

## JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Monze

March 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	85.88	2	x 25 Kg	171.75
Beans	38.75	3	Kg	116.25
Kapenta (Dry)	200.00	2	Kg	400.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	150.00	1	Kg	150.00
Beef	32.00	4	Kg	128.00
Dark Green Vegetables	2.75	4	Kg	11.00
Tomatoes	11.00	4	Kg	44.00
Onion	16.25	2	Kg	32.50
Cooking oil (2.5L)	60.00	3	Litres	72.00
Bread	9.25	1	Loaf/day	277.50
Sugar	26.75	3	x 2 Kg	80.25
Milk	7.75	4	x 500ml	31.00
Tea	74.00	1	Kg	74.00
Eggs	10.75	2	Units	21.50
Salt	6.00	1	Kg	6.00

**SubTotal**

**ZMW 1,615.75**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	72.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	144.00
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	10.00	10	Tablet(s)	100.00
Wash soap (BOOM)	11.00	4	x 400g	44.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	16.25	1	x 500ml	16.25
Electricity (medium density)	170.00	1	x 1month	170.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	130.00	1	x 1month	130.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,500.00	1	x 1month	1,500.00

**Subtotal**

**ZMW 2,104.25**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket**

**ZMW 3,720.00**

Totals from previous months	Feb 16	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 16	Feb 16
Amount (K)	3,530.00	3,429.00	3,407.68	3,294.28	3,270.05	3,226.30	3,206.80	3,069.80	3,133.30	3,210.25	3,347.50	3,771.50	3,722.75

### (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)	200.00	Site & Service-Town	20.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	290.00	Manungu-Town	20.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,000.00		
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	57.20		
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	92.50		
<i>Health item</i>		<i>Fuel (cost at the pump)</i>	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	40.00	Petrol (per litre)	12.50
Malaria test	50.00	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 from 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 Main Market, Town centre, Manungu Market, and Site and Service Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Monze. The march Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$389 based upon an average 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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