

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

**Chipata**

**April 2017**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	98.30	2	x 25 Kg	196.60
Beans	15.08	3	Kg	45.25
Kapenta (Dry)	72.49	2	Kg	144.98
Fish (Bream, Dry)	97.50	1	Kg	97.50
Beef	31.33	4	Kg	125.33
Dark Green Vegetables	2.08	4	Kg	8.32
Tomatoes	6.77	4	Kg	27.06
Onion	8.62	2	Kg	17.23
Cooking oil (2.5L)	49.67	3	Litres	59.60
Bread	8.80	1	Loaf/day	263.90
Sugar	25.83	3	x 2 Kg	77.50
Milk	6.92	4	x 500ml	27.66
Tea	40.87	1	Kg	40.87
Eggs	11.88	2	Units	23.76
Salt	6.25	1	Kg	6.25

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,161.80**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	120.60	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	241.20
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	6.38	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	55.43
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.67	4	x 400g	38.66
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	19.17	1	x 500ml	19.17
Electricity (medium density)	100.00	1	x 1month	100.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	80.00	1	x 1month	80.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	950.00	1	x 1month	950.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,484.46**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 2,646.25**

Total from previous month	May 16	June 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov16	Dec16	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Amount (K)	2,746.47	2,793.69	2,801.71	2,840.82	2,874.84	2,429.65	2,489.52	2,639.26	2,730.83	2,730.83	2,594.98

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

**Education**

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	150.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	400.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,216.66
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	280.00
School Uniform (Grades 8-9)	300.00

**Transport (bus fare round trip)**

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Border-Town	40.00
Gonder-Town	20.00
Kapata-Town	30.00

**Health**

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Malaria test	40.00
Consultation Fee	80.00
CD4 Count	80.00

**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
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 and Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at Kapata market, Saturday market, Shoprite, Navutika market, Kaumbwe market and magazine marketing Chipata. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$284.2 based upon the exchange rate of K9.31 per US\$ prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.*

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