

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KITWE

April 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	78.20	2 x 25Kgs	156.40	
Beans	11.50	3 Kgs	34.50	
Kapenta (dry)	85.00	2 Kgs	170.00	
Bream, smoked	70.00	1Kgs	70.00	
Beef mixed cut	31.75	4 Kgs	127.00	
Dark green vegetable	3.00	4 Kgs	12.00	
Tomatoes	3.80	4 Kgs	15.20	
Onion, large	10.00	2 kgs	20.00	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	33.10	3 litres	39.72	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	5.00	1loaf/day	150.00	
Sugar	15.90	6 Kgs	47.70	
Milk (long life) 500ml	5.30	4x500ml	21.20	
Tea, powder	20.58	1 Kgs	20.58	
Eggs	10.00	2units	20.00	
Salt	4.09	1 Kgs	4.09	
Sub total				908.39

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90 Kg bags)	78.33	180Kgs	156.66	
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2.90	10 Tablets	29.00	
Wash soap (Boom)	5.10	4x400g	20.40	
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	13.17	1x500ml	13.17	
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	266.00		266.00	
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	52.00		52.00	
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	850.00		850.00	
Sub total				1,387.23
Total for Basic Needs Basket				2,295.62

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)	2,275.26	2,251.36	2,323.76	2,429.27	2,412.49	2,178.83	2,181.01	2,255.41	2,289.43	2,317.60	2,405.04	-	-

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (user+PTA/year)	Free	Consultation (clinic)	-
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K360.00	Malaria Slide	K15.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K560.00	Mosquito Nets	K30.00
School Uniform	K180.00- K200.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
Chamboli-Town	K7.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
Ndeke-Town	K7.00	Kerosene (per litre)	K7.48
Chimwemwe-Town	K7.00		
Garnertone-Town	K14.00		

(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 24th and 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 Chamboli Market, Nakadoli Market, Chimwemwe Market, Chisokone Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Nkana Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kitwe. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$368 based upon the average exchange rate of K6.2365 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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