

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: CHIPATA

January 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	70.83	2 x 25Kgs	141.66	
Beans	14.50	3 Kgs	43.50	
Kapenta (dry)	70.00	2 Kgs	140.00	
Bream, smoked	60.00	1 Kgs	60.00	
Mixed cut meat	22.80	4Kgs	91.20	
Dark green vegetable	9.50	4 Kgs	38.00	
Tomatoes	6.71	4 Kgs	26.84	
Onion, large	9.42	2 Kgs	18.84	
Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs)	35.83	3 Ltrs	43.00	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	5.92	1loaf/day	177.60	
Sugar	15.58	6 Kgs	46.74	
Milk long life (500ml)	4.67	4x500mL	18.68	
Tea, powder	11.66	1 Kgs	11.66	
Eggs	10.92	2units	21.84	
Salt	5.80	1 Kgs	5.80	
Sub Total				885.36

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90Kg bags)	84.00	180Kgs	168.00
Soap (Lifebouy)	2.80	10 Tablets	28.00
Wash soap (Boom)	5.16	4x400g	20.64
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	9.21	1x500ml	9.21
Electricity (med. density - fixed)	223.00		223.00
Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed)	163.11		163.11
Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom)	700.00		700.00

Sub Total

1,311.96

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,197.32

Totals from previous months	Dec 12	Jan 13	Feb 13	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13
Amount (K)	1,988.79	2,040.57	2,050.57	2,056.97	2,153.57	2,152.17	2,154.12	2,165.84	2,181.34	2,182.48	2,184.85	2,184.85	2,197.32

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K70.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K300.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	K5.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K450.00	Malaria Tests (private)	K7.00
School Uniform	K200.00 – K250.00	CD4 count (private)	K30.00
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Border -Town	K40.00	Petrol (per litre)	K9.91
Gonder-Town	K20.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.20
Kapata – Town	K30.00	Paraffin (per litre)	K6.83

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

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone
3,605.01	2,276.68	2,247.85	1,985.94	2,889.81	3,053.03	2,211.73	2,197.32	1,613.56	2,158.93	2,405.04	2,518.74	2,708.99

This survey was conducted on 26th to 30th January, 2014 by the Social and Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at Kapata Market, Saturday Market, Navutika Market, Kaumbwe Market, Magazine Market and Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Eastern Province water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Chipata. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$397 based upon the average exchange rate of K 5.5408 per US\$ prevailing on 24th and 27th to 30th January, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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