

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

Education

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	270.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	650.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,000.00
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	57.50
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	97.50

Transport (bus fare round trip)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Site & Service-Town	25.00
Manungu-Town	25.00

Health

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	40.00
Malaria test	50.00

Fuel (cost at the pump)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Petrol (per litre)	16.05
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 27th 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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