

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MONZE

DECEMBER 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	67.75	2 x 25Kgs	135.50	
Beans	15.50	3 Kgs	46.50	
Kapenta (dry)	86.75	2 Kgs	173.50	
Bream (dry)	31.25	1Kgs	31.25	
Beef, mixed cut	34.33	4 Kgs	137.32	
Dark green vegetable	3.33	4 Kgs	13.32	
Tomatoes	8.67	4 Kgs	34.68	
Onion, large	10.67	2 Kgs	21.34	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	38.25	3 litres	45.90	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	6.00	1 loaf/day	180.00	
Sugar	19.00	6 Kgs	57.00	
Milk (fresh)	6.25	4x500ml	25.00	
Tea, powder	5.13	4 Kgs	20.52	
Eggs	10.00	2 Units	20.00	
Salt	5.38	1Kgs	5.38	

Sub Total

947.21

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	30.00	2x 90Kg bags	60.00
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	4.38	10 Tablets	43.80
Wash soap (Boom)	6.13	4x400g	24.52
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	14.75	1x500ml	14.75
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	175.00		175.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	114.00		114.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	800.00		800.00

Sub Total

1,232.07

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,179.28

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)	2,155.58	2,222.16	2,211.73	2,266.13	2,240.32	2,251.48	2,260.66	2,320.77	2,335.33	2,331.53	2,281.83	2,281.83	2,255.85

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K118.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K358.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	Free
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K2, 250.00-K3, 750.00	Lab tests (e.g., malaria)	Free
School Uniform	K140.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K9.89
Site & Service	K5.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.19
Manungu	K5.00	Kerosene (per litre)	

(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 from 26th to 31st 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 Main Market, Town centre, Manungu Market, and Site and Service Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Monze. The December Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$343 based upon an average exchange rate of K6.3593 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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