

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: SOLWEZI

April 2014

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

Commodity	Quantity	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	2 x 25Kgs	75.17	150.34	
Beans	3 Kgs	11.33	33.99	
Kapenta (dry)	2 Kgs	54.36	108.72	
Bream, smoked	1 Kgs	60.00	60.00	
Meat (mixed cut)	4Kgs	22.15	88.60	
Dark green vegetable	4 Kgs	3.40	13.60	
Tomatoes	4 Kgs	5.00	20.00	
Onion, large	2 Kgs	3.88	7.76	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	3 Litres	24.33	36.50	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	1loaf/day	4.73	141.90	
Sugar	6 Kgs	16.50	49.50	
Milk (long life, 500ml)	4x500ml	4.95	19.80	
Tea, powder (25g)	1 Kgs	1.23	49.20	
Eggs	2units	9.43	18.86	
Salt	1 Kgs	3.00	3.00	

Sub total

801.77

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	2x 90Kg bags	151.20	302.40
Soap (Lifebouy)	10 Tablets	3.41	34.10
Wash soap (Boom)	4x400g	3.30	13.20
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	1x500ml	12.43	12.43
Electricity (medium density - fixed)		260.00	260.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)		270.00	270.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)		1,500.00	1,500.00

Sub Total

2,392.13

Total for Basic Needs Basket

3,193.90

Totals from previous months	Apr 13	May 13	June 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 13	Feb 13	Mar 13	Apr 14
Amount (K)	2,988.90	3,003.95	3,013.65	3,003.83	3,011.77	3,006.51	3,011.35	3,014.68	3,048.46	3,053.03	-	2,560.01	3,176.85

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K100.00	Consultation Fee	K10.00
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K340.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	K12.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K340.00		
School Uniform	K250.00 – K500.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K10.30
Chawama-Town	K6.00	Diesel (per litre)	K9.00
Mitec-Town	K6.00	Kerosene (per litre)	-
Messenger – Town	K6.00		

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

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone
3,636.46	2,337.41	-	1,940.22	3,181.15	3,193.90	2,260.66	2,266.83	1,683.04	2,682.22	2,407.47	2,963.75	2,903.00

This survey was conducted on 27th and 28th May, 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 Kyawama Market, Main Market, Zambia Market, Mitec Market, and Messenger Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Solwezi water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Solwezi. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$467 based upon the average exchange rate of K 6.8421 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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