

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Choma

February 2019

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	88.30	2	x 25 Kg	176.60
Beans	39.50	3	Kg	118.50
Kapenta (Dry)	111.75	2	Kg	223.50
Fish (Bream, Dry)	71.65	1	Kg	71.65
Beef	32.75	4	Kg	131.00
Dark Green Vegetables	4.00	4	Kg	16.00
Tomatoes	5.40	4	Kg	21.60
Onion	5.63	2	Kg	11.25
Cooking oil (2.5L)	58.75	3	Litres	70.50
Bread	9.25	1	Loaf/day	277.50
Sugar	25.75	3	x 2 Kg	77.24
Milk	8.25	4	x 500ml	33.00
Tea	98.80	1	Kg	98.80
Eggs	10.63	2	Units	21.25
Salt	6.63	1	Kg	6.63

Subtotal **ZMW 1,355.01**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	102.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	204.00
Soap (Romeo)	7.25	3	Tablet(s)	21.74
Wash soap (BOOM)	13.00	4	x 400g	51.99
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	29.40	1	x 500ml	29.40
Electricity (medium density)	478.00	1	x 1month	478.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	180.00	1	x 1month	180.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,500.00	1	x 1month	1,500.00

Subtotal **ZMW 2,465.13**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 3,820.15**

Totals from previous months	July 17	Aug 17	Sep 17	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
Amount	3,495.46	3,619.96	3,751.21	3,786.76	3,654.36	3,476.39	4,170.31	4,170.31	3,784.81	3,920.93	3,722.83	3,756.14	3,811.68	3,930.21	3,984.16	3,813.56	3,664.25	3,642.68	3,820.15

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	150.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	375.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,400.00
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	132.00
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	218.00

Transport (bus fare round trip)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Kalukungu-Town	20.00
Macha Road-Town	20.00

Health

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Mosquito net (private)	60.00
Malaria test	40.00
Consultation Fee	100.00
CD4 Count	77.00

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 27th 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 spar, macha road, makalanguzu and kalukungu. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$332 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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