

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

**Ndola**

**February 2019**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	97.61	2	x 25 Kg	195.23
Beans	30.43	3	Kg	91.28
Kapenta (Dry)	224.00	2	Kg	448.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	236.00	1	Kg	236.00
Beef	37.78	4	Kg	151.13
Dark Green Vegetables	16.40	4	Kg	65.60
Tomatoes	12.71	4	Kg	50.85
Onion	13.00	2	Kg	25.99
Cooking oil (2.5L)	51.56	3	Litres	61.87
Bread	8.78	1	Loaf/day	263.49
Sugar	27.04	3	x 2 Kg	81.12
Milk	7.30	4	x 500ml	29.19
Tea	193.99	1	Kg	193.99
Eggs	13.31	2	Units	26.62
Salt	13.43	1	Kg	13.43

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,933.78**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	260.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	520.00
Soap (Romeo)	9.07	3	Tablet(s)	27.21
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.78	4	x 400g	39.13
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	33.80	1	x 500ml	33.80
Electricity (medium density)	314.22	1	x 1month	314.22
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	131.00	1	x 1month	131.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,900.00	1	x 1month	1,900.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 2,965.35**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 4,899.13**

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)	4,947.70	4,891.91	4,864.21	4,875.93	4,883.65	4,941.57	4,941.57	4,845.21	4,967.11	4,959.61	4,878.65	4,897.78	4,907.51	4,804.16	4,971.60	4,962.24	5,018.36	5,111.48	4,899.13

## (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)	150.00	Mushili-Town	12.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	1,000.00	Ndeke-Town	12.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,000.00	Chifubu-Town	12.00
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	850.00	Masala-Town	10.00
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	1,100.00	Twapia-Town	14.00

<i>Health</i>		<i>Fuel (cost at the pump)</i>	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	50.00	Petrol (per litre)	16.01
Malaria test	100.00	Diesel (per litre)	14.65
Consultation Fee	1.00	Paraffin (per litre)	10.95
CD4 Count	300.00		

## (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 masala market, Twapia market, shoprite, pick N pay, mushili market, lubuto market and Chifubu market. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$426 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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