

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KITWE

January 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie Meal (breakfast)	72.00	2 x 25Kgs	144.00	
Beans	12.50	3 Kgs	37.50	
Kapenta (dry)	120.00	2 Kgs	240.00	
Bream, smoked	90.00	1Kgs	90.00	
Beef mixed cut	32.33	4 Kgs	129.32	
Dark green vegetable	3.88	4 Kgs	15.52	
Tomatoes	7.13	4 Kgs	28.52	
Onion, large	7.75	2 Kgs	15.50	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	32.38	3 litres	38.86	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	5.00	1loaf/day	150.00	
Sugar	14.38	6 Kgs	43.14	
Milk (long life) 500ml	5.00	4x500ml	20.00	
Tea, powder	14.75	1 Kgs	14.75	
Eggs	9.75	2units	19.50	
Salt	3.13	1 Kgs	3.13	
<b>Sub total</b>				<b>989.74</b>

## (B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90 Kg bags)	144.00	180Kgs	288.00
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2.88	10 Tablets	28.80
Wash soap (Boom)	4.50	4x400g	18.00
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	12.50	1x500ml	12.50
Electricity (med. density - fixed)	266.00		266.00
Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed)	52.00		52.00
Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom)	750.00		750.00
<b>Sub total</b>			<b>1,415.30</b>

### Total for Basic Needs Basket

**2,405.04**

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)	2,244.76	2,204.08	2,224.52	2,275.26	2,251.36	2,323.76	2,429.27	2,412.49	2,178.83	2,181.01	2,255.41	2,289.43	2,317.60

## (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (user+PTA/year)	Free	Consultation (clinic)	-
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K650.00	Malaria Slide	K15.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K750.00	Mosquito Nets	K30.00
School Uniform	K180.00- K200.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K9.91
Chamboli-Town	K7.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.20
Ndeke-Town	K7.00	Kerosene (per litre)	K6.40
Chimwemwe-Town	K7.00		
Garnertone-Town	K14.00		

## (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 on 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Chamboli Market, Nakadoli Market, Chimwemwe Market, Chisokone Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Nkana Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kitwe. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$434 based upon the average exchange rate of K5.5457 per US\$ prevailing on 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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