

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Mongu

February 2019

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	105.83	2	x 25 Kg	211.67
Beans	21.95	3	Kg	65.85
Kapenta (Dry)	180.50	2	Kg	361.00
Beef	36.00	4	Kg	144.00
Dark Green Vegetables	7.33	4	Kg	29.33
Tomatoes	7.33	4	Kg	29.33
Onion	13.83	2	Kg	27.67
Cooking oil (2.5L)	51.67	3	Litres	62.00
Bread	8.67	1	Loaf/day	260.00
Sugar	26.67	3	x 2 Kg	80.00
Milk	7.92	4	x 500ml	31.67
Tea	56.40	1	Kg	56.40
Eggs	12.50	2	Units	25.00
Salt	6.83	1	Kg	6.83

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,390.75**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	154.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	308.00
Soap (Romeo)	8.00	3	Tablet(s)	24.00
Wash soap (BOOM)	10.00	4	x 400g	40.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	25.17	1	x 500ml	25.17
Electricity (medium density)	292.00	1	x 1month	292.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	210.00	1	x 1month	210.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,000.00	1	x 1month	1,000.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,899.17**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 3,289.92**

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)	-	2,955.48	2,947.62	3,010.66	3,033.33	3,033.33	2,954.27	3,047.18	3,132.53	3,315.04	3,169.51	3,078.43	3,174.71	3,086.43	2,940.57	3,171.38	3,174.14	2,978.76	3,158.62

## (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

### *Education*

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	150.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	1,686.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,686.00

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

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Shoprite-Town	10.00
Imwiko-Town	20.00
Kapulanga-Town	16.00

### *Health*

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Fast Track / High Cost fee	50.00
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	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 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 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, Imwiko market, mulambwa market, Kapulanga market, central market and shoprite. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$286** 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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