

**JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MANSA**  
**February 2014**

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	68.33	2 x 25Kgs	136.66	
Beans	11.33	3 Kgs	33.99	
Kapenta (dry)	86.00	2 Kgs	172.00	
Bream, smoked	-	1Kgs	-	
Beef, mixed cut	33.50	4 Kgs	134.00	
Dark green vegetable	2.20	4 Kgs	8.80	
Tomatoe	6.00	4 Kgs	24.00	
Onion, large	10.33	2 Kgs	20.66	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	36.07	3 Ltrs	43.78	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.00	1 loaf/day	150.00	
Sugar	15.53	6 Kgs	46.59	
Milk, long life 500ml	5.00	4x500ml	20.00	
Tea, powder	31.57	1 Kgs	31.57	
Eggs	10.17	2 units	20.34	
Salt	3.25	1 Kgs	3.25	
<b>Sub total</b>				<b>853.90</b>

**(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEM**

Charcoal (90 Kg bag)	64.80	2x90Kgs	129.60
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2.42	10 tablets	24.20
Wash soap (BOOM)	4.76	4 bars	19.04
Jelly (Vaseline)	12.06	1 x 500 mL	12.06
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	300.00		300.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	79.40		79.40
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	850.00		850.00

**Sub-total**

**1,414.30**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket**

**2,259.44**

Totals from previous months	Jan 13	Feb 13	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14
Amount (K)	2,060.53	2,012.42	2,373.10	2,327.30	2,351.56	2,172.99	2,164.52	2,154.85	2,137.99	2,162.33	2,195.26	2,218.36	2,276.68

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	Free	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K80.00-K115.00	Fast-Track Consultation	Free
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K340.00-K700.00	Malaria Slide	Free
School Uniform (grades 1-7)	K50.00-K100.000	CD4 Count Private	Free
School Uniform (grade 8-12)	K170.00-K250.00	Self referral	K17.00
Transport (bus fare round trip):		High cost fee	K120.00
Maiteneke-Town	K5.00	Mosquito Net (private)	-
Kaole -Town	K4.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
		Petrol (per litre)	K9.91
		Diesel (per litre)	K9.20
		Kerosene (per litre)	K6.83

**(B) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (in Kwacha) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN FEBRUARY**

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Ndola	Monze	Chipata	Kabwe
3,616.28	2,383.60	2,259.44	3,143.76	2,266.13	2,219.13	2,527.80

This survey was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 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 Maiteneke Market, Kaole Market, Chilyapa Market, Down Market, Main Market and Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Luapula Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics, hospital and houses around Mansa. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$389 based upon the exchange rate of K5.8012 per US\$ prevailing on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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