

## JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Kabwe

March 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	93.40	2 x 25 Kg	186.80
Beans	18.00	3 Kg	54.00
Kapenta (Dry)	157.50	2 Kg	315.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	74.00	1 Kg	74.00
Beef	45.00	4 Kg	180.00
Dark Green Vegetables	4.63	4 Kg	18.50
Tomatoes	6.50	4 Kg	25.99
Onion	11.80	2 Kg	23.60
Cooking oil (2.5L)	47.40	3 Litres	56.88
Bread	7.76	1 Loaf/day	232.74
Sugar	24.60	3 x 2 Kg	73.79
Milk	7.18	4 x 500ml	28.71
Tea	64.80	1 Kg	64.80
Eggs	10.07	2 Units	20.13
Salt	6.30	1 Kg	6.30

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,361.24**

### (B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	92.25	2 x 90 Kg bag(s)	184.50
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	4.70	10 Tablet(s)	46.98
Wash soap (BOOM)	8.90	4 x 400g	35.59
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	20.89	1 x 500ml	20.89
Electricity (medium density)	223.00	1 x 1month	223.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	77.00	1 x 1month	77.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,500.00	1 x 1month	1,500.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 2,087.96**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 3,449.20**

Totals from previous months	Feb 16	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 16	June 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 16
Amount (K)	3,609.99	-	3,769.86	3,677.06	3,747.91	3,577.35	3,487.47	3,475.24	3,498.15	3,514.46	3,485.99	3,523.88	3,612.16

### (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

#### *Education*

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	65.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	350.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	850.00

#### *Transport (bus fare round trip)*

#### *Health*

Health item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	25.00
Malaria test	10.00

#### *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
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 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 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 kamanda, katondo, nakoli, lukanga, polen and shoprte. The March 2017 Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$361 based upon the exchange rate of K9.56per 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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