

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: NDOLA

April 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal(breakfast)	75.63	2 x 25Kgs	151.26	
Beans	14.06	3 Kgs	42.18	
Kapenta (dry)	104.00	2 Kgs	208.00	
Bream, smoked	180.00	1 Kgs	180.00	
Mixed cut	34.86	4 Kgs	139.44	
Dark green vegetable	9.60	4 Kgs	38.40	
Tomatoes	10.23	4 Kgs	40.92	
Onion, large	11.64	2 Kgs	23.28	
Cooking oil (2.5L)	35.06	3 Litres	42.07	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	5.64	1loaf/day	169.20	
Sugar	15.56	6 Kgs	46.68	
Milk (500ml Long life)	5.68	2 Litres	22.72	
Tea, powder	8.07	1 Kgs	8.07	
Eggs	9.29	2units	18.58	
Salt	6.21	1 Kgs	6.21	
Sub total				1,137.01

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90Kg bags)	112.00	180Kgs	224.00
Soap (Lifebouy)	4.06	10 Tablets	40.60
Wash soap (Boom)	5.13	4x400g	20.52
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	14.61	1x500ml	14.61
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	145.00		145.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	95.00		95.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	1,500.00		1,500.00

Sub total **2,039.73**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **3,176.74**

Totals from previous months	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sept 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14
Amount (K)	2,864.35	2,847.34	2,836.68	2,926.55	2,871.94	2,919.20	2,831.94	2,786.21	2,845.36	2,831.89	2,889.81	3,143.76	-

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K50.00	Consultation Fee	K1.00
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K750.00	Medical Exam	K35.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K900.00	Malaria Slide	K10.00
School Uniform (grades 8-12)	K550.00-K900.00	CD4 Count Private	K280.00
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Mosquito Net (private)	K35.00
Ndeke-Town	K6.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Chifubu-Town	K6.00	Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
Masala-Town	K5.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
Twapia-Town	K6.70	Kerosene (per litre)	K7.48

(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 25th 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 Masala Market, Twapia Market, Mushili Market, Lubuto Market, Chifubu Market, pick 'n' pay and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kufubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Ndola. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$ 508 based upon the rate of K6.2552 per US\$ prevailing on the day of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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