

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: CHIPATA

March 2014

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

Commodity	Quantity	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	2 x 25Kgs	70.83	141.66	
Beans	3 Kgs	14.50	43.50	
Kapenta (dry)	2 Kgs	95.00	190.00	
Bream, smoked	1 Kgs	60.00	60.00	
Mixed cut meat	4Kgs	22.80	91.20	
Dark green vegetable	4 Kgs	9.50	38.00	
Tomatoes	4 Kgs	6.71	26.84	
Onion, large	2 Kgs	9.42	18.84	
Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs)	3 Ltrs	35.83	43.00	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	1loaf/day	5.92	177.60	
Sugar	6 Kgs	15.58	46.74	
Milk long life (500ml)	4x500mL	4.67	18.68	
Tea, powder	1 Kgs	11.66	11.66	
Eggs	2units	10.92	21.84	
Salt	1 Kgs	5.80	5.80	

Sub Total **935.36**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	2x 90Kg bags	84.00	168.00
Soap (Lifebouy)	10 Tablets	2.80	28.00
Wash soap (Boom)	4x400g	5.16	20.64
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	1x500ml	9.21	9.21
Electricity (medium density - fixed)		223.00	223.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)		184.92	184.92
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)		700.00	700.00

Sub Total **1,333.77**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **2,269.13**

Totals from previous months	Feb 13	Mar 13	Apr 13	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14
Amount (K)	2,050.57	2,056.97	2,153.57	2,152.17	2,154.12	2,165.84	2,181.34	2,182.48	2,184.85	2,184.85	2,197.32	2,197.32	2,219.13

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K100.00	Consultation Fee	K20.00
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K300.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	K5.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K550.00	Malaria Tests (private)	K7.00
School Uniform	K200.00 – K250.00	CD4 count (private)	K30.00
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Border -Town	K40.00	Petrol (per litre)	K9.91
Gonder-Town	K20.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.20
Kapata – Town	K30.00	Paraffin (per litre)	K6.83

(D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (in Kwacha) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN MARCH

Lusaka	Kasama	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Kabwe	Livingstone	Mpika	Luanshya
3,687.72	2,361.74	2,560.01	2,240.32	2,269.13	2,540.23	2,765.92	1,612.48	2,373.32

*This survey was conducted on 27th to 30th March, 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 Kapata Market, Saturday Market, Navutika Market, Kaumbwe Market, Magazine Market and Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Eastern Province water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Chipata. The March Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$364** based upon the average exchange rate of **K 6.2388** per **US\$** prevailing on 27th, 28th, 29th to 30th March, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.*

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