

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MANSA

DECEMBER 2014

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

| Commodity | Kwacha | Quantity | Total | Kwacha |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------------|--------|-----------------|
| Mealie meal (breakfast) | 69.00 | 2 x 25Kgs | 138.00 | |
| Beans | 10.83 | 3 Kgs | 32.49 | |
| Kapenta (dry) | 74.00 | 2 Kgs | 148.00 | |
| Bream (dry) | 50.00 | 1Kgs | 50.00 | |
| Beef, mixed cut | 37.00 | 4 Kgs | 148.00 | |
| Dark green vegetable | 4.00 | 4 Kgs | 16.00 | |
| Tomatoes | 4.50 | 4 Kgs | 18.00 | |
| Onion, large | 7.50 | 2 Kgs | 15.00 | |
| Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) | 37.08 | 3 litres | 44.50 | |
| Bread wheat, refined flour, baked | 5.50 | 1 loaf/day | 165.00 | |
| Sugar | 17.70 | 6 Kgs | 53.10 | |
| Milk (fresh) | 5.97 | 4x500ml | 23.88 | |
| Tea, powder | 32.11 | 4 Kgs | 128.44 | |
| Eggs | 9.56 | 2 Units | 19.12 | |
| Salt | 5.60 | 1Kgs | 5.60 | |
| Sub Total | | | | 1,005.13 |

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

| | | | |
|--|--------|--------------|-----------------|
| Charcoal | 58.50 | 2x 90Kg bags | 117.00 |
| Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion) | 2.67 | 10 Tablets | 26.70 |
| Wash soap (Boom) | 5.92 | 4x400g | 23.68 |
| Jelly (e.g Vaseline) | 12.50 | 1x500ml | 12.50 |
| Electricity (medium density - fixed) | 160.00 | | 160.00 |
| Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) | 79.40 | | 79.40 |
| Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) | 850.00 | | 850.00 |
| Sub Total | | | 1,269.28 |

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,274.41

| 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) | 2,195.26 | 2,218.36 | 2,247.85 | 2,259.44 | - | 2,301.48 | - | - | 1,930.29 | 2,051.70 | 2,099.43 | 2,103.46 | 2,103.46 |

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

| Item | K | Item | K |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Education | | Health | |
| Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) | Free | Consultation Fee | Free |
| Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) | K320.00-K340.00 | Fast-Track Consultation | Free |
| Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) | K340.00-K750.00 | Malaria Slide | Free |
| School Uniform (grades 1-7) | K50.00-K100.000 | CD4 Count Private | Free |
| School Uniform (grade 8-12) | K420.00-K450.00 | Self referral | K17.00 |
| Transport (bus fare round trip): | | High cost fee | K120.00 |
| Maiteneke-Town | K4.00 | Mosquito Net (private) | - |
| Kaole -Town | K4.00 | Fuel (cost at the pump) | |
| | | Petrol (per litre) | K9.89 |
| | | Diesel (per litre) | K9.19 |
| | | Kerosene (per litre) | K6.77 |

(A) 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 29th – 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 Maiteneke Market, Kaole Market, Chilyapa Market, Down Market, Main Market and Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Luapula Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics, hospital and houses around Mansa. The December 2014 Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$358 based upon the exchange rate of K 6.3593 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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