

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 1 month | 478.00 |
| Water & Sanitation (med - fixed) | 180.00 | 1 | x 1 month | 180.00 |
| Housing (3 bedroom) | 1,500.00 | 1 | x 1 month | 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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