

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Lusaka

February 2019

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	86.33	2	x 25 Kg	172.67
Beans	22.20	3	Kg	66.60
Kapenta (Dry)	178.83	2	Kg	357.67
Fish (Bream, Dry)	140.00	1	Kg	140.00
Beef	35.00	4	Kg	140.00
Dark Green Vegetables	7.83	4	Kg	31.33
Tomatoes	7.50	4	Kg	30.00
Onion	11.14	2	Kg	22.29
Cooking oil (2.5L)	49.50	3	Litres	59.40
Bread	8.29	1	Loaf/day	248.57
Sugar	25.50	3	x 2 Kg	76.50
Milk	7.00	4	x 500ml	28.00
Tea	96.00	1	Kg	96.00
Eggs	10.00	2	Units	20.00
Salt	6.83	1	Kg	6.83

Subtotal **ZMW 1,495.86**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	132.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	264.00
Soap (Romeo)	8.20	3	Tablet(s)	24.60
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.75	4	x 400g	39.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	23.67	1	x 500ml	23.67
Electricity (medium density)	292.00	1	x 1month	292.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	192.00	1	x 1month	192.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	3,000.00	1	x 1month	3,000.00

Subtotal **ZMW 3,835.27**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 5,331.12**

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
Amount (K)	4,859.35	4,928.37	4,883.57	4,869.47	4,924.54	4,957.47	5,229.14	5,385.42	5,574.81	5,433.04	5,369.49	5,247.99	5,256.29	5,402.31	5,356.36	5,317.95	5,324.40	5,424.18

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	145.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	975.00

Transport (bus fare round trip)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Chilenje - Town	20.00
Chelston - town	20.00
Matero - Town	17.00

Health

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Registration (book)	4.00
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	4.00
Mosquito net (private)	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 & Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of prices gathered from retail outlets at Northmead, Shoprite (Cairo Road), City Market, Chawama, Chinda, Kabwata, Matero and schools, clinics/hospitals and filling stations around Lusaka. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$464 based upon the 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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