

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LUANSHYA

April 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	75.00	2 x 25Kgs	150.00	
Beans	10.40	3 Kgs	31.20	
Kapenta (dry)	135.39	2 Kgs	270.78	
Bream, smoked	183.33	1Kgs	183.33	
Beef, mixed cut	31.17	4 Kgs	124.68	
Dark green vegetable	4.20	4 Kgs	16.80	
Tomatoes	5.25	4 Kgs	21.00	
Onion, large	13.00	2 Kgs	26.00	
Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs)	33.08	3 Ltrs	39.70	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	4.82	1 loaf/day	144.60	
Sugar	18.67	6 Kgs	56.01	
Milk, long life 500ml	6.05	500ml	24.20	
Tea, powder	5.22	1 Kgs	41.76	
Eggs	10.00	2 units	20.00	
Salt	5.17	1Kgs	5.17	
Sub total				1,155.23

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90Kg bags)	111.60	180 Kgs	223.20	
Soap (Lifebouy)	3.07	10 Tablets	30.70	
Wash soap (Boom)	5.13	4x400g	20.52	
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	13.23	1x500ml	13.23	
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	226.00		226.00	
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	98.67		98.67	
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	800.00		800.00	
Sub total				1,412.32
Total for basic needs basket				2,567.55

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)	2,207.80	2,203.45	2,386.06	2,284.52	2,266.53	2,227.29	2,209.06	2,226.10	2,205.85	2,316.29	2,158.93	-	2,373.32

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K80.00-K100.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K350.00-K400.00	Malaria Slide (Roan)	K10.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K600.00	Mosquito Drugs (private)	K20.00
School Uniform	K200.00-K875.00	Fast track	K20.00
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Mpatamatu-Town	K13.00	Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
Roan - Kalala	K13.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
New Town	K7.00	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 from 26th to 30th 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 Mpatamatu Market, Buseko Market, Roan Market, Mikomiwa Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kafubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Luanshya. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$407 based upon the exchange rate of K 6.3100 per US\$ prevailing on 28th to 30th April, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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