

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LIVINGSTONE

April 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	69.36	2 x 25Kgs	138.72	
Beans	15.14	3 Kgs	45.42	
Kapenta (dry)	81.14	2 Kgs	162.28	
Bream, smoked	68.67	1Kgs	68.67	
Beef, mixed cut	36.14	4Kgs	144.56	
Dark green vegetable	14.08	4 Kgs	56.32	
Tomatoes	7.57	4 Kgs	30.28	
Onion, large	8.91	2 Kgs	17.82	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	35.71	3 Ltrs	42.85	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	5.71	1loaf/day	171.30	
Sugar	16.57	6 Kgs	49.71	
Milk long life (500ml)	5.90	500 mL	23.60	
Tea, powder	27.36	1 Kgs	27.36	
Eggs	9.14	2units	18.28	
Salt	5.14	1 Kgs	5.14	
Sub total				1,002.31

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90 Kg bags)	153.00	180Kg bags	306.00
Soap (Lifebouy)	3.28	10 Tablets	32.80
Wash soap (Boom)	5.38	4x400g	21.52
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	27.07	1x500ml	27.07
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	226.00		226.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	55.00		55.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	1,250.00		1,250.00
Sub total			1,918.39

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,920.70

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)	2,262.90	2,308.72	2,650.34	2,684.01	2,686.51	2,672.00	2,672.79	2,667.68	2,707.61	2,709.05	2,708.99	-	2,765.92

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Transport (bus fare round trip):	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K490.00	Dambwa-Town	K8.00
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K750.00	Maramba-Town	K8.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K1, 392.00	Victoria Falls-Town	K14.00
School Uniform	K235.00 - K270.00	Taxi Fare Round Trips	K8.00
Health		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Consultation Fee	K30.00	Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
CD4 count	K50.00 (high cost)	Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
Fast-Track	K50.00	Kerosene (per litre)	K7.48
Mosquito Net (private)	K54.00		

(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 25th – 28th 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 Town Centre Market, Dambwa Market, Maramba Market, Mbita Market, Elaine Brittel Market, Kashitu Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Livingstone. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$466** based upon the average exchange rate of **K 6.2707** per **US\$** prevailing the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, etc

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