

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: NDOLA

DECEMBER 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	70.11	2 x 25Kgs	140.22	
Beans	13.79	3 Kgs	41.37	
Kapenta (dry)	123.00	2 Kgs	246.00	
Bream (dry)	188.00	1Kgs	188.00	
Beef, mixed cut	32.91	4 Kgs	131.64	
Dark green vegetable	9.07	4 Kgs	36.28	
Tomatoes	8.63	4 Kgs	34.52	
Onion, large	8.63	2 Kgs	17.26	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	34.63	3 litres	41.56	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.61	1 loaf/day	168.30	
Sugar	16.81	6 Kgs	50.43	
Milk (fresh)	6.38	4x500ml	25.52	
Tea, powder	13.62	4 Kgs	54.48	
Eggs	8.67	2 Units	17.34	
Salt	7.07	1Kgs	7.07	
Sub Total				1,199.99

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	129.00	2x 90Kg bags	258.00
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	4.71	10 Tablets	47.10
Wash soap (Boom)	5.00	4x400g	20.00
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	15.75	1x500ml	15.75
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	181.00		181.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	95.00		95.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	1,850.00		1,850.00
Sub Total			2,466.85

Total for Basic Needs Basket

3,666.84

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)	2,845.36	2,831.89	2,889.81	3,143.76	-	3,176.74	3,181.15	3,194.33	3,251.58	3,236.63	3153.69	3,153.69	3,182.25

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K50.00	Consultation Fee	K1.00
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K750.00	Medical Exam	K35.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K900.00	Malaria Slide	K10.00
School Uniform (grades 8-12)	K550.00-K900.00	CD4 Count Private	K280.00
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Mosquito Net (private)	K35.00
Ndeke-Town	K6.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Chifubu-Town	K6.00	Petrol (per litre)	K9.89
Masala-Town	K5.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.19
Twapia-Town	K6.70	Kerosene (per litre)	K6.77

(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 25th 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 Masala Market, Twapia Market, Mushili Market, Lubuto Market, Chifubu Market, Pick 'n' Pay and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kufubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Ndola. The December Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$ 580 based upon the rate of K6.3252 per US\$ prevailing on the day of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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