

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KITWE

DECEMBER 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	66.60	2 x 25Kgs	133.20	
Beans	11.50	3 Kgs	34.50	
Kapenta (dry)	121.59	2 Kgs	243.18	
Bream (dry)	110.00	1Kgs	110.00	
Beef, mixed cut	34.25	4 Kgs	137.00	
Dark green vegetable	3.25	4 Kgs	13.00	
Tomatoes	4.50	4 Kgs	18.00	
Onion, large	6.00	2 Kgs	12.00	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	33.30	3 litres	39.96	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.60	1 loaf/day	168.00	
Sugar	16.84	6 Kgs	50.52	
Milk (fresh)	5.38	4x500ml	21.52	
Tea, powder	17.00	4 Kgs	68.00	
Eggs	9.80	2 Units	19.60	
Salt	4.60	1Kgs	4.60	
Sub Total				1,073.08

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	138.80	2x 90Kg bags	277.60	
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	2.80	10 Tablets	28.00	
Wash soap (Boom)	5.00	4x400g	20.00	
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	13.00	1x500ml	13.00	
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				1,556.60
Total for Basic Needs Basket				2,629.68

Totals from previous months	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sept 14	Oct 14	Nov 14
Amount (K)	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	2,463.82

(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 DECEMBER

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
3,905.22	2,554.09	2,274.41	1,883.28	3,666.84	3,713.68	2,179.28	2,285.38	2,154.64	2,904.56	2,629.68	3,187.67	3,259.14	3,059.84	-

This survey was conducted on 27th – 29th December, 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 December Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$415 based upon the average exchange rate of K6.3359 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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