

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Mpika

April 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	94.00	2	x 25 Kg	188.00
Beans	18.80	3	Kg	56.40
Kapenta (Dry)	86.00	2	Kg	172.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	94.00	1	Kg	94.00
Beef	38.60	4	Kg	154.40
Dark Green Vegetables	4.80	4	Kg	19.20
Tomatoes	9.20	4	Kg	36.80
Onion	11.20	2	Kg	22.40
Cooking oil (2.5L)	54.00	3	Litres	64.80
Bread	9.20	1	Loaf/day	276.00
Sugar	27.80	3	x 2 Kg	83.40
Milk	8.40	4	x 500ml	33.60
Tea	55.20	1	Kg	55.20
Eggs	15.00	2	Units	30.00
Salt	4.60	1	Kg	4.60

Subtotal **ZMW 1,290.80**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	59.40	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	118.80
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	6.00	10	Tablet(s)	60.00
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.80	4	x 400g	39.20
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	22.80	1	x 500ml	22.80
Electricity (medium density)	160.00	1	x 1month	160.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	150.00	1	x 1month	150.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	800.00	1	x 1month	800.00

Subtotal **ZMW 1,350.80**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 2,641.60**

Totals from previous months	Feb 16	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 16	June 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sept	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Amount (K)	2,612.76	2,738.00	2,615.16	2,590.08	2,583.20	2,778.00	2,684.80	-	2,674.80	-	2,629.16	2,620.88	2,654.38	2,624.50

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education		Transport (bus fare round trip)	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	252.00	Tazara-Town	80.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	1,290.00	Chilonga-Town	160.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,452.00		
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	280.00		
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	385.00		

Health		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	150.00	Petrol (per litre)	12.50
Malaria test	35.00	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 28th 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 Tazara Market, Tazara old Market, Musakanya Market, Chilonga Market and Town centre. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, water and Sewerage Companies, schools, clinics and houses around Mpika. The march Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$284 based upon the exchange rate of K9.31 per US\$ prevailing on the day of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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