

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Chipata

February 2019

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	95.20	2	x 25 Kg	190.40
Beans	20.33	3	Kg	61.00
Kapenta (Dry)	84.98	2	Kg	169.97
Fish (Bream, Dry)	100.00	1	Kg	100.00
Beef	31.00	4	Kg	124.00
Dark Green Vegetables	11.78	4	Kg	47.12
Tomatoes	6.47	4	Kg	25.87
Onion	7.18	2	Kg	14.37
Cooking oil (2.5L)	59.00	3	Litres	70.80
Bread	9.92	1	Loaf/day	297.50
Sugar	26.83	3	x 2 Kg	80.50
Milk	7.08	4	x 500ml	28.33
Tea	48.67	1	Kg	48.67
Eggs	13.83	2	Units	27.67
Salt	7.33	1	Kg	7.33

Subtotal **ZMW 1,293.52**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	138.60	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	277.20
Soap (Romeo)	8.25	3	Tablet(s)	24.75
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.83	4	x 400g	39.33
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	20.17	1	x 500ml	20.17
Electricity (medium density)	292.00	1	x 1month	292.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	120.00	1	x 1month	120.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,500.00	1	x 1month	1,500.00

Subtotal **ZMW 2,273.44**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 3,566.96**

Total from previous month	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	June 18	July 18	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19
Amount (K)	2,475.41	2,448.90	2,526.25	2,349.39	2,263.93	2,647.51	2,828.46	2,834.89	2,896.98	2,883.27	2,986.34	2,894.37	3,013.72	2,944.14	2,860.91	3,564.10	3,566.96

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	550.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	970.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,400.00
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	300.00
School Uniform (Grades 8-9)	380.00

Transport (bus fare round trip)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Gonder-Town	30.00
Kapata-Town	40.00

Health

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	60.00
Malaria test	60.00
Consultation Fee	100.00

Fuel (cost at the pump)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Petrol (per litre)	16.06
Diesel (per litre)	14.65
Paraffin (per litre)	11.34

(D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (IN KWACHA) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN FEBRUARY

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
5,331	3,006	3,062	3,289	4,899	5,051	4,039.48	3,567	2,928.40	3,852	4,325	5,228	3,880.36	3,820	3,883

This survey was conducted on 26th February, 2019 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, Shoprite, Navuitika market, Kaumbwe market and magazine marketing Chipata. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$310 based upon the exchange rate of K11.5 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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