

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Mongu

March 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	98.78	2 x 25 Kg	197.56
Beans	27.24	3 Kg	81.72
Kapenta (Dry)	185.57	2 Kg	371.14
Fish (Bream, Dry)	110.73	1 Kg	110.73
Beef	34.67	4 Kg	138.66
Dark Green Vegetables	11.35	4 Kg	45.41
Tomatoes	6.77	4 Kg	27.06
Onion	12.27	2 Kg	24.53
Cooking oil (2.5L)	53.17	3 Litres	63.80
Bread	9.13	1 Loaf/day	273.95
Sugar	26.17	3 x 2 Kg	78.50
Milk	8.17	4 x 500ml	32.66
Tea	60.79	1 Kg	60.79
Eggs	12.80	2 Units	25.60
Salt	6.42	1 Kg	6.42

SubTotal

ZMW 1,538.52

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price(ZMW)	Quantity Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	91.80	2 x 90 Kg bag(s)	183.60
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	9.38	10 Tablet(s)	93.82
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.50	4 x 400g	37.99
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	22.24	1 x 500ml	22.24
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 1,672.65

Total for Basic Needs Basket

ZMW 3,211.17

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
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

(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

Transport (bus fare round trip)

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

Health

Fuel (cost at the pump)

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

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 27th -28th 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 town centre market, Imwiko market, mulambwa market, Kapulanga market, central market and shoprite. The march Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$336 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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