

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KABWE

DECEMBER 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	67.67	2 x 25Kgs	135.34	
Beans	14.00	3 Kgs	42.00	
Kapenta (dry)	115.20	2 Kgs	230.40	
Bream (dry)	65.00	1Kgs	65.00	
Beef, mixed cut	23.00	4 Kgs	92.00	
Dark green vegetable	6.60	4 Kgs	26.40	
Tomatoes	5.67	4 Kgs	22.68	
Onion, large	7.33	2 Kgs	14.66	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	35.17	3 litres	42.20	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.25	1 loaf/day	157.50	
Sugar	16.45	6 Kgs	49.35	
Milk (fresh)	5.48	4x500ml	21.92	
Tea, powder	35.50	4 Kgs	142.00	
Eggs	9.72	2 Units	19.44	
Salt	4.55	1Kgs	4.55	

Sub Total **1,065.44**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	77.40	2x 90Kg bags	154.80
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	13.33	10 Tablets	133.30
Wash soap (Boom)	5.33	4x400g	21.32
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	12.67	1x500ml	12.67
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	223.14		223.14
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	77.00		77.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	1,500.00		1,500.00

Sub Total **2,122.23**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **3,187.67**

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)	2,500.05	2,528.99	2,518.74	2,527.80	2,540.23	2,429.24	2,963.75	2,972.62	2,962.37	3,001.10	3,007.93	3,007.93	3,004.12

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K30.00-150.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K250.00- K1, 200.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	Free
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K450.00- K1, 000.00	Malaria drugs	K40.00
School Uniform	K291.90 – K299.90	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K9.89
Lukanga-Town	K6.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.19
Ngungu-Town	K7.00	Kerosene (per litre)	K6.77
Mine township-Town	K7.00		

(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 from 26th - 27th 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 Kamanda Market, Katondo Market, Nakoli Market, Lukanga Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Lukanga Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kabwe. The December Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$504 based upon the exchange rate of K6.3252 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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