

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MANSA
October 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	70.50	2 x 25Kgs	141.00	
Beans	6.83	3 Kgs	20.49	
Kapenta (dry)	59.15	2 Kgs	118.30	
Bream, smoked	-	1Kgs	-	
Beef, mixed cut	36.00	4 Kgs	144.00	
Dark green vegetable	2.00	4 Kgs	8.00	
Tomato	4.00	4 Kgs	16.00	
Onion, large	8.00	2 Kgs	16.00	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	36.85	3 Ltrs	44.22	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.42	1 loaf/day	162.60	
Sugar	17.71	6 Kgs	53.13	
Milk, long life 500ml	5.97	4x500ml	23.88	
Tea, powder	36.77	1 Kgs	36.77	
Eggs	9.83	2 units	19.66	
Salt	4.63	1 Kgs	4.63	
Sub total				808.68

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90 Kg bag)	72.00	2x90Kgs	144.00
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2.50	10 tablets	25.00
Wash soap (Boom)	5.72	4 bars	22.88
Jelly (Vaseline)	13.50	1 x 500 ml	13.50
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	160.00		160.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	79.40		79.40
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	850.00		850.00
Sub-total			1,294.78

Total for Basic Needs Basket **2,103.46**

Totals from previous months	Sept 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sept 14
Amount (K)	2,137.99	2,162.33	2,195.26	2,218.36	2,247.85	2,259.44	-	2,301.48	-	-	1,930.29	2,051.70	2,099.43

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	Free	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K320.00-K340.00	Fast-Track Consultation	Free
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K340.00-K750.00	Malaria Slide	Free
School Uniform (grades 1-7)	K50.00-K100.000	CD4 Count Private	Free
School Uniform (grade 8-12)	K420.00-K450.00	Self referral	K17.00
Transport (bus fare round trip):		High cost fee	K120.00
Maiteneke-Town	K4.00	Mosquito Net (private)	-
Kaole -Town	K4.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
		Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
		Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
		Kerosene (per litre)	K7.48

(B) 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 31st 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 Maiteneke Market, Kaole Market, Chilyapa Market, Down Market, Main Market and Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Luapula Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics, hospital and houses around Mansa. The October 2014 Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$335 based upon the exchange rate of K 6.2825 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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