

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KABWE

September 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	69.20	2 x 25Kgs	138.40	
Beans	13.60	3 Kgs	40.80	
Kapenta (dry)	115.20	2 Kgs	230.40	
Bream, smoked	62.50	1Kgs	62.50	
Beef, mixed cut	32.33	4Kgs	129.32	
Dark green vegetable	2.80	4 Kgs	11.20	
Tomatoes	3.33	4 Kgs	13.32	
Onion, large	8.67	2 Kgs	17.34	
Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs)	35.17	3 Ltrs	42.20	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	5.25	1 loaf/day	157.50	
Sugar	16.42	6 Kgs	49.26	
Milk long life (500ml)	5.38	2 Litres	21.52	
Tea, powder	40.83	1 Kgs	40.83	
Eggs	9.86	2units	19.72	
Salt	4.60	1Kgs	4.60	
Sub total				978.91

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90Kg bags)	79.20	2x 90Kg bags	158.40
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.33	10 Tablets	33.30
Wash soap (Boom)	6.17	4x400g	24.68
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	12.50	1x500ml	12.50
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	223.14		223.14
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	77.00		77.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	1,500.00		1,500.00
Sub total			2,029.02

Total for Basic Needs Basket **3,007.93**

Totals from previous months	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14
Amount (K)	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	2,963.75	2,972.62	2,962.37	3,001.10

(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 SEPTEMBER

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
3,703.02	2,594.33	2,099.43	1,952.50	3,153.69	3,304.94	2,281.83	2,276.99	2,034.08	2,901.91	2,607.66	3,007.93	2,818.49	2,843.19	1,926.52

This survey was conducted from **26th and 27th September, 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 September Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$485** based upon the exchange rate of **K6.2026** 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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