

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LUANSHYA

May 2014

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

Commodity	Quantity	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	2 x 25Kgs	75.00	150.00	
Beans	3 Kgs	10.40	31.20	
Kapenta (dry)	2 Kgs	142.05	284.10	
Bream, smoked	1Kgs	175.00	175.00	
Beef, mixed cut	4 Kgs	31.25	125.00	
Dark green vegetable	4 Kgs	16.80	67.20	
Tomatoes	4 Kgs	19.99	79.96	
Onion, large	2 Kgs	24.83	49.66	
Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs)	3 Ltrs	35.50	42.60	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	1 loaf/day	4.82	144.60	
Sugar	6 Kgs	18.25	54.75	
Milk, long life 500ml	500ml	5.88	23.52	
Tea, powder	1 Kgs	5.08	40.64	
Eggs	2 units	10.00	20.00	
Salt	1Kgs	5.08	5.08	

Sub total

1,293.31

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	2x 90Kg bags	111.60	223.20
Soap (Lifebouy)	10 Tablets	3.07	30.70
Wash soap (Boom)	4x400g	4.97	19.88
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	1x500ml	13.23	13.23
Electricity (medium density - fixed)		226.00	226.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)		75.90	75.90
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)		800.00	800.00

Sub total

1,388.91

Total for basic needs basket

2,682.22

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	Apr 14
Amount (K)	2,203.45	2,386.06	2,284.52	2,266.53	2,227.29	2,209.06	2,226.10	2,205.85	2,316.29	2,158.93	-	2,373.32	2,567.55

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K80.00-K100.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K350.00-K400.00	Malaria Slide (Roan)	K10.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K600.00	Mosquito Drugs (private)	K20.00
School Uniform	K200.00-K875.00	Fast track	K20.00
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Mpatamatu-Town	K13.00	Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
Roan - Kalala	K13.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
New Town	K7.00	Kerosene (per litre)	K7.48

(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 from 27th 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 Mpatamatu Market, Buseko Market, Roan Market, Mikomiwa Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kafubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Luanshya. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$407** based upon the exchange rate of **K 6.9055** per US\$ prevailing on 27th May, 2014.

Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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