

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET PILOT: CHINSALI

April 2014

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

| Commodity | Kwacha | Quantity | Total | Kwacha |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------------|
| Mealie meal (breakfast) | 80.00 | 2 x 25Kgs | 160.00 | |
| Beans | 10.50 | 3 Kgs | 31.50 | |
| Kapenta (dry) | 70.00 | 2 Kgs | 140.00 | |
| Bream, smoked | - | 1Kgs | - | |
| Beef, mixed cut | 25.00 | 4Kgs | 100.00 | |
| Dark green vegetable | 4.25 | 4 Kgs | 17.00 | |
| Tomatoes | 9.25 | 4 Kgs | 37.00 | |
| Onion, large | 16.50 | 2 Kgs | 33.00 | |
| Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) | 38.75 | 3 Ltrs | 46.50 | |
| Bread wheat, refined flour, baked | 5.00 | 1loaf/day | 150.00 | |
| Sugar | 16.75 | 6 Kgs | 50.25 | |
| Milk long life (500ml) | 6.00 | 500 ml | 24.00 | |
| Tea, powder | 66.67 | 1 Kgs | 66.67 | |
| Eggs | 10.00 | 2units | 20.00 | |
| Salt | 3.88 | 1 Kgs | 3.88 | |
| Sub total | | | | 879.80 |

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

| | | | |
|--|--------|------------|-----------------|
| Charcoal (90Kg bags) | 35.00 | 180Kgs | 70.00 |
| Soap (Lifebuoy) | 3.88 | 10 Tablets | 38.80 |
| Wash soap (Boom) | 5.75 | 4x400g | 23.00 |
| Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) | 13.25 | 1x500ml | 13.25 |
| Electricity (med. density - fixed) | 126.00 | | 126.00 |
| Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed) | 64.00 | | 64.00 |
| Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom) | 750.00 | | 750.00 |
| Sub total | | | 1,085.05 |

Total for Basic Needs Basket

1,964.85

| Totals from previous months | Apr 13 | May 13 | Jun 13 | Jul 13 | Aug 13 | Sep 13 | Oct 13 | Nov 13 | Dec 13 | Jan 14 | Feb 14 | Mar 14 |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| Amount (K) | 1,577.00 | 1,606.60 | - | 1,694.74 | 1,672.74 | 1,679.60 | 1,674.53 | - | 1,747.56 | - | 1,788.44 | - |

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

| Item | Kwacha | Item | Kwacha |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Education | | Health | |
| Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) | K50.00 | Consultation Fee | Free |
| Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) | K300.00 | Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5) | Free |
| Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) | K650.00 | Malaria Tests (private) | K5.00 |
| School Uniform | K64.00 – K110.00 | CD4 count | Free |
| Transport (bus fare round trip): | | Fuel (cost at the pump) | |
| Mulakupikwa -Town | K120.00 | Petrol (per litre) | K10.70 |
| Lubwa-Town | K100.00 | Diesel (per litre) | K10.30 |
| Kenneth Kaunda – Town | K50.00 | Paraffin (per litre) | K7.00 |

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

| Lusaka | Kasama | Mansa | Mongu | Ndola | Solwezi | Monze | Chipata | Mpika | Luanshya | Kitwe | Kabwe | Livingstone |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 3,650.01 | 2,311.22 | 2,301.48 | 1,957.55 | 3,176.74 | 3,176.85 | 2,251.48 | 2,247.32 | 1,622.92 | 2,567.55 | 2,295.62 | 2,429.24 | 2,920.70 |

This survey was conducted on 24th and 25th April, 2013 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 New market, Old market, Kalukungu market and Kabuta market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Chambeshi Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Chinsali. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$315 based upon an average exchange rate of K6.2365 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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