

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KITWE

May 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	77.00	2 x 25Kgs	154.00	
Beans	13.00	3 Kgs	39.00	
Kapenta (dry)	80.00	2 Kgs	160.00	
Bream, smoked	75.00	1Kgs	75.00	
Beef mixed cut	34.67	4 Kgs	138.68	
Dark green vegetable	3.25	4 Kgs	13.00	
Tomatoes	4.10	4 Kgs	16.40	
Onion, large	7.10	2 kgs	14.20	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	33.40	3 litres	40.08	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.00	1loaf/day	150.00	
Sugar	17.80	6 Kgs	53.40	
Milk (long life) 500ml	5.36	4x500ml	21.44	
Tea, powder	20.59	1 Kgs	20.59	
Eggs	9.30	2units	18.60	
Salt	4.20	1 Kgs	4.20	

Sub total

918.59

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90 Kg bags)	129.00	2x 90Kg bags	258.00
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.16	10 Tablets	31.60
Wash soap (Boom)	4.50	4x400g	18.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	13.28	1x500ml	13.28
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	266.00		266.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	52.00		52.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	850.00		850.00

Sub total

1,488.88

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,407.47

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)	2,251.36	2,323.76	2,429.27	2,412.49	2,178.83	2,181.01	2,255.41	2,289.43	2,317.60	2,405.04	-	-	2,295.62

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (user+PTA/year)	Free	Consultation (clinic)	-
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K360.00	Malaria Slide	K15.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K560.00	Mosquito Nets	K30.00
School Uniform	K180.00- K200.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
Chamboli-Town	K7.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
Ndeke-Town	K7.00	Kerosene (per litre)	K7.48
Chimwemwe-Town	K7.00		
Garnertone-Town	K14.00		

(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 25th and 26th 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 Chamboli Market, Nakadoli Market, Chimwemwe Market, Chisokone Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Nkana Water and Sewerage Company, schools, clinics and houses around Kitwe. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$352 based upon the average exchange rate of K6.8343 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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