

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MANSA November 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	70.33	2 x 25Kgs	140.66	
Beans	10.50	3 Kgs	31.50	
Kapenta (dry)	77.00	2 Kgs	154.00	
Bream, smoked	-	1Kgs	-	
Beef, mixed cut	36.00	4 Kgs	144.00	
Dark green vegetable	4.00	4 Kgs	16.00	
Tomatoe	4.00	4 Kgs	16.00	
Onion, large	8.67	2 Kgs	17.34	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	37.42	3 Ltrs	44.90	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.17	1 loaf/day	155.10	
Sugar	17.70	6 Kgs	53.10	
Milk, long life 500ml	5.80	4x500ml	23.20	
Tea, powder	36.77	1 Kgs	36.77	
Eggs	9.39	2 units	18.78	
Salt	5.26	1 Kgs	5.26	
Sub total				856.61

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90 Kg bag)	70.20	2x90Kgs	140.40
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2.50	10 tablets	25.00
Wash soap (BOOM)	5.67	4 bars	22.68
Jelly (Vaseline)	13.83	1 x 500 mL	13.83
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			1,291.31

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,147.92

Totals from previous months	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sept 14	Oct 14
Amount (K)	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	2,103.46

(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 NOVEMBER

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 27th – 28th November 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 November 2014 Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$341 based upon the exchange rate of K 6.3006 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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