

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KITWE

November 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	64.80	2 x 25Kgs	129.60	
Beans	13.00	3 Kgs	39.00	
Kapenta (dry)	86.67	2 Kgs	173.34	
Bream, smoked	90.00	1Kgs	90.00	
Beef mixed cut	28.10	4 Kgs	112.40	
Dark green vegetable	3.63	4 Kgs	14.52	
Tomatoes	4.50	4 Kgs	18.00	
Onion, large	7.60	2 kgs	15.20	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	32.85	3 litres	39.42	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	4.80	1loaf/day	144.00	
Sugar	17.70	6 Kgs	53.10	
Milk (long life) 500ml	5.36	4x500ml	21.44	
Tea, powder	21.18	1 Kgs	21.18	
Eggs	9.20	2units	18.40	
Salt	4.92	1 Kgs	4.92	
Sub total				894.52

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90 Kg bags)	144.00	2x 90Kg bags	288.00
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.00	10 Tablets	30.00
Wash soap (Boom)	5.00	4x400g	20.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	13.30	1x500ml	13.30
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	266.00		266.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	52.00		52.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	900.00		900.00
Sub total			1,569.30

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,463.82

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)	2,255.41	2,289.43	2,317.60	2,405.04	-	-	2,295.62	2,407.47	2,593.90	2,614.66	2,565.49	2,607.66	2,607.66

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (user+PTA/year)	Free	Consultation (clinic)	-
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K360.00	Malaria Slide	K15.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K560.00	Mosquito Nets	K30.00
School Uniform	K180.00- K200.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
Chamboli-Town	K7.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
Ndeke-Town	K7.00	Kerosene (per litre)	K7.48
Chimwemwe-Town	K7.00		
Garnertone-Town	K14.00		

(D) 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
3,694.44	2,525.26	2,147.92	-	3,182.25	3,305.28	2,255.85	2,276.99	1,997.46	2,954.81	2,463.82	3,004.12	3,017.36	2,859.52	2,032.50

This survey was conducted on 26th - 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 Chamboli Market, Nakadoli Market, Chimwemwe Market, Chisokone Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Nkana Water and Sewerage Company, schools, clinics and houses around Kitwe. The November Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$390 based upon the average exchange rate of K6.3106 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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