

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

**Mpika**

**February 2019**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	96.00	2	x 25 Kg	192.00
Beans	10.20	3	Kg	30.60
Kapenta (Dry)	86.00	2	Kg	172.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	115.00	1	Kg	115.00
Beef	39.80	4	Kg	159.20
Dark Green Vegetables	6.60	4	Kg	26.40
Tomatoes	10.40	4	Kg	41.60
Onion	10.40	2	Kg	20.80
Cooking oil (2.5L)	48.00	3	Litres	57.60
Bread	10.20	1	Loaf/day	306.00
Sugar	29.60	3	x 2 Kg	88.80
Milk	7.80	4	x 500ml	31.20
Tea	36.40	1	Kg	36.40
Eggs	15.00	2	Units	30.00
Salt	6.40	1	Kg	6.40

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,314.00**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	79.20	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	158.40
Soap (Romeo)	9.80	3	Tablet(s)	29.40
Wash soap (BOOM)	10.00	4	x 400g	40.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	16.60	1	x 500ml	16.60
Electricity (medium density)	250.00	1	x 1month	250.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	120.00	1	x 1month	120.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,000.00	1	x 1month	1,000.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,614.40**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 2,928.40**

Totals from previous months	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	Feb 19
Amount (K)		2,673.79	2,940.46	2,945.15	2,751.78	2,960.87	2,595.50	2,581.55	2,901.58	3,053.88	3,053.88	3,055.00	3,054.00	3,199.40	3,126.60	3,120.30	3,137.90	2,919.66	2,928.40

## (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

### *Education*

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	15.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	12.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,350.00
School Uniform (Grades 8-9)	280.00
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	385.00

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

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Tazara-Town	80.00
Chilonga-Town	180.00

### *Health*

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	150.00
Malaria test	35.00

### *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 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 Maiteneke Market, Kaole Market, Chilyapa Market, Down Market, Main Market and Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Luapula Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics, hospital and houses around Mansa. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$255 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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