

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: CHIPATA

September 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	81.00	2 x 25Kgs	162.00	
Beans	14.50	3 Kgs	43.50	
Kapenta (dry)	95.00	2 Kgs	190.00	
Bream, smoked	60.00	1 Kg	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)	36.00	3 Ltrs	43.20	
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	11.08	2units	22.16	
Salt	5.80	1 Kgs	5.80	

Sub Total

956.73

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	84.00	2x 90Kg bags	168.00
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.33	10 Tablets	33.30
Wash soap (Boom)	5.16	4x400g	20.64
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	12.21	1x500ml	12.21
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

1,320.26

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,276.99

Totals from previous months	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	April 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14	Aug 14
Amount (K)	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	2,266.83	2,274.17	2,275.69	2,283.69

(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 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 24th to 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 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 September Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$368 based** upon the average exchange rate of **K 6.1800** per US\$ prevailing on days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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