

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Kitwe

March 2017

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

commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	101.40	2	x 25 Kg	202.80
Beans	13.88	3	Kg	41.63
Kapenta (Dry)	270.00	2	Kg	540.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	200.00	1	Kg	200.00
Beef	40.25	4	Kg	160.98
Dark Green Vegetables	5.63	4	Kg	22.50
Tomatoes	5.30	4	Kg	21.19
Onion	7.50	2	Kg	15.00
Cooking oil (2.5L)	45.40	3	Litres	54.48
Bread	7.80	1	Loaf/day	234.00
Sugar	24.10	3	x 2 Kg	72.29
Milk	7.90	4	x 500ml	31.59
Tea	63.20	1	Kg	63.20
Eggs	14.20	2	Units	28.40
Salt	7.00	1	Kg	7.00

SubTotal

ZMW 1,695.05

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price(ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	141.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	282.00
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	5.80	10	Tablet(s)	57.98
Wash soap (BOOM)	8.00	4	x 400g	31.99
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	23.10	1	x 500ml	23.10

Subtotal

ZMW 395.07

Total for Basic Needs Basket

ZMW 2,090.12

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)	3,541.26	3,543.95	4,066.34	4,020.83	3,824.87	4,001.85	3,824.49	3,898.43	-	4,011.07	3,946.80	4,034.37	4,031.28

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	75.00	Chamboli-Town	7.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	700.00	Chimwemwe-Town	7.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	850.00		

Health

Fuel (cost at the pump)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Petrol (per litre)	12.50
Diesel (per litre)	10.72
Paraffin (per litre)	8.03

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 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 Chamboli Market, Nakadoli Market, Chimwemwe Market, Chisokone Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Nkana Water and Sewerage Company, schools, clinics and houses around Kitwe. The march Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$219 based upon the average 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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