

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MONZE

August 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal	67.75	2 x 25Kgs	135.50	
Beans	13.50	3 Kgs	40.50	
Kapenta (dry)	90.75	2 Kgs	181.50	
Bream, smoked	150.00	1Kgs	150.00	
Beef, mixed cut	31.67	4Kgs	126.68	
Dark green vegetable	3.00	4 Kgs	12.00	
Tomatoes	4.67	4 Kgs	18.68	
Onion, large	10.33	2 Kgs	20.66	
Cooking oil	39.50	3 litres	47.40	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	5.88	1loaf/day	176.40	
Sugar	18.75	6 Kgs	112.50	
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	
Sub total				1,112.76

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	30.00	2x 90Kg bags	60.00	
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3.25	10 Tablets	32.50	
Wash soap (Boom)	5.63	4x400g	22.52	
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	
Sub total				1,218.77

Total for Basic Needs Basket

2,331.53

Totals from previous months	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Jul 14
Amount (K)	2,164.17	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

(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 AUGUST

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
1,742.31	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 from 25th to 30th 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 August Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$466** based upon an average exchange rate of **K5.0000** 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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