

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Chinsali

January 2017

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

commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	110.00	2	x 25 Kg	220.00
Beans	12.50	3	Kg	37.50
Kapenta (Dry)	56.75	2	Kg	113.50
Beef	35.00	4	Kg	140.00
Dark Green Vegetables	5.00	4	Kg	20.00
Tomatoes	8.00	4	Kg	32.00
Onion	6.75	2	Kg	13.50
Cooking oil (2.5L)	49.50	2.5	Litres	49.50
Bread	10.00	1	Loaf/day	300.00
Sugar	26.75	3	x 2 Kg	80.25
Milk	9.25	4	x 500ml	37.00
Tea	115.00	1	Kg	115.00
Eggs	10.00	2	Units	20.00
Salt	5.75	1	Kg	5.75

**SubTotal** **ZMW 1,184.00**

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

Commodity	Price(ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	54.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	108.00
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	5.50	10	Tablet(s)	55.00
Wash soap (BOOM)	10.00	4	x 400g	40.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	20.00	1	x 500ml	20.00
Electricity (medium density)	18.00	1	x 1month	18.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	128.00	1	x 1month	128.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,175.00	1	x 1month	1,175.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,544.00**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 2,728.00**

Total from previous month	Jan 16	Feb 16	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16
Amount (K)	2,655.25	2,868.67	2,688.25	2,746.83	2,729.42	2,692.25	2,689.00	2,765.30	-	2,837.40	2,788.35

## (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

<i>Education</i>		<i>Transport (bus fare round trip)</i>	
Item	Amount	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	112.00	Lubwa-Town	50.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	208.00	Turn off-Town	50.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	340.00	Farmers Trade Centre-Town	40.00
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	90.00	Seed Farm-Town	40.00
<i>Health</i>		<i>Fuel (cost at the pump)</i>	
item	Amount	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Malaria test	15.00	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
4,935.46	3,011.64	3,167.45	2,968.42	4,067.79	4,161.71	3,771.50	2,730.83	2,620.88	3,701.76	4,034.37	3,523.88	3,900.83	3,662.44	2,728.00

*This survey was conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> January, 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 Kabuta, Kalukungu market, new market and old market around Chinsali. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$277 based upon the exchange rate of K9.84 prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.*

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