

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KITWE

September 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	71.60	2 x 25Kgs	143.20	
Beans	11.00	3 Kgs	33.00	
Kapenta (dry)	146.67	2 Kgs	293.34	
Bream, smoked	125.00	1Kgs	125.00	
Beef mixed cut	33.00	4 Kgs	132.00	
Dark green vegetable	3.25	4 Kgs	13.00	
Tomatoes	4.30	4 Kgs	17.20	
Onion, large	8.00	2 kgs	16.00	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	33.70	3 litres	40.44	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.08	1loaf/day	152.40	
Sugar	17.00	6 Kgs	51.00	
Milk (long life) 500ml	5.26	4x500ml	21.04	
Tea, powder	29.58	1 Kgs	29.58	
Eggs	10.00	2units	20.00	
Salt	4.00	1 Kgs	4.00	

Sub total

1,091.20

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90 Kg bags)	117.33	2x 90Kg bags	234.66
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.10	10 Tablets	31.00
Wash soap (Boom)	4.70	4x400g	18.80
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	14.00	1x500ml	14.00
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	266.00		266.00
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	52.00		52.00
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	900.00		900.00

Sub total

1,516.46

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,607.66

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)	2,178.83	2,181.01	2,255.41	2,289.43	2,317.60	2,405.04	-	-	2,295.62	2,407.47	2,593.90	2,614.66	2,565.49

(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 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 on 26th - 28th 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 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 September Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$420 based upon the average 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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