

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KABWE

March 2014

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

Commodity	Quantity	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	2 x 25Kgs	72.50	145.00	
Beans	3 Kgs	15.60	46.80	
Kapenta (dry)	2 Kgs	126.40	252.80	
Bream, smoked	1Kgs	66.25	66.25	
Beef, mixed cut	4Kgs	31.66	126.64	
Dark green vegetable	4 Kgs	4.00	16.00	
Tomatoes	4 Kgs	6.17	24.68	
Onion, large	2 Kgs	10.17	20.34	
Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs)	3 Ltrs	33.90	40.68	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	1 loaf/day	4.83	144.90	
Sugar	6 Kgs	15.45	46.35	
Milk long life (500ml)	2 Litres	5.22	20.88	
Tea, powder	1 Kgs	32.99	32.99	
Eggs	2units	9.89	19.78	
Salt	1Kgs	4.67	4.67	
Sub total				1,008.76

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90Kg bags)	2x 90Kg bags	91.80	183.60
Soap (Lifebuoy)	10 Tablets	3.07	30.70
Wash soap (Boom)	4x400g	5.70	22.80
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	1x500ml	11.23	11.23
Electricity (medium density - fixed)		223.14	223.14
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)		60.00	60.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)		1,000.00	1,000.00
Sub total			1,531.47

Total for basic needs basket

2,540.23

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	Feb 14
Amount (K)	2,340.64	2,330.14	2,345.76	2,330.80	2,347.74	2,382.86	2,384.67	2,360.93	2,385.89	2,481.05	2,500.05	2,528.99	2,518.74	2,527.80

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K30.00-100.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K250.00- K450.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	Free
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K450.00- K1, 000.00	Malaria drugs	K40.00
School Uniform	K292.90 – K299.90	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K9.91
Lukanga-Town	K6.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.20
Ngungu-Town	K7.00	Kerosene (per litre)	K6.83
Mine township-Town	K7.00		

(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 from 26th and 27th 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 Kamanda Market, Katondo Market, Nakoli Market, Lukanga Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Lukanga Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kabwe. The March Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$405 based upon the exchange rate of K6.2799 per US\$ prevailing on the day of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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