

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: NDOLA

January 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie Meal (breakfast)	67.93	2 x 25Kgs	135.86	
Beans	15.00	3 Kgs	45.00	
Kapenta (dry)	92.00	2 Kgs	184.00	
Bream, smoked	140.00	1 Kgs	140.00	
Mixed cut	31.67	4 Kgs	126.68	
Dark green vegetable	9.80	4 Kgs	39.20	
Tomatoes	10.27	4 Kgs	41.08	
Onion, large	11.91	2 Kgs	23.82	
Cooking oil (2.5L)	32.88	3 Litres	39.46	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	5.60	1loaf/day	168.00	
Sugar	15.27	6 Kgs	45.81	
Milk (500ml Long life)	5.37	2 Litres	21.48	
Tea, powder	7.99	1 Kgs	7.99	
Eggs	8.95	2units	17.90	
Salt	5.84	1 Kgs	5.84	
Sub total				1,042.12

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	99.00	2x 90Kg bags	198.00
Soap (Lifebouy)	3.15	10 Tablets	31.50
Wash soap (Boom)	4.80	4x400g	19.20
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	13.99	1x500ml	13.99
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	145.00		145.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	90.00		90.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	1,350.00		1,350.00
Sub total			1,847.69

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,889.81

Totals from previous months	Dec 12	Jan 13	Feb 13	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sept 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13
Amount (K)	2,558.47	2,581.59	2,799.07	2,864.35	2,847.34	2,836.68	2,926.55	2,871.94	2,919.20	2,831.94	2,786.21	2,845.36	2,831.89

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K50.00	Consultation Fee	K1.00
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K650.00	Medical Exam	K35.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K890.50	Malaria Slide	K10.00
School Uniform (grades 8-12)	K480.00-K600.00	CD4 Count Private	K280.00
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Mosquito Net (private)	K35.00
Ndeke-Town	K6.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Chifubu-Town	K6.00	Petrol (per litre)	K9.91
Masala-Town	K5.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.20
Twapia-Town	K6.70	Kerosene (per litre)	K6.60

(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 25th 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 Masala Market, Twapia Market, Mushili Market, Lubuto Market, Chifubu Market, pick 'n' pay and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kufubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Ndola. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$ 523 based upon the rate of K5.5209 per US\$ prevailing on the 24th January, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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