

## JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MONZE

### September 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal	68.25	2 x 25Kgs	136.50	
Beans	14.50	3 Kgs	43.50	
Kapenta (dry)	86.75	2 Kgs	173.50	
Bream, smoked	120.00	1Kgs	120.00	
Beef, mixed cut	30.00	4Kgs	120.00	
Dark green vegetable	2.00	4 Kgs	8.00	
Tomatoes	4.00	4 Kgs	16.00	
Onion, large	9.17	2 Kgs	18.34	
Cooking oil	41.25	3 litres	49.50	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	6.00	1loaf/day	180.00	
Sugar	19.00	6 Kgs	57.00	
Milk long life (500ml)	6.13	4x500ml	24.52	
Tea, powder (125g)	5.13	1 Kgs	41.04	
Eggs	10.00	2units	20.00	
Salt	5.38	1Kgs	5.38	
<b>Sub total</b>				<b>1,013.28</b>

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

Charcoal	54.00	2x 90Kg bags	108.00	
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.38	10 Tablets	33.80	
Wash soap (Boom)	5.75	4x400g	23.00	
Jelly (e.g Vaseline)	14.75	1x500ml	14.75	
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	175.00		175.00	
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	114.00		114.00	
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	800.00		800.00	
<b>Sub total</b>				<b>1,268.55</b>

#### Total for Basic Needs Basket

**2,281.83**

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	Jul 14	Aug 14
Amount (K)	2,146.83	2,150.08	2,159.50	2,155.58	2,222.16	2,211.73	2,266.13	2,240.32	2,251.48	2,260.66	2,320.77	2,335.33	2,331.53

#### (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K118.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K358.00	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	Free
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K2, 250.00-K3, 750.00	Lab tests (e.g., malaria)	Free
School Uniform	K140.00	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
Site & Service	K5.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
Manungu	K5.00	Kerosene (per litre)	

#### (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 from 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Main Market, Town centre, Manungu Market, and Site and Service Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Monze. The September Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$368 based upon an average exchange rate of K6.2083 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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