

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Lusaka

May 2016

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	76.07	2	x 25 Kg	152.14
Beans	17.33	3	Kg	52.00
Kapenta (Dry)	145.19	2	Kg	290.38
Fish (Bream, Dry)	78.83	1	Kg	78.83
Beef	37.78	4	Kg	151.14
Dark Green Vegetables	7.20	4	Kg	28.80
Tomatoes	8.79	4	Kg	35.15
Onion	10.03	2	Kg	20.06
Cooking oil (2.5L)	48.14	3	Litres	57.77
Bread	8.27	1	Loaf/day	248.14
Sugar	23.71	3	x 2 Kg	71.14
Milk	6.83	4	x 500ml	27.31
Tea	103.99	1	Kg	103.99
Eggs	10.00	2	Units	20.00
Salt	5.93	1	Kg	5.93

Subtotal **ZMW 1,342.78**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	146.67	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	293.33
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	7.73	10	Tablet(s)	77.27
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.41	4	x 400g	37.65
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	19.17	1	x 500ml	19.17
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 3,474.63**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 4,817.41**

Totals from previous months	Apr15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug 15	Sept 15	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16	April 16
Amount (K)	3,759.04	3,677.28	3,704.69	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

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

Item	Amount	Transport (bus fare round trip)	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 (Grades 8-12)	145.00	Matero - Town		12.00

Health

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

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

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
4,817.41	3,032.23	2,959.22	2,950.26	4,395.69	4,095.16	3,294.28	2,746.47	2,590.08	3,723.61	-	3,677.06	3,847.07	3,427.89	-

This survey was conducted on 27th to 28th May, 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, Chanda, Kabwata, Matero and schools, clinics/hospitals and filling stations around Lusaka. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$459 based upon the exchange rate of K10.49 prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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