

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: CHIPATA

October 2014

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

| Commodity                         | Kwacha | Quantity  | Total  | Kwacha |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Mealie meal (breakfast)           | 81.00  | 2 x 25Kgs | 162.00 |        |
| Beans                             | 14.50  | 3 Kgs     | 43.50  |        |
| Kapenta (dry)                     | 95.00  | 2 Kgs     | 190.00 |        |
| Bream, smoked                     | 60.00  | 1 Kgs     | 60.00  |        |
| Mixed cut meat                    | 22.80  | 4Kgs      | 91.20  |        |
| Dark green vegetable              | 9.50   | 4 Kgs     | 38.00  |        |
| Tomatoes                          | 6.71   | 4 Kgs     | 26.84  |        |
| Onion, large                      | 9.42   | 2 Kgs     | 18.84  |        |
| Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs)             | 36.00  | 3 Ltrs    | 43.20  |        |
| Bread wheat, refined flour, baked | 5.92   | 1loaf/day | 177.60 |        |
| Sugar                             | 15.75  | 6 Kgs     | 47.25  |        |
| Milk long life (500ml)            | 4.67   | 4x500mL   | 18.68  |        |
| Tea, powder                       | 11.66  | 1 Kgs     | 11.66  |        |
| Eggs                              | 11.08  | 2units    | 22.16  |        |
| Salt                              | 5.80   | 1 Kgs     | 5.80   |        |

**Sub Total** **956.73**

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

|  |        |              |        |
|--|--------|--------------|--------|
| Charcoal                                 | 84.00  | 2x 90Kg bags | 168.00 |
| Soap (Lifebuoy)                          | 3.33   | 10 Tablets   | 33.30  |
| Wash soap (Boom)                         | 5.16   | 4x400g       | 20.64  |
| Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)                    | 12.21  | 1x500ml      | 12.21  |
| Electricity (medium density - fixed)     | 223.00 |              | 223.00 |
| Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) | 163.11 |              | 163.11 |
| Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)     | 700.00 |              | 700.00 |

**Sub Total** **1,320.26**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **2,276.99**

| Totals from previous months | Sept 13  | Oct 13   | Nov 13   | Dec 13   | Jan 14   | Feb 14   | Mar 14   | April 14 | May 14   | Jun 14   | Jul 14   | Aug 14   | Sept 14  |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Amount (K)                  | 2,182.48 | 2,184.85 | 2,184.85 | 2,197.32 | 2,197.32 | 2,219.13 | 2,269.13 | 2,247.32 | 2,266.83 | 2,274.17 | 2,275.69 | 2,283.69 | 2,276.99 |

## (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

| Item                             | K                 | Item                         | K      |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Education                        |                   | Health                       |        |
| Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)    | K70.00            | Consultation Fee             | Free   |
| Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)       | K300.00           | Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5) | K5.00  |
| Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)     | K550.00           | Malaria Tests (private)      | K7.00  |
| School Uniform                   | K200.00 – K250.00 | CD4 count (private)          | K30.00 |
| Transport (bus fare round trip): |                   | Fuel (cost at the pump)      |        |
| Border -Town                     | K40.00            | Petrol (per litre)           | K10.06 |
| Gonder-Town                      | K20.00            | Diesel (per litre)           | K10.00 |
| Kapata – Town                    | K30.00            | Paraffin (per litre)         | K7.48  |

## (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 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Kapata Market, Saturday Market, Navutika Market, Kaumbwe Market, Magazine Market and Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Eastern Province water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Chipata. The October Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$359 based** upon the average exchange rate of **K 6.3496** per **US\$** prevailing on days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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