

# **JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET**

**Luanshya**

**February 2019**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	97.00	2	x 25 Kg	194.00
Beans	22.00	3	Kg	66.00
Kapenta (Dry)	148.00	2	Kg	296.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	192.00	1	Kg	192.00
Beef	38.33	4	Kg	153.33
Dark Green Vegetables	4.00	4	Kg	16.00
Tomatoes	9.83	4	Kg	39.33
Onion	13.83	2	Kg	27.67
Cooking oil (2.5L)	50.00	3	Litres	60.00
Bread	9.67	1	Loaf/day	290.00
Sugar	25.42	3	x 2 Kg	76.25
Milk	8.08	4	x 500ml	32.33
Tea	42.00	1	Kg	42.00
Eggs	10.17	2	Units	20.33
Salt	9.67	1	Kg	9.67

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,514.91**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	154.80	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	309.60
Soap (Romeo)	9.37	3	Tablet(s)	28.11
Wash soap (BOOM)	10.00	4	x 400g	39.98
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	21.07	1	x 500ml	21.07
Electricity (medium density)	292.00	1	x 1month	292.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	146.00	1	x 1month	146.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,500.00	1	x 1month	1,500.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 2,336.76**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 3,851.67**

Totals from previous months	July 17	Aug 17	Sep 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)	3,694.85	3,688.01	3,585.88	3,668.43	3,568.94	3,813.43	3,642.46	3,908.45	3,986.79	3,806.58	3,887.02	3,776.09	3,887.37	3,888.15	4,009.53	4,016.51	4,025.00	4,041.72

## **(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

### **Education**

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	150.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	625.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	930.00

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

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Mpatamatu-Town	20.00
Roan - Kalala	10.00
Roan-Town	10.00

### **Health**

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Fast Track / High Cost fee	50.00
Malaria test	10.00

### **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 26<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 Mpatamatu Market, Buseko Market, Roan Market, Mikomfwa Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kafubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Luanshya. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$335 based upon the exchange rate of K11.5 per US\$ prevailing during period of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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