

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: CHIPATA

May 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	80.33	2 x 25Kgs		160.66
Beans	14.50	3 Kgs		43.50
Kapenta (dry)	95.00	2 Kgs		190.00
Bream, smoked	60.00	1 Kgs		60.00
Mixed cut meat	22.80	4Kgs		91.20
Dark green vegetable	9.50	4 Kgs		38.00
Tomatoes	6.71	4 Kgs		26.84
Onion, large	9.42	2 Kgs		18.84
Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs)	35.83	3 Ltrs		43.00
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.92	1loaf/day		177.60
Sugar	15.75	6 Kgs		47.25
Milk long life (500ml)	4.67	4x500mL		18.68
Tea, powder	11.66	1 Kgs		11.66
Eggs	10.92	2units		21.84
Salt	5.80	1 Kgs		5.80
Sub Total				954.87

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	84.00	2x 90Kg bags	168.00
Soap (Lifebouy)	2.80	10 Tablets	28.00
Wash soap (Boom)	5.16	4x400g	20.64
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	9.21	1x500ml	9.21
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	223.00		223.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	163.11		163.11
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	700.00		700.00
Sub Total			1,311.96

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,266.83

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	April
Amount (K)	2,153.57	2,152.17	2,154.12	2,165.84	2,181.34	2,182.48	2,184.85	2,184.85	2,197.32	2,197.32	2,219.13	2,269.13	2,247.32

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K70.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K300.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	K5.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K550.00	Malaria Tests (private)	K7.00
School Uniform	K200.00 – K250.00	CD4 count (private)	K30.00
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Border -Town	K40.00	Petrol (per litre)	K10.06
Gonder-Town	K20.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.00
Kapata – Town	K30.00	Paraffin (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 on 24th to 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 Kapata Market, Saturday Market, Navutika Market, Kaumbwe Market, Magazine Market and Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Eastern Province water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Chipata. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$332** based upon the average exchange rate of **K 6.8343** per US\$ prevailing on 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th May, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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