

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Ndola

April 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	103.64	2	x 25 Kg	207.27
Beans	32.00	3	Kg	95.99
Kapenta (Dry)	172.00	2	Kg	344.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	220.00	1	Kg	220.00
Beef	36.84	4	Kg	147.37
Dark Green Vegetables	25.10	4	Kg	100.40
Tomatoes	18.35	4	Kg	73.42
Onion	18.71	2	Kg	37.42
Cooking oil (2.5L)	50.71	3	Litres	60.85
Bread	8.07	1	Loaf/day	242.14
Sugar	25.78	3	x 2 Kg	77.35
Milk	8.50	4	x 500ml	33.99
Tea	145.06	1	Kg	145.06
Eggs	10.05	2	Units	20.09
Salt	10.62	1	Kg	10.62

Subtotal **ZMW 1,815.98**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	268.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	536.00
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	9.64	10	Tablet(s)	96.40
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.10	4	x 400g	36.39
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	27.98	1	x 500ml	27.98
Electricity (medium density)	181.00	1	x 1month	181.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	118.60	1	x 1month	118.60
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,800.00	1	x 1month	1,800.00

Subtotal **ZMW 2,796.37**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 4,612.35**

Totals from previous months	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)	4,326.04	4,380.21	4,395.69	4,411.96	4,460.70	4,489.97	4,489.97	4,375.83	4,661.46	4,661.46	4,067.79	4,627.85	4,631.10

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	150.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	700.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	900.00
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	680.00
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	990.00

Transport (bus fare round trip)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Transport	10.00
Mushili-Town	10.00
Ndeke-Town	10.00
Masala-Town	8.00
Twapia-Town	11.00

Health

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	50.00
Malaria test	90.00
Consultation Fee	1.00
CD4 Count	280.00

Fuel (cost at the pump)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Petrol (per litre)	12.50
Diesel (per litre)	10.72
Paraffin (per litre)	9.00

(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 26th – 27th 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 masala market, Twapia market, shoprite, pick N pay, mushily market, lubuto market and Chifubu market. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$495 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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