

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Chipata

January 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	98.30	2	x 25 Kg	196.59
Beans	15.90	3	Kg	47.70
Kapenta (Dry)	102.31	2	Kg	204.61
Fish (Bream, Dry)	94.50	1	Kg	94.50
Beef	29.83	4	Kg	119.33
Dark Green Vegetables	2.76	4	Kg	11.04
Tomatoes	9.87	4	Kg	39.48
Onion	6.31	2	Kg	12.62
Cooking oil (2.5L)	52.67	2.5	Litres	52.67
Bread	9.17	1	Loaf/day	275.00
Sugar	26.75	3	x 2 Kg	80.25
Milk	6.72	4	x 500ml	26.86
Tea	72.00	1	Kg	72.00
Eggs	10.50	2	Units	21.00
Salt	5.25	1	Kg	5.25

SubTotal **ZMW 1,258.89**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	102.60	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	205.20
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	7.92	10	Tablet(s)	79.15
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.23	4	x 400g	36.93
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	20.67	1	x 500ml	20.67
Electricity (medium density)	100.00	1	x 1month	100.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	80.00	1	x 1month	80.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	950.00	1	x 1month	950.00

Subtotal **ZMW 1,471.94**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 2,730.83**

Total from previous month	Mar 16	Apr 16	May 16	June 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov16	Dec16
Amount (K)	2,717.34	2,718.35	2,746.47	2,793.69	2,801.71	2,840.82	2,874.84	2,429.65	2,489.52	2,639.26

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education		Transport (bus fare round trip)	
Item	Amount	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	150.00	Border-Town	40.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	400.00	Gonder-Town	20.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,216.66	Kapata-Town	30.00
School Uniform	280.00		
Health		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Item	Amount	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Malaria test	40.00	Petrol (per litre)	12.50
Consultation Fee	80.00	Diesel (per litre)	10.40
CD4 Count	80.00	Paraffin (per litre)	6.03

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 26th- 30th January, 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 Kapata market, Saturday market, Shoprite, Navutika market, Kaumbwe market and magazine marketing Chipata. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$278 based upon the exchange rate of K9.84 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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