

# **JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET**

**Solwezi**

**February 2019**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	114.17	2	x 25 Kg	228.33
Beans	22.75	3	Kg	68.25
Kapenta (Dry)	194.67	2	Kg	389.33
Fish (Bream, Dry)	224.20	1	Kg	224.20
Beef	40.17	4	Kg	160.67
Dark Green Vegetables	5.58	4	Kg	22.33
Tomatoes	8.17	4	Kg	32.67
Onion	16.36	2	Kg	32.72
Cooking oil (2.5L)	49.50	3	Litres	59.40
Bread	9.83	1	Loaf/day	295.00
Sugar	27.33	3	x 2 Kg	82.00
Milk	8.83	4	x 500ml	35.33
Tea	87.83	1	Kg	87.83
Eggs	14.92	2	Units	29.83
Salt	11.67	1	Kg	11.67

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,759.57**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	190.80	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	381.60
Soap (Romeo)	8.83	3	Tablet(s)	26.50
Wash soap (BOOM)	17.42	4	x 400g	69.67
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	29.83	1	x 500ml	29.83
Electricity (medium density)	292.00	1	x 1month	292.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	292.00	1	x 1month	292.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	2,200.00	1	x 1month	2,200.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 3,291.60**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 5,051.17**

Totals from previous months	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)	4,003.20		4,034.11	4,115.17	4,100.7	3,810.98	4,478.76	4,208.19	4,186.37	4,133.96	4,156.41	4,147.93	2,658.17	4,363.97	4,408.89	4,444.83	4,871.88

## **(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

### **Education**

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	150.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	4,440.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	2,250.00

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

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Chawama-Town	10.00
Mitec-Town	10.00

### **Health**

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

### **Fuel (cost at the pump)**

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Petrol (per litre)	16.02
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 28<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 Kyawama Market, Main Market, Zambia Market, Mitec Market and Messenger Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Solwezi water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Solwezi. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$439 based upon the 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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