

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Mongu

April 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	97.12	2	x 25 Kg	194.23
Beans	22.44	3	Kg	67.32
Kapenta (Dry)	162.97	2	Kg	325.94
Fish (Bream, Dry)	56.90	1	Kg	56.90
Beef	34.25	4	Kg	136.98
Dark Green Vegetables	5.30	4	Kg	21.20
Tomatoes	4.47	4	Kg	17.87
Onion	11.81	2	Kg	23.62
Cooking oil (2.5L)	53.17	3	Litres	63.80
Bread	8.80	1	Loaf/day	263.95
Sugar	25.33	3	x 2 Kg	76.00
Milk	7.67	4	x 500ml	30.66
Tea	57.60	1	Kg	57.60
Eggs	12.50	2	Units	25.00
Salt	5.55	1	Kg	5.55

Subtotal **ZMW 1,366.61**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	90.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	180.00
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	9.83	10	Tablet(s)	98.32
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.82	4	x 400g	39.26
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	22.57	1	x 500ml	22.57
Electricity (medium density)	150.00	1	x 1month	150.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	185.00	1	x 1month	185.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,000.00	1	x 1month	1,000.00

Subtotal **ZMW 1,675.15**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 3,041.76**

Totals from previous months	Feb 16	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 16	June 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Amount (K)	2,990.79	2,949.20	2,939.77	2,950.26	3,008.35	2,991.79	3,375.57	2,998.85	3,087.65	3,072.42	2,991.11	2,968.42	3,018.03	3,211.17

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	1,300.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,200.00
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	304.00
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	419.00

Transport (bus fare round trip)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Shoprite-Town	8.00
Imwiko-Town	8.00
Kapulanga-Town	12.00

Health

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	20.00

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 JANUARY

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
4,973.03	3,063.23	3,319.76	3,041.76				2,582.45		4,262.17	3,726.46	3,438.04	4,264.05	3,676.25	

This survey was conducted on 27th -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 town centre market, Imwiko market, mulambwa market, Kapulanga market, central market and shoprite. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$327 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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