

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: CHINSALI

October 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	80.00	2 x 25Kgs	160.00	
Beans	7.50	3 Kgs	22.50	
Kapenta (dry)	70.00	2 Kgs	140.00	
Bream, smoked	-	1Kgs	-	
Beef, mixed cut	30.00	4Kgs	120.00	
Dark green vegetable	3.75	4 Kgs	15.00	
Tomatoes	5.00	4 Kgs	20.00	
Onion, large	6.25	2 Kgs	12.50	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	40.00	3 Ltrs	48.00	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.00	1loaf/day	150.00	
Sugar	20.00	6 Kgs	60.00	
Milk long life (500ml)	6.25	500 mL	25.00	
Tea, powder	113.67	1 Kgs	113.67	
Eggs	10.00	2units	20.00	
Salt	4.75	1 Kgs	4.75	
Sub total				911.42

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	45.00	2x 90Kg bags	90.00
Soap (Lifebuoy)	4.25	10 Tablets	42.50
Wash soap (Boom)	6.50	4x400g	26.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	13.00	1x500ml	13.00
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	150.00		150.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	64.00		64.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	750.00		750.00
Sub total			1,135.50

Total for basic needs basket

2,046.92

Totals from previous months	Sept 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	July 14	Aug 14	Sept 14
Amount (K)	1,679.60	1,674.53	-	1,747.56	-	1,788.44	-	1,964.85	2,022.80	1,954.70	1,724.00	1,908.25	1,926.52

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K50.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K300.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	Free
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K650.00	Malaria Tests (private)	K5.00
School Uniform	K64.00 – K110.00	CD4 count	Free
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Mulakupikwa -Town	K120.00	Petrol (per litre)	K10.70
Lubwa-Town	K100.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.30
Kenneth Kaunda – Town	K50.00	Paraffin (per litre)	K7.25

(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 27th and 28th 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 New market, Old market, Kalukungu market and Kabuta market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Chambeshi Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Chinsali. The October Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$322 based upon an average exchange rate of K6.3496 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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