

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Mansa

March 2017

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

commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	102.00	2	x 25 Kg	204.00
Beans	16.43	3	Kg	49.28
Kapenta (Dry)	101.25	2	Kg	202.50
Beef	38.30	4	Kg	153.20
Dark Green Vegetables	3.72	4	Kg	14.87
Tomatoes	5.65	4	Kg	22.58
Onion	13.92	2	Kg	27.84
Cooking oil (2.5L)	48.83	3	Litres	58.60
Bread	6.80	1	Loaf/day	203.95
Sugar	25.83	3	x 2 Kg	77.50
Milk	6.75	4	x 500ml	26.99
Tea	29.21	1	Kg	29.21
Eggs	10.50	2	Units	21.00
Salt	6.75	1	Kg	6.75

SubTotal

ZMW 1,098.26

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	75.60	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	151.20
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	4.96	10	Tablet(s)	49.58
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.67	4	x 400g	38.66
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	19.75	1	x 500ml	19.75
Electricity (medium density)	298.00	1	x 1month	298.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	215.00	1	x 1month	215.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,233.00	1	x 1month	1,233.00

Subtotal

ZMW 2,005.19

Total for Basic Needs Basket

ZMW 3,103.45

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)	2,807.54	2,799.22	2,813.84	2,959.22	2,887.92	2,702.45	2,731.71	2,738.14	2,715.96	2,714.57	2,757.43	3,167.45	3,137.83

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

<i>Education</i>		<i>Transport (bus fare round trip)</i>	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	60.00	Maiteneke-Town	4.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	165.00	Senama-Town	4.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	975.00		
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	75.00		
School Uniform (Grades 8-9)	210.00		
<i>Health</i>		<i>Fuel (cost at the pump)</i>	
item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	17.00	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 26th – 27th 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 Maiteneke Market, Kaole Market, Chilyapa Market, Down Market, Main Market and Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Luapula Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics, hospital and houses around Mansa. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$325 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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