

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KABWE

January 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	71.33	2 x 25Kgs	142.66	
Beans	15.60	3 Kgs	46.80	
Kapenta (dry)	126.40	2 Kgs	252.80	
Bream, smoked	58.75	1Kgs	58.75	
Beef, mixed cut	30.50	4Kgs	122.00	
Dark green vegetable	4.00	4 Kgs	16.00	
Tomatoes	4.83	4 Kgs	19.32	
Onion, large	9.00	2 Kgs	18.00	
Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs)	34.40	3 Ltrs	41.28	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	4.83	1 loaf/day	144.90	
Sugar	15.42	6 Kgs	46.26	
Milk long life (500ml)	5.22	2 Litres	20.88	
Tea, powder	32.99	1 Kgs	32.99	
Eggs	9.89	2units	19.78	
Salt	4.65	1Kgs	4.65	
Sub total				987.07

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90Kg bags)	91.80	180Kgs	183.60
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.17	10 Tablets	31.70
Wash soap (Boom)	5.50	4x400g	22.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	11.23	1x500ml	11.23
Electricity (med. density - fixed)	223.14		223.14
Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed)	60.00		60.00
Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom)	1,000.00		1,000.00
Sub total			1,531.67
Total for Basic Needs Basket			2,518.74

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)	2,337.08	2,340.64	2,330.14	2,345.76	2,330.80	2,347.74	2,382.86	2,384.67	2,360.93	2,385.89	2,481.05	2,500.05	2,528.99

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K30.00-150.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K250.00- K1, 200.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	Free
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K450.00- K1, 000.00	Malaria drugs	K40.00
School Uniform	K291.90 – K299.90	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K9.91
Lukanga-Town	K6.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.20
Ngungu-Town	K7.00	Kerosene (per litre)	K6.83
Mine township–Town	K7.00		

(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 from 28th 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 Kamanda Market, Katondo Market, Nakoli Market, Lukanga Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Lukanga Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kabwe. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$454** based upon the exchange rate of **K5.5444** per US\$ prevailing on the day of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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