

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Lusaka

April 2016

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	78.83	2	x 25 Kg	157.66
Beans	14.67	3	Kg	44.00
Kapenta (Dry)	160.26	2	Kg	320.51
Fish (Bream, Dry)	78.33	1	Kg	78.33
Beef	36.21	4	Kg	144.85
Dark Green Vegetables	15.31	4	Kg	61.25
Tomatoes	8.97	4	Kg	35.89
Onion	13.59	2	Kg	27.19
Cooking oil (2.5L)	48.57	3	Litres	58.28
Bread	7.99	1	Loaf/day	239.57
Sugar	23.20	3	x 2 Kg	69.60
Milk	6.76	4	x 500ml	27.02
Tea	96.14	1	Kg	96.14
Eggs	10.00	2	Units	20.00
Salt	5.71	1	Kg	5.71

Subtotal **ZMW 1,386.02**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price(ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	163.33	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	326.67
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	7.71	10	Tablet(s)	77.13
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.28	4	x 400g	37.14
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	20.00	1	x 1month	20.00
Electricity (medium density)	372.00	1	x 1month	372.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	325.00	1	x 1month	325.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,750.00	1	x 1month	1,750.00

Subtotal **ZMW 2,907.93**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 4,293.95**

Totals from previous months	Mar 15	Apr15	May 15	June 15	July 15	Aug 15	Sept 15	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Amount (K)	3,797.55	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

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

Item	Amount
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	0.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	500.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	975.00
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	145.00

Transport (bus fare round trip)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Chilenje - Town	12.00
Chelston - town	12.00
Matero - Town	12.00

Health

Item	Amount
Registration (book)	4.00
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	80.00
Mosquito net (private)	75.00

Fuel (cost at the pump)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Petrol (per litre)	9.87
Diesel (per litre)	8.59
Paraffin (per litre)	6.12

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
4,293.95	3,087.39	2,813.84	2,939.77	4,380.21	-	3,407.68	2,718.35	2,615.16	3,812.10	4,066.34	3,769.86	3,929.74	3,484.87	2,688.25

This survey was conducted on 28th to 29th April, 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 April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$443 based upon the exchange rate of K9.69 prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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