

## JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Livingstone

February 2019

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	89.86	2	x 25 Kg	179.71
Beans	25.83	3	Kg	77.50
Kapenta (Dry)	121.17	2	Kg	242.33
Fish (Bream, Dry)	74.00	1	Kg	74.00
Beef	34.50	4	Kg	138.00
Dark Green Vegetables	5.92	4	Kg	23.67
Tomatoes	7.27	4	Kg	29.09
Onion	10.71	2	Kg	21.43
Cooking oil (2.5L)	38.57	3	Litres	46.29
Bread	9.71	1	Loaf/day	291.43
Sugar	26.00	3	x 2 Kg	78.00
Milk	8.64	4	x 500ml	34.57
Tea	108.80	1	Kg	108.80
Eggs	10.81	2	Units	21.62
Salt	13.00	1	Kg	13.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,379.43**

### (B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	78.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	156.00
Soap (Romeo)	10.07	3	Tablet(s)	30.21
Wash soap (BOOM)	10.43	4	x 400g	41.71
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	23.00	1	x 500ml	23.00
Electricity (medium density)	250.00	1	x 1month	250.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	300.00	1	x 1month	300.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,700.00	1	x 1month	1,700.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 2,500.93**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 3,880.36**

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	Sept 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19
Amount (K)	3,795.61	3,796.35	3,736.99	3,774.40	3,773.60	3,756.51	3,999.65	4,211.85	4,184.49	4,327.12	4,268.68	4,230.01	4,285.94	4,240.15	4,227.01	4,139.09	4,305.56	4,291.69	4,221.08

### (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

#### *Education*

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	900.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	2,400.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	2,400.00
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	175.00
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	225.00

#### *Transport (bus fare round trip)*

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Dambwa-Town	16.00
Maramba-Town	14.00

#### *Health*

Item	Amount (ZMW)
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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Town Centre Market, Dambwa Market, Maramba Market, Mbita Market, Elaine Brittel Market, Kashitu Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Livingstone. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$337 based upon the average exchange rate of K11.5 per US\$ prevailing at time of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care,

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