

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LUSAKA

MAY 2015

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal(breakfast)	64.71	2 x 25Kgs	129.42	
Beans	16.14	3 Kgs	48.42	
Kapenta (dry)	88.98	2 Kgs	177.96	
Bream (dry)	85.71	1Kg	85.71	
Beef, mixed cut	30.43	4 Kgs	121.72	
Dark green vegetable	5.85	4 Kgs	23.40	
Tomatoes	6.78	4 Kgs	27.12	
Onion, large	8.86	2 Kgs	17.72	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	35.14	3 litres	42.17	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	5.86	1 loaf/day	175.80	
Sugar	17.90	6 Kgs	53.70	
Milk (fresh)	5.67	4x500ml	22.68	
Tea, powder	35.77	1 Kg	35.77	
Eggs	8.71	2 Units	17.42	
Salt	4.55	1Kg	4.55	
Sub Total				983.56

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	78.00	2x 90Kg bags	156.00	
Soap (Lifebouy/Champion)	4.08	10 Tablets	40.80	
Wash soap (Boom)	6.08	4x400g	24.32	
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	25.60	1x500ml	25.60	
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	372.00		372.00	
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	325.00		325.00	
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	1,750.00		1,750.00	
Sub Total				2,693.72
Total for Basic Needs Basket				3,677.28

Totals from previous months	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sept 14	Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 15
Amount (K)	3,650.01	3,636.46	3,681.14	3,692.34	3,742.60	3,703.02	3,635.83	3,694.44	3,905.22	3,793.59	3,767.68	3,797.55	3,759.04

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Transport (bus fare round trip)	
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	K400.00 – K600.00	Chilenje-Town	K10.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	K650.00 – K1, 300.00	Chelstone -Town	K10.00
School Uniform (grades 8-12)	K90.00 – K200.00	Matero-Town	K10.00
Health (clinic)		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Registration (book)	K3.00 - K5.00	Petrol (per litre)	K8.74
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	K 5.500	Diesel (per litre)	K7.59
Mosquito Net (private)	K30.00 – K120.00	Paraffin (per litre)	K4.69

Commented [F1]: Kindly clarify the current bus fares, if I am not mistaken Chelstone should be around 4.90 and not 10.00

(D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (in Kwacha) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN APRIL

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
3,795.04	2,463.43	2,472.41	1,923.29	3,602.81	3,231.76	2,259.05	2,266.86	2,093.05	2,631.24	2,491.24	2,851.53	2,989.28	2,757.66	2,015.58

This survey was conducted on 28th May, 2015 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 Northmead, Shoprite (Cairo Road), City Market, Chawama, Chanda, Kabwata, Matero and schools, clinics/hospitals and filling stations around Lusaka. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$507 based upon the exchange rate of US\$7.2595 prevailing on the day of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation etc

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