

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Kitwe

February 2019

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	101.56	2	x 25 Kg	203.12
Beans	13.00	3	Kg	39.00
Kapenta (Dry)	225.00	2	Kg	450.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	270.00	1	Kg	270.00
Beef	45.33	4	Kg	181.33
Dark Green Vegetables	3.38	4	Kg	13.50
Tomatoes	8.60	4	Kg	34.39
Onion	14.30	2	Kg	28.60
Cooking oil (2.5L)	54.60	3	Litres	65.52
Bread	9.40	1	Loaf/day	281.88
Sugar	25.40	3	x 2 Kg	76.19
Milk	8.50	4	x 500ml	33.99
Tea	115.60	1	Kg	115.60
Eggs	10.00	2	Units	20.00
Salt	9.60	1	Kg	9.60

Subtotal

ZMW 1,822.72

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	134.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	268.00
Soap (Romeo)	9.90	3	Tablet(s)	29.69
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.20	4	x 400g	36.79
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	22.16	1	x 500ml	22.16
Electricity (medium density)	292.00	1	x 1month	292.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	254.00	1	x 1month	254.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,600.00	1	x 1month	1,600.00

Subtotal

ZMW 2,502.65

Total for Basic Needs Basket

ZMW 4,325.37

Totals from previous months	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	Feb 19
Amount (K)	3,666	4,026	4,082.2	4,035	3,973	4,392	4,268	4,537	4,428	4,317	-	5,159	5,159	4,025	4,327.9	4,421.4	4,538.4	4,406.8	4,325.3

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	200.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	1,050.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,200.00

Transport (bus fare round trip)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Chamboli-Town	14.00
Chimwemwe-Town	14.00

Health

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	50.00
Malaria test	20.00

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 Chamboli Market, Nakadoli Market, Chimwemwe Market, Chisokone Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Nkana Water and Sewerage Company, schools, clinics and houses around Kitwe. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$376 based upon the average exchange rate of K11.5 prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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