

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MONZE

October 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (Breakfast)	66.63	2 x 25Kgs	133.26	
Beans	14.50	3 Kgs	43.50	
Kapenta (dry)	86.75	2 Kgs	173.50	
Bream, smoked	100.00	1Kgs	100.00	
Beef, mixed cut	29.33	4Kgs	117.32	
Dark green vegetable	2.00	4 Kgs	8.00	
Tomatoes	5.00	4 Kgs	20.00	
Onion, large	7.67	2 Kgs	15.34	
Cooking oil	41.25	3 litres	49.50	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	6.00	1loaf/day	180.00	
Sugar	19.00	6 Kgs	57.00	
Milk long life (500ml)	6.25	4x500ml	25.00	
Tea, powder (125g)	5.13	1 Kgs	41.04	
Eggs	10.00	2units	20.00	
Salt	5.38	1Kgs	5.38	
Sub total				988.84

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	30.00	2x 90Kg bags	60.00	
Soap (Lifebuoy)	4.00	10 Tablets	40.00	
Wash soap (Boom)	5.75	4x400g	23.00	
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	14.75	1x500ml	14.75	
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	175.00		175.00	
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	114.00		114.00	
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	800.00		800.00	
Sub total				1,226.75

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,215.59

Totals from previous months	Sept 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sept 14
Amount (K)	2,150.08	2,159.50	2,155.58	2,222.16	2,211.73	2,266.13	2,240.32	2,251.48	2,260.66	2,320.77	2,335.33	2,331.53	2,281.83

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K118.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K358.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	Free
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K2, 250.00-K3, 750.00	Lab tests (e.g., malaria)	Free
School Uniform	K140.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
Site & Service	K5.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
Manungu	K5.00	Kerosene (per litre)	

(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 from 27th to 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 Main Market, Town centre, Manungu Market, and Site and Service Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Monze. The October Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$349 based upon an average exchange rate of K6.3523 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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