

## JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MONZE

April 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal	68.75	2 x 25Kgs	137.50	
Beans	10.50	3 Kgs	31.50	
Kapenta (dry)	89.50	2 Kgs	179.00	
Bream, smoked	100.00	1Kgs	100.00	
Beef, mixed cut	29.67	4Kgs	118.68	
Dark green vegetable	2.67	4 Kgs	10.68	
Tomatoes	4.00	4 Kgs	16.00	
Onion, large	9.67	2 Kgs	19.34	
Cooking oil	38.75	3 litres	46.50	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	5.88	1loaf/day	176.40	
Sugar	18.00	6 Kgs	108.00	
Milk long life (500ml)	6.00	4x500ml	24.00	
Tea, powder (125g)	5.00	1 Kgs	40.00	
Eggs	9.00	2units	18.00	
Salt	5.13	1Kgs	5.13	
<b>Sub total</b>				<b>1,030.73</b>

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

Charcoal (90Kg bags)	51.75	180 Kgs	103.50
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.00	10 Tablets	30.00
Wash soap (Boom)	5.25	4x400g	21.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	14.75	1x500ml	14.75
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	137.50		137.50
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	114.00		114.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	800.00		800.00

**Sub total** **1,220.75**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **2,251.48**

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)	2,080.96	2,119.06	2,122.76	2,132.52	2,164.17	2,146.83	2,150.08	2,159.50	2,155.58	2,222.16	2,211.73	2,266.13	2,240.32

### (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K118.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K358.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	Free
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K2, 250.00-K3, 750.00	Lab tests (e.g., malaria)	Free
School Uniform	K140.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
Site & Service	K5.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
Manungu	K5.00	Kerosene (per litre)	

### (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 from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<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 Main Market, Town centre, Manungu Market, and Site and Service Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Monze. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$361** based upon an average exchange rate of **K6.2365** per US\$ prevailing on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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