZMW) | Quantity | Units | Total (ZMW) |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------------|-------------|
| Charcoal | 143.33 | 2 | x 90 Kg bag(s) | 286.67 |
| Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion) | 6.21 | 10 | Tablet(s) | 62.13 |
| Wash soap (BOOM) | 9.71 | 4 | x 400g | 38.85 |
| Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) | 20.86 | 1 | x 500ml | 20.86 |
| Electricity (medium density) | 200.00 | 1 | x 1month | 200.00 |
| Water & Sanitation (med - fixed) | 197.21 | 1 | x 1month | 197.21 |
| Housing (3 bedroom) | 2,650.00 | 1 | x 1month | 2,650.00 |

Subtotal **ZMW 3,455.71**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 4,973.03**

| Totals from previous months | 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) | 4,220.15 | 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 | 4,976.67 | 4,935.46 | 4,918.76 | 5,017.09 |

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

| Item | Amount (ZMW) |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year) | 145.00 |
| Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year) | 500.00 |
| Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year) | 975.00 |

Transport (bus fare round trip)

| Item | Amount (ZMW) |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Chilenje - Town | 14.00 |
| Chelston - town | 14.00 |

Health

| Item | Amount (ZMW) |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Registration (book) | 4.00 |
| Self-referral (Emergency Fee) | 80.00 |
| Mosquito net (private) | 75.00 |

Fuel (cost at the pump)

| Item | Amount (ZMW) |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Petrol (per litre) | 12.50 |
| Diesel (per litre) | 10.72 |
| Paraffin (per litre) | 6.81 |

(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 |
|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|----------|-------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 4,973.03 | 3,063.23 | | | | | | 2,582.45 | | 4,262.17 | 3,726.46 | 3,438.04 | 4,264.05 | 3,676.25 | |

This survey was conducted on 27th 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 Northmead, Shoprite (Cairo Road), City Market, Chawama, Chainda, Kabwata, Matero and schools, clinics/hospitals and filling stations around Lusaka. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$534 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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