

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET PILOT: CHINSALI

August 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	10.50	3 Kgs	31.50	
Kapenta (dry)	52.50	2 Kgs	105.00	
Bream, smoked	-	1Kgs	-	
Beef, mixed cut	25.00	4Kgs	100.00	
Dark green vegetable	3.75	4 Kgs	15.00	
Tomatoes	8.50	4 Kgs	34.00	
Onion, large	15.00	2 Kgs	30.00	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	40.00	3 Ltrs	48.00	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.00	1loaf/day	150.00	
Sugar	18.00	6 Kgs	54.00	
Milk long life (500ml)	6.00	500 mL	24.00	
Tea, powder	22.50	1 Kgs	22.50	
Eggs	10.00	2units	20.00	
Salt	4.50	1 Kgs	4.50	
Sub total				798.50

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	45.00	2x 90Kg bags	90.00
Soap (Lifebouy)	4.25	10 Tablets	42.50
Wash soap (Boom)	6.00	4x400g	24.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	14.25	1x500ml	14.25
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			1,109.75

Total for basic needs basket

1,908.25

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
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

(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 AUGUST

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
3,742.31	2,287.14	2,501.70	1,952.50	3,236.63	3,171.86	2,331.53	2,283.69	2,035.46	2,746.31	2,565.49	3,001.10	2,832.63	2,837.23	1,908.25

This survey was conducted on 25th and 26th August, 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 August Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$315 based upon an average exchange rate of K6.0500 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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