

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET PILOT: CHINSALI

February 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	13.75	3 Kgs	41.25	
Kapenta (dry)	56.67	2 Kgs	113.34	
Bream, smoked	-	1Kgs	-	
Beef, mixed cut	25.00	4Kgs	100.00	
Dark green vegetable	3.50	4 Kgs	14.00	
Tomatoes	9.50	4 Kgs	38.00	
Onion, large	17.50	2 Kgs	35.00	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	35.25	3 Ltrs	42.30	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.00	1loaf/day	150.00	
Sugar	17.25	6 Kgs	51.75	
Milk long life (500ml)	6.00	500 ml	24.00	
Tea, powder	75.00	1 Kgs	75.00	
Eggs	10.00	2units	20.00	
Salt	3.75	1 Kgs	3.75	
Sub total				868.39

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90Kg bags)	35.00	180Kgs	70.00
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.88	10 Tablets	38.80
Wash soap (Boom)	5.00	4x400g	20.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	11.25	1x500ml	11.25
Electricity (med. density - fixed)	126.00		126.00
Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed)	54.00		54.00
Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom)	600.00		600.00

Sub total

920.05

Total for Basic Needs Basket

1,788.44

Totals from previous months	Feb 13	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14
Amount (K)		1,632.62	1,577.00	1,606.60	-	1,694.74	1,672.74	1,679.60	1,674.53	-	1,747.56	-

(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	K45.00 – K95.00	CD4 count	Free
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Mulakupikwa -Town	K120.00	Petrol (per litre)	K9.75
Lubwa-Town	K100.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.00
Kenneth Kaunda – Town	K50.00	Paraffin (per litre)	K10.00

(D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (in Kwacha) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN FEBRUARY

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Ndola	Monze	Chipata
3,616.28	2,383.60	2,259.44	3,143.76	2,266.13	2,219.13

This survey was conducted on 26th and 27th February, 2013 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 February Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$309 based upon an average exchange rate of K5.7822 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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