

**JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: SOLWEZI**  
**April 2014**

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	76.50	2 x 25Kgs	153.00	
Beans	11.33	3 Kgs	33.99	
Kapenta (dry)	54.36	2 Kgs	108.72	
Bream, smoked	60.00	1 Kgs	60.00	
Meat (mixed cut)	25.48	4Kgs	101.92	
Dark green vegetable	3.40	4 Kgs	13.60	
Tomatoes	4.08	4 Kgs	16.32	
Onion, large	3.88	2 Kgs	7.76	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	27.67	3 Litres	41.51	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	4.73	1loaf/day	141.90	
Sugar	14.08	6 Kgs	42.24	
Milk (long life,500ml)	4.95	4x500ml	19.80	
Tea, powder (25g)	1.23	1 Kgs	49.20	
Eggs	9.43	2units	18.86	
Salt	3.00	1 Kgs	3.00	
<b>Sub total</b>				<b>811.82</b>

**(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS**

Charcoal (90Kg bag)	138.40	180Kgs	276.80
Soap (Lifebouy)	3.41	10 Tablets	34.10
Wash soap (Boom)	3.30	4x400g	13.20
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	10.93	1x500ml	10.93
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	260.00		260.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	270.00		270.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	1,500.00		1,500.00
<b>Sub Total</b>			<b>2,365.03</b>

**Total for Basic Needs Basket**

**3,176.85**

Totals from previous months	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	June 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 13	Feb 13	Mar 13
Amount (K)	3,001.15	2,988.90	3,003.95	3,013.65	3,003.83	3,011.77	3,006.51	3,011.35	3,014.68	3,048.46	3,053.03	-	2,560.01

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST**

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K100.00	Consultation Fee	K10.00
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K340.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	K12.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K340.00		
School Uniform	K250.00 – K500.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K10.30
Chawama-Town	K6.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.00
Mitec-Town	K6.00	Kerosene (per litre)	-
Messenger – Town	K6.00		

**(D) 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 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April, 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 Kyawama Market, Main Market, Zambia Market, Mitec Market, and Messenger Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Solwezi water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Solwezi. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$508 based upon the average exchange rate of K 6.2552 per US\$ prevailing on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.*

*Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.*

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