

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Chipata

March 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)	84.96	1 Kg	84.96
Beef	30.67	4 Kg	122.66
Dark Green Vegetables	2.08	4 Kg	8.32
Tomatoes	7.25	4 Kg	28.99
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	6.06	1 Kg	6.06
Eggs	11.88	2 Units	23.76
Salt	6.25	1 Kg	6.25

SubTotal

ZMW 1,113.70

(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)	5.55	10 Tablet(s)	55.48
Wash soap (BOOM)	8.90	4 x 400g	35.59
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	19.00	1 x 500ml	19.00
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 1,481.27

Total for Basic Needs Basket

ZMW 2,594.98

Total from previous month	Apr 16	May 16	June 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov16	Dec16	Jan 16	Feb 16
Amount (K)	2,718.35	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

(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)	150.00	Border-Town	40.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	400.00	Gonder-Town	20.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,216.66	Kapata-Town	30.00
<i>Health</i>		<i>Fuel (cost at the pump)</i>	
item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Malaria test	40.00	Petrol (per litre)	12.50
Consultation Fee	80.00	Diesel (per litre)	10.72
CD4 Count	80.00	Paraffin (per litre)	6.81

D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (in Kwacha) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN JANUARY

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
5,017.09	2,982.58	3,103.45	3,211.17	4,631.10	4,120.87	3,722.75	2,594.98	2,624.50	1,752.34	2,090.12	3,449.20	3,869.90	3,597.98	1,398.40

This survey was conducted on 26th- 27th March, 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 March Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$271 based upon the exchange rate of K9.56 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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