

## JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Monze

February 2019

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

| Commodity             | Price (ZMW) | Quantity | Units    | Total (ZMW) |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Mealie Meal           | 88.13       | 2        | x 25 Kg  | 176.25      |
| Beans                 | 20.73       | 3        | Kg       | 62.18       |
| Kapenta (Dry)         | 169.00      | 2        | Kg       | 338.00      |
| Fish (Bream, Dry)     | 77.00       | 1        | Kg       | 77.00       |
| Beef                  | 32.50       | 4        | Kg       | 130.00      |
| Dark Green Vegetables | 5.13        | 4        | Kg       | 20.50       |
| Tomatoes              | 9.30        | 4        | Kg       | 37.20       |
| Onion                 | 8.50        | 2        | Kg       | 17.00       |
| Cooking oil (2.5L)    | 51.75       | 3        | Litres   | 62.10       |
| Bread                 | 10.00       | 1        | Loaf/day | 300.00      |
| Sugar                 | 28.00       | 3        | x 2 Kg   | 84.00       |
| Milk                  | 10.50       | 4        | x 500ml  | 42.00       |
| Tea                   | 84.00       | 1        | Kg       | 84.00       |
| Eggs                  | 10.75       | 2        | Units    | 21.50       |
| Salt                  | 6.75        | 1        | Kg       | 6.75        |

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,458.48**

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

| Commodity                        | Price (ZMW) | Quantity | Units          | Total (ZMW) |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------------|-------------|
| Charcoal                         | 72.00       | 2        | x 90 Kg bag(s) | 144.00      |
| Soap (Romeo)                     | 10.00       | 3        | Tablet(s)      | 30.00       |
| Wash soap (BOOM)                 | 10.00       | 4        | x 400g         | 40.00       |
| Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)            | 17.00       | 1        | x 500ml        | 17.00       |
| Electricity (medium density)     | 300.00      | 1        | x 1month       | 300.00      |
| Water & Sanitation (med - fixed) | 250.00      | 1        | x 1month       | 250.00      |
| Housing (3 bedroom)              | 1,800.00    | 1        | x 1month       | 1,800.00    |

**Subtotal** **ZMW 2,581.00**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 4,039.48**

| 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 18   |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Amount (K)                  | 3,670.05 | 3,582.80 | 3,652.55 | -      | 3,746.55 | 3,836.30 | 3,938.63 | 3,792.63 | 3,919.75 | 3,738.21 | 3,873.98 | 3,625.02 | 3,687.89 | 3,701.55 | 3,711.80 | 3,687.58 | 3,828.78 | 3,828.65 | 4,039.48 |

### (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

| <i>Education</i>               |              | <i>Transport (bus fare round trip)</i> |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|
| Item                           | Amount (ZMW) | Item                                   | Amount (ZMW) |
| Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)   | 270.00       | Site & Service-Town                    | 25.00        |
| Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)   | 650.00       | Manungu-Town                           | 25.00        |
| Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year) | 1,000.00     |  |              |
| School Uniform (Grades 1-7)    | 57.50        |  |              |
| School Uniform (Grades 8-12)   | 97.50        |  |              |
| <i>Health</i>                  |              | <i>Fuel (cost at the pump)</i>         |              |
| Item                           | Amount (ZMW) | Item                                   | Amount (ZMW) |
| Self-referral (Emergency Fee)  | 40.00        | Petrol (per litre)                     | 16.05        |
| Malaria test                   | 50.00        | 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 from 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 Main Market, Town centre, Manungu Market, and Site and Service Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Monze. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$351 based upon an average 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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