

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MONZE

March 2014

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

Commodity	Quantity	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal	2 x 25Kgs	68.50	137.00	
Beans	3 Kgs	14.50	43.50	
Kapenta (dry)	2 Kgs	89.00	178.00	
Bream, smoked	1Kgs	80.00	80.00	
Beef, mixed cut	4Kgs	32.00	128.00	
Dark green vegetable	4 Kgs	3.67	14.68	
Tomatoes	4 Kgs	6.00	24.00	
Onion, large	2 kgs	9.33	18.66	
Cooking oil	3 litres	36.00	43.20	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	1loaf/day	6.00	180.00	
Sugar	6 Kgs	16.38	98.28	
Milk long life (500ml)	4x500ml	5.75	23.00	
Tea, powder (125g)	1 Kgs	5.25	42.00	
Eggs	2units	8.75	17.50	
Salt	1Kgs	5.00	5.00	
Sub total				1,032.82

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	2x 90Kg bags	45.00	90.00
Soap (Lifebuoy)	10 Tablets	3.00	30.00
Wash soap (Boom)	4x400g	5.25	21.00
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	1x500ml	15.00	15.00
Electricity (medium density - fixed)		137.50	137.50
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)		114.00	114.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)		800.00	800.00
Sub total			1,207.50

Total for basic needs basket

2,240.32

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)	2,082.10	2,080.96	2,119.06	2,122.76	2,132.52	2,164.17	2,146.83	2,150.08	2,159.50	2,155.58	2,222.16	2,211.73	2,266.13

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K118.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K358.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	Free
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K2, 250.00-K3, 750.00	Lab tests (e.g., malaria)	Free
School Uniform	K140.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K9. 91
Site & Service	K4.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.20
Manungu	K4.00	Kerosene (per litre)	

(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 25th to 27th March, 2014 by the Social Conditions Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at Main Market, Town centre, Manungu Market, and Site and Service Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Monze. The March Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$361 based upon an average exchange rate of K6.2046 per US\$ prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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