

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Solwezi

April 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	99.58	2	x 25 Kg	199.16
Beans	15.64	3	Kg	46.91
Kapenta (Dry)	142.20	2	Kg	284.40
Fish (Bream, Dry)	89.18	1	Kg	89.18
Beef	40.05	4	Kg	160.19
Dark Green Vegetables	4.66	4	Kg	18.64
Tomatoes	4.04	4	Kg	16.16
Onion	12.55	2	Kg	25.10
Cooking oil (2.5L)	46.33	3	Litres	55.60
Bread	7.80	1	Loaf/day	233.95
Sugar	24.50	3	x 2 Kg	73.50
Milk	7.33	4	x 500ml	29.33
Tea	96.00	1	Kg	96.00
Eggs	10.78	2	Units	21.57
Salt	5.55	1	Kg	5.55

Subtotal **ZMW 1,355.22**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	93.60	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	187.20
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	6.33	10	Tablet(s)	63.32
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.32	4	x 400g	37.26
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	21.00	1	x 500ml	21.00
Electricity (medium density)	175.00	1	x 1month	175.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	195.00	1	x 1month	195.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	2,000.00	1	x 1month	2,000.00

Subtotal **ZMW 2,678.78**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 4,034.00**

Totals from previous months	Feb 16	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Amount (K)	4,053.60	4,018.60	-	4,095.16	4,034.59	4,047.52	4,048.57	3,991.86	4,022.22	4,079.79	4,115.17	4,161.71	4,161.62	4,120.87

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

<i>Education</i>		<i>Transport (bus fare round trip)</i>	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	275.00	Chawama-Town	3.50
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	783.00	Mitec-Town	3.50
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	850.00	Messenger-Town	3.50
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	200.00	Zambia Compound-Town	3.50

<i>Health</i>		<i>Fuel (cost at the pump)</i>	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
		Petrol (per litre)	12.50
		Diesel (per litre)	10.37

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 27th - 28th April 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 Kyawama Market, Main Market, Zambia Market, Mitec Market and Messenger Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Solwezi water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Solwezi. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$433 based upon the average 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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