

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: SOLWEZI

DECEMBER 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	77.00	2 x 25Kgs	154.00	
Beans	11.67	3 Kgs	35.01	
Kapenta (dry)	54.36	2 Kgs	108.72	
Bream (dry)	59.00	1Kgs	59.00	
Beef, mixed cut	28.65	4 Kgs	114.60	
Dark green vegetable	3.40	4 Kgs	13.60	
Tomatoes	4.50	4 Kgs	18.00	
Onion, large	4.30	2 Kgs	8.60	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	29.33	3 litres	35.20	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	4.73	1 loaf/day	141.90	
Sugar	17.50	6 Kgs	52.50	
Milk (fresh)	4.95	4x500ml	19.80	
Tea, powder	134.67	4 Kgs	538.68	
Eggs	9.43	2 Units	18.86	
Salt	3.08	1Kgs	3.08	
Sub Total				1,321.55

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	151.20	2x 90Kg bags	302.40	
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	3.41	10 Tablets	34.10	
Wash soap (Boom)	3.30	4x400g	13.20	
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	12.43	1x500ml	12.43	
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	260.00		260.00	
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	270.00		270.00	
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Sub Total				2,392.13
Total for Basic Needs Basket				3,713.68

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K100.00	Consultation Fee	K10.00
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K340.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	K12.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K340.00		
School Uniform	K250.00 – K500.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K9.89
Chawama-Town	K6.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.19
Mitec-Town	K6.00	Kerosene (per litre)	-
Messenger – Town	K6.00		

(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 28th and 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 Kyawama Market, Main Market, Zambia Market, Mitec Market and Messenger Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Solwezi water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around

Solwezi. The December Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$586** based upon the average exchange rate of **K 6.3359** 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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