

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET PILOT: CHINSALI

July 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	28.50	
Kapenta (dry)	50.00	2 Kgs	100.00	
Bream, smoked	-	1Kgs	-	
Beef, mixed cut	25.00	4Kgs	100.00	
Dark green vegetable	3.50	4 Kgs	14.00	
Tomatoes	7.00	4 Kgs	28.00	
Onion, large	17.00	2 Kgs	34.00	
Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs)	40.00	3 Ltrs	48.00	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	-	1loaf/day	-	
Sugar	17.25	6 Kgs	51.75	
Milk long life (500ml)	6.00	500 ml	24.00	
Tea, powder	-	1 Kgs	-	
Eggs	10.00	2units	20.00	
Salt	5.00	1 Kgs	5.00	
Sub total				616.25

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90Kg bags)	45.00	180Kgs	90.00
Soap (Lifebuoy)	4.25	10 Tablets	42.50
Wash soap (Boom)	6.00	4x400g	24.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	12.25	1x500ml	12.25
Electricity (med. density - fixed)	125.00		125.00
Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed)	64.00		64.00
Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom)	750.00		750.00
Sub total			1,107.75

Total for Basic Needs Basket

1,724.00

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
Amount (K)	1,694.74	1,672.74	1,679.60	1,674.53	-	1,747.56	-	1,788.44	-	1,964.85	2,022.80	1,954.70

(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 JULY

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma
3,692.34	2,726.30	1,930.29	1,949.08	3,251.58	3,154.32	2,335.33	2,275.69	1,680.76	2,670.48	2,614.66	2,962.37	2,785.75	2,709.80

This survey was conducted on 25th and 26th July, 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 June Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$281 based upon an average exchange rate of K6.1248 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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