

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET PILOT: CHINSALI

September 2014

(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE IN CHINSALI

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	80.00	2 x 25Kgs	160.00	
Beans	9.50	3 Kgs	28.50	
Kapenta (dry)	55.00	2 Kgs	110.00	
Bream, smoked	40.00	1Kgs	40.00	
Beef, mixed cut	30.00	4Kgs	120.00	
Dark green vegetable	4.75	4 Kgs	19.00	
Tomatoes	4.75	4 Kgs	19.00	
Onion, large	8.50	2 Kgs	17.00	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	41.25	3 Ltrs	49.50	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.00	1loaf/day	150.00	
Sugar	19.50	6 Kgs	58.50	
Milk long life (500ml)	6.13	500 mL	24.52	
Tea, powder	-	1 Kgs	-	
Eggs	10.00	2units	20.00	
Salt	4.25	1 Kgs	4.25	
Sub total				820.27

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	45.00	2x 90Kg bags	90.00	
Soap (Lifebuoy)	4.00	10 Tablets	40.00	
Wash soap (Boom)	6.00	4x400g	24.00	
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	13.25	1x500ml	13.25	
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	125.00		125.00	
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	64.00		64.00	
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	750.00		750.00	
Sub total				1,106.25

Total for basic needs basket

1,926.52

Totals from previous months	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	July 14	Aug 14
Amount (K)	1,672.74	1,679.60	1,674.53	-	1,747.56	-	1,788.44	-	1,964.85	2,022.80	1,954.70	1,724.00	1,908.25

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K50.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K300.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	Free
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K650.00	Malaria Tests (private)	K5.00
School Uniform	K64.00 – K110.00	CD4 count	Free
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Mulakupikwa -Town	K120.00	Petrol (per litre)	K10.70
Lubwa-Town	K100.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.30
Kenneth Kaunda – Town	K50.00	Paraffin (per litre)	K7.25

(D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (in Kwacha) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN SEPTEMBER

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
3,703.02	2,594.33	2,099.43	1,952.50	3,153.69	3,304.94	2,281.83	2,276.99	2,034.08	2,901.91	2,607.66	3,007.93	2,818.49	2,843.19	1,926.52

This survey was conducted on 26th and 27th September, 2014 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 New market, Old market, Kalukungu market and Kabuta market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Chambeshi Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Chinsali. The September Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$311 based upon an average exchange rate of K6.2026 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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