

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: SOLWEZI

October 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	77.00	2 x 25Kgs	154.00	
Beans	11.67	3 Kgs	35.01	
Kapenta (dry)	54.36	2 Kgs	108.72	
Bream, smoked	60.00	1 Kgs	60.00	
Meat (mixed cut)	26.15	4Kgs	104.60	
Dark green vegetable	3.20	4 Kgs	12.80	
Tomatoes	4.16	4 Kgs	16.64	
Onion, large	4.30	2 Kgs	8.60	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	29.00	3 Litres	43.50	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	4.73	1loaf/day	141.90	
Sugar	17.50	6 Kgs	52.50	
Milk (long life, 500ml)	4.95	4x500ml	19.80	
Tea, powder (25g)	3.37	1 Kgs	134.80	
Eggs	9.43	2units	18.86	
Salt	3.08	1 Kgs	3.08	
Sub total				914.81

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	84.00	2x 90Kg bags	168.00	
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.41	10 Tablets	34.10	
Wash soap (Boom)	3.30	4x400g	13.20	
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	12.43	1x500ml	12.43	
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	260.00		260.00	
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	270.00		270.00	
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Sub Total				2,257.73

Total for Basic Needs Basket

3,172.54

Totals from previous months	Sept 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 13	Feb 13	Mar 13	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sept 14
Amount (K)	3,006.51	3,011.35	3,014.68	3,048.46	3,053.03	-	2,560.01	3,176.85	3,193.90	3,206.17	3,154.32	3,171.86	3,304.94

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K100.00	Consultation Fee	K10.00
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K340.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	K12.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K340.00		
School Uniform	K250.00 – K500.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K10.30
Chawama-Town	K6.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.00
Mitec-Town	K6.00	Kerosene (per litre)	-
Messenger – Town	K6.00		

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

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
3,635.83	2,612.90	2,103.46	1,972.76	3,153.69	3,172.54	2,281.83	2,276.99	2,034.08	2,901.06	2,607.66	3,007.93	2,819.96	2,658.54	2,046.92

This survey was conducted on 30th and 31st October, 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 Kyawama Market, Main Market, Zambia Market, Mitec Market and Messenger Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Solwezi water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Solwezi. The October Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$501 based upon the average exchange rate of K 6.3365 per US\$ prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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