

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Lusaka

August 2016

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	80.57	2	x 25 Kg	161.14
Beans	20.00	3	Kg	60.00
Kapenta (Dry)	148.00	2	Kg	296.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	92.80	1	Kg	92.80
Beef	36.43	4	Kg	145.71
Dark Green Vegetables	4.67	4	Kg	18.67
Tomatoes	5.75	4	Kg	23.00
Onion	11.92	2	Kg	23.83
Cooking oil (2.5L)	48.43	3	Litres	58.11
Bread	8.64	1	Loaf/day	259.24
Sugar	25.43	3	x 2 Kg	76.29
Milk	7.00	4	x 500ml	27.99
Tea	89.33	1	Kg	89.33
Eggs	10.28	2	Units	20.57
Salt	5.64	1	Kg	5.64

Subtotal **ZMW 1,358.33**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	166.40	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	332.80
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	7.57	10	Tablet(s)	75.70
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.21	4	x 400g	36.85
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	20.00	1	x 500ml	20.00
Electricity (medium density)	200.00	1	x 1month	200.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	197.21	1	x 1month	197.21
Housing (3 bedroom)	2,650.00	1	x 1month	2,650.00

Subtotal **ZMW 3,512.56**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 4,870.89**

Totals from previous months	July 15	Aug 15	Sept 15	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16	April 16	May 16	June 16	July 16
Amount (K)	3,715.47	3,831.24	3,957.46	4,249.56	4,167.70	4,371.76	4,201.04	4,220.15	4,278.61	4,293.95	4,817.41	4,810.52	4,820.70

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

Item	Amount	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	500.00	Chilenje - Town	12.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	975.00	Chelston - town	12.00
School Uniform	145.00	Matero - Town	12.00

Health

Item	Amount	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Registration (book)	4.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	80.00	Petrol (per litre)	9.87
Mosquito net (private)	75.00	Diesel (per litre)	8.59
		Paraffin (per litre)	6.12

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

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
4,870.89	2,937.27	2,731.71	3,375.57	4,489.97	4,048.57	3,206.80	2,840.82	2,684.80	3,706.41	3,824.49	3,487.47	3,376.53	3,539.27	2,689.00

This survey was conducted on 26th to 27th August, 2016 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, Chainda, Kabwata, Matero and schools, clinics/hospitals and filling stations around Lusaka. The August Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$492 based upon the exchange rate of K9.90 prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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