

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KABWE

May 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	73.00	2 x 25Kgs	146.00	
Beans	13.60	3 Kgs	40.80	
Kapenta (dry)	104.00	2 Kgs	208.00	
Bream, smoked	90.00	1Kgs	90.00	
Beef, mixed cut	31.66	4Kgs	126.64	
Dark green vegetable	2.80	4 Kgs	11.20	
Tomatoes	3.83	4 Kgs	15.32	
Onion, large	12.17	2 Kgs	24.34	
Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs)	34.25	3 Ltrs	41.10	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	4.83	1 loaf/day	144.90	
Sugar	16.42	6 Kgs	49.26	
Milk long life (500ml)	5.38	2 Litres	21.52	
Tea, powder	33.50	1 Kgs	33.50	
Eggs	9.44	2units	18.88	
Salt	4.50	1Kgs	4.50	

Sub total

975.96

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90Kg bags)	67.68	2x 90Kg bags	135.36
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.23	10 Tablets	32.30
Wash soap (Boom)	6.33	4x400g	25.32
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	11.67	1x500ml	11.67
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	223.14		223.14
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	60.00		60.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	1,500.00		1,500.00

Sub total

1,987.79

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,963.75

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)	2,330.80	2,347.74	2,382.86	2,384.67	2,360.93	2,385.89	2,481.05	2,500.05	2,528.99	2,518.74	2,527.80	2,540.23	2,429.24

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K30.00-150.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K250.00- K1, 200.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	Free
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K450.00- K1, 000.00	Malaria drugs	K40.00
School Uniform	K291.90 – K299.90	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
Lukanga-Town	K6.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
Ngungu-Town	K7.00	Kerosene (per litre)	K7.48
Mine township-Town	K7.00		

(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 from 25th 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 Kamanda Market, Katondo Market, Nakoli Market, Lukanga Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Lukanga Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kabwe. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$434 based upon the exchange rate of K6.8343 per US\$ prevailing on the day of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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