

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Kabwe

February 2019

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	87.67	2	x 25 Kg	175.33
Beans	21.40	3	Kg	64.20
Kapenta (Dry)	196.00	2	Kg	392.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	112.50	1	Kg	112.50
Beef	41.00	4	Kg	164.00
Dark Green Vegetables	6.00	4	Kg	24.00
Tomatoes	6.67	4	Kg	26.67
Onion	12.58	2	Kg	25.16
Cooking oil (2.5L)	48.67	3	Litres	58.40
Bread	7.75	1	Loaf/day	232.50
Sugar	25.67	3	x 2 Kg	77.00
Milk	7.67	4	x 500ml	30.67
Tea	71.67	1	Kg	71.67
Eggs	10.17	2	Units	20.33
Salt	7.33	1	Kg	7.33

Subtotal **ZMW 1,481.76**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	108.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	216.00
Soap (Romeo)	8.83	3	Tablet(s)	26.50
Wash soap (BOOM)	10.17	4	x 400g	40.66
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	20.67	1	x 500ml	20.67
Electricity (medium density)	292.00	1	x 1month	292.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	150.00	1	x 1month	150.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	3,000.00	1	x 1month	3,000.00

Subtotal **ZMW 3,745.83**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 5,227.59**

Totals from previous months	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	June 18	July 18	Aug 18	Sept 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19
Amount (K)	3,525.66	3,534.03	3,547.39	3,467.96	3,414.76	3,508.27	4,675.42	4,723.85	4,732.64	4,705.15	4,610.64	4,584.28	4,608.92	4,621.24	4,694.18	5,217.20	5,227.59

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	300.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	1,050.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,100.00
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	361.00
School Uniform (Grades 8-9)	501.00

Transport (bus fare round trip)

Health

Item	Amount (ZMW)	Fuel (cost at the pump)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	25.00	Petrol (per litre)		16.02
Malaria test	25.00	Diesel (per litre)		14.65
		Paraffin (per litre)		11.34

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 prices gathered from retail outlets at kamanda, katondo, nakoli, lukanga, polen and shoprite. The January 2019 Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$455 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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