

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MONZE

January 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal	68.50	2 x 25Kgs	137.00	
Beans	17.00	3 Kgs	51.00	
Kapenta (dry)	93.00	2 Kgs	186.00	
Bream, smoked	80.00	1Kgs	80.00	
Beef, mixed cut	26.67	4Kgs	106.68	
Dark green vegetable	2.50	4 Kgs	10.00	
Tomatoes	6.38	4 Kgs	25.52	
Onion, large	8.75	2 Kgs	17.50	
Cooking oil	35.00	3 litres	42.00	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	6.00	1loaf/day	180.00	
Sugar	16.13	6 Kgs	96.78	
Milk long life (500ml)	5.50	4x500ml	22.00	
Tea, powder (125g)	5.00	1 Kgs	40.00	
Eggs	8.25	2units	16.50	
Salt	4.50	1Kgs	4.50	
Sub total				1,015.48

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90Kg bags)	45.00	180Kgs	90.00
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.00	10 Tablets	30.00
Wash soap (Boom)	5.00	4x400g	20.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	15.00	1x500ml	15.00
Electricity (med. density - fixed)	140.00		140.00
Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed)	101.25		101.25
Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom)	800.00		800.00

Sub total **1,196.25**

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,211.73

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)	1,988.50	2,057.50	2,082.10	2,080.96	2,119.06	2,122.76	2,132.52	2,164.17	2,146.83	2,150.08	2,159.50	2,155.58	2,222.16

(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)	K9. 91
Site & Service	K4.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.20
Manungu	K4.00	Kerosene (per litre)	

(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 25th to 27th January, 2014 by the Social Conditions 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 January Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$400 based upon an average exchange rate of K5.5272 per US\$ prevailing on 24th and 27th January, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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