

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MANSA

April 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	72.83	2 x 25Kgs	145.66	
Beans	7.50	3 Kgs	22.50	
Kapenta (dry)	97.05	2 Kgs	194.10	
Bream, smoked	-	1Kgs	-	
Beef, mixed cut	33.50	4 Kgs	134.00	
Dark green vegetable	4.00	4 Kgs	16.00	
Tomato	6.00	4 Kgs	24.00	
Onion, large	13.80	2 Kgs	27.60	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	37.89	3 Ltrs	45.47	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	4.83	1 loaf/day	144.90	
Sugar	17.50	6 Kgs	52.50	
Milk, long life 500ml	5.13	4x500ml	20.52	
Tea, powder	14.77	1 Kgs	14.77	
Eggs	9.69	2 units	19.38	
Salt	4.00	1 Kgs	4.00	
Sub total				865.40

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEM

Charcoal (90 Kg bag)	68.40	2x90Kgs	136.80
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.88	10 tablets	38.80
Wash soap (BOOM)	4.75	4 bars	19.00
Jelly (Vaseline)	12.08	1 x 500 mL	12.08
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	300.00		300.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	79.40		79.40
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	850.00		850.00

Sub-total **1,436.08**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **2,301.48**

Totals from previous months	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14
Amount (K)	2,373.10	2,327.30	2,351.56	2,172.99	2,164.52	2,154.85	2,137.99	2,162.33	2,195.26	2,218.36	2,247.85	2,259.44	-

(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
		High cost fee	K120.00
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Mosquito Net (private)	-
Maiteneke-Town	K4.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Kaole -Town	K4.00	Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
		Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
		Kerosene (per litre)	K7.48

(B) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (in Kwacha) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN APRIL

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone
3,650.01	2,311.22	2,301.48	1,957.55	3,176.74	3,176.85	2,251.48	2,247.32	1,622.92	2,567.55	2,295.62	2,429.24	2,920.70

This survey was conducted on 28th to 29th April 2014 by the Social Conditions 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 April 2014 Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$365 based upon the exchange rate of K 6.3127 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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