

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS AND NUTRITION BASKET

Livingstone

September 2018

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW) / Unit	Quantity / Month	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal (Breakfast)	84.07 25kg	2 25kg	168.14
Beans	24.96 kg	3 kg	74.88
Kapenta (Dry)	129.09 kg	2 kg	258.18
Fish (Bream, Dry)	135.07 kg	1 kg	135.07
Beef	33.57 kg	4 kg	134.28
Vegetables	6.33 kg	4 kg	25.31
Tomatoes	6.21 kg	4 kg	24.86
Onion	13.57 kg	2 kg	27.14
Cooking oil (2.5lts)	33.43 Litres	3 Litres	40.11
Bread	9.28 Loaf/day	1 Loaf/day	278.53
Sugar	26.33 2kg	3 2kg	79.00
Milk	7.14 500ml	4 500ml	28.57
Tea	118.85 kg	1 kg	118.85
Eggs	10.40 unit (10 eggs)	2 unit (10 eggs)	20.81
Salt	7.14 kg	1 kg	7.14
<b>SubTotal</b>			<b>ZMW 1,420.86</b>

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

Commodity	Price(ZMW) / Unit	Quantity / Month	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	175.00 90kg bag(s)	2 90kg bag(s)	350.00
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	9.00 Tablet(s)	10 Tablet(s)	89.98
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.67 400g	4 400g	38.66
Jelly (Vaseline)	20.50 500ml	1 500ml	20.50
Electricity (medium density)	292.00 95	1 95	292.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	215.00 95	1 95	215.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,800.00 95	1 95	1,800.00
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>ZMW 2,806.14</b>
<b>Total for Basic Needs and Nutrition Basket</b>			<b>ZMW 4,227.01</b>

## (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)	300.00	Dambwa-Town	14.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	1,892.00	Victoria Falls-Town	20.00
<i>Health</i>		<i>Fuel (cost at the pump)</i>	
item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Fast Track / High Cost fee	100.00	Petrol (per litre)	13.70
Malaria test	1.50	Diesel (per litre)	11.40
		Paraffin (per litre)	8.30

## (D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (IN KWACHA) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA

This survey was conducted on 27th December, 2019 by the Social and 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, Chanda, Kabwata, Matero and Schools, clinics/hospitals, and filling stations around Lusaka. The December Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$442 based upon the exchange rate Of K14.65. Other costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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