

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: SOLWEZI

January 2014

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

| Commodity | Kwacha | Quantity | Total | Kwacha |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------------|
| Mealie meal(breakfast) | 79.50 | 2 x 25Kgs | 159.00 | |
| Beans | 11.33 | 3 Kgs | 33.99 | |
| Kapenta (dry) | 54.36 | 2 Kgs | 108.72 | |
| Bream, smoked | 62.60 | 1 Kgs | 62.60 | |
| Meat (mixed cut) | 25.32 | 4Kgs | 101.28 | |
| Dark green vegetable | 3.40 | 4 Kgs | 13.60 | |
| Tomatoes | 4.41 | 4 Kgs | 17.64 | |
| Onion, large | 3.46 | 2 Kgs | 6.92 | |
| Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) | 30.00 | 3 Litres | 45.00 | |
| Bread wheat, refined floor, baked | 4.73 | 1loaf/day | 141.90 | |
| Sugar | 14.08 | 6 Kgs | 42.24 | |
| Milk (long life, 500ml) | 4.95 | 4x500ml | 19.80 | |
| Tea, powder (25g) | 1.12 | 1 Kgs | 44.80 | |
| Eggs | 9.43 | 2units | 18.86 | |
| Salt | 3.00 | 1 Kgs | 3.00 | |
| Sub total | | | | 819.35 |

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

| | | | |
|--|----------|--------------|-----------------|
| Charcoal | 84.00 | 2x 90Kg bags | 168.00 |
| Soap (Lifebouy) | 3.16 | 10 Tablets | 31.60 |
| Wash soap (Boom) | 3.37 | 4x400g | 13.48 |
| Jelly (e.g Vaseline) | 10.60 | 1x500ml | 10.60 |
| Electricity (medium density - fixed) | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) | 260.00 | | 260.00 |
| Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 |
| Sub Total | | | 2,233.68 |

Total for Basic Needs Basket

3,053.03

| Totals from previous months | Dec 12 | Jan 13 | Feb 13 | Mar 13 | Apr 13 | May 13 | June 13 | Jul 13 | Aug 13 | Sep 13 | Oct 13 | Nov 13 | Dec 13 |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Amount (K) | 2,511.25 | 2,958.15 | 2,994.35 | 3,001.15 | 2,988.90 | 3,003.95 | 3,013.65 | 3,003.83 | 3,011.77 | 3,006.51 | 3,011.35 | 3,014.68 | 3,048.46 |

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

| Item | K | Item | K |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Education | | Health | |
| Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) | K100.00 | Consultation Fee | K10.00 |
| Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) | K260.00 | Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5) | K12.00 |
| Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) | K340.00 | | |
| School Uniform | K210.00 – K450.00 | Fuel (cost at the pump) | |
| Transport (bus fare round trip): | | Petrol (per litre) | K10.00 |
| Chawama-Town | K6.00 | Diesel (per litre) | K7.00 |
| Mitec-Town | K6.00 | Kerosene (per litre) | - |
| Messenger – Town | K6.00 | | |

(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 30th to 31th 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 Kyawama Market, Main Market, Zambia Market, Mitec Market, and Messenger Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Solwezi water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Solwezi. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$549 based upon the average exchange rate of K 5.5638 per US\$ prevailing on 30th and 31th January, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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