

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: NDOLA

February 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie Meal (breakfast)	74.84	2 x 25Kgs	149.68	
Beans	15.24	3 Kgs	45.72	
Kapenta (dry)	96.00	2 Kgs	192.00	
Bream, smoked	148.33	1 Kgs	148.33	
Mixed cut	32.57	4 Kgs	130.28	
Dark green vegetable	10.80	4 Kgs	43.20	
Tomatoes	10.20	4 Kgs	40.80	
Onion, large	11.00	2 Kgs	22.00	
Cooking oil (2.5L)	33.86	3 Litres	40.63	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.41	1loaf/day	162.30	
Sugar	15.13	6 Kgs	45.39	
Milk (500ml Long life)	5.38	2 Litres	21.52	
Tea, powder	8.31	1 Kgs	8.31	
Eggs	8.43	2units	16.86	
Salt	5.42	1 Kgs	5.42	
Sub total				1,072.44

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	128.00	2x 90Kg bags	256.00
Soap (Lifebouy)	4.11	10 Tablets	41.10
Wash soap (Boom)	4.90	4x400g	19.60
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	14.00	1x500ml	14.00
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	145.62		145.62
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	95.00		95.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	1,500.00		1,500.00
Sub total			2,071.32

Total for Basic Needs Basket

3,143.76

Totals from previous months	Jan 13	Feb 13	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sept 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14
Amount (K)	2,581.59	2,799.07	2,864.35	2,847.34	2,836.68	2,926.55	2,871.94	2,919.20	2,831.94	2,786.21	2,845.36	2,831.89	2,889.81

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K50.00	Consultation Fee	K1.00
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K750.00	Medical Exam	K35.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K900.00	Malaria Slide	K10.00
School Uniform (grades 8-12)	K480.00-K600.00	CD4 Count Private	K280.00
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Mosquito Net (private)	K35.00
Ndeke-Town	K6.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Chifubu-Town	K6.00	Petrol (per litre)	K9.91
Masala-Town	K5.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.20
Twapia-Town	K6.70	Kerosene (per litre)	K6.60

(D) 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 25th 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 Masala Market, Twapia Market, Mushili Market, Lubuto Market, Chifubu Market, pick 'n' pay and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kufubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Ndola. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$ 546 based upon the rate of K5.7581 per US\$ prevailing on the 25th February, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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