

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

**Lusaka**

**March 2017**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	92.67	2 x 25 Kg	185.34
Beans	40.10	3 Kg	120.30
Kapenta (Dry)	181.05	2 Kg	362.10
Fish (Bream, Dry)	103.43	1 Kg	103.43
Beef	37.43	4 Kg	149.71
Dark Green Vegetables	6.66	4 Kg	26.63
Tomatoes	6.63	4 Kg	26.51
Onion	11.61	2 Kg	23.23
Cooking oil (2.5L)	46.57	3 Litres	55.88
Bread	7.84	1 Loaf/day	235.24
Sugar	25.79	3 x 2 Kg	77.36
Milk	7.18	4 x 500ml	28.74
Tea	90.86	1 Kg	90.86
Eggs	10.93	2 Units	21.86
Salt	4.88	1 Kg	4.88

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,512.06**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	171.67	2 x 90 Kg bag(s)	343.33
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	5.80	10 Tablet(s)	57.99
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.14	4 x 400g	36.57
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	19.93	1 x 500ml	19.93
Electricity (medium density)	200.00	1 x 1month	200.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	197.21	1 x 1month	197.21
Housing (3 bedroom)	2,650.00	1 x 1month	2,650.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 3,505.02**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 5,017.09**

Totals from previous months	Feb 16	Mar 16	April 16	May 16	June 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 16
Amount (K)	4,220.15	4,278.61	4,293.95	4,817.41	4,810.52	4,820.70	4,870.89	4,934.09	5,036.28	5,005.14	4,976.67	4,935.46	4,918.76

## (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

### *Education*

Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	145.00	Chilenje - Town	14.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	500.00	Chelston - town	14.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	975.00		

### *Health*

### *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	<b>4,120.87</b>	<b>3,722.75</b>	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 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> march 2017 by the Social & Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of prices gathered from retail outlets at Northmead, Shoprite (Cairo Road), City Market, Chawama, Chainda, Kabwata, Matero and schools, clinics/hospitals and filling stations around Lusaka. The March Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$525 based upon the exchange rate of K9.56 prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.*

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