

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LUANSHYA

August 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	68.50	2 x 25Kgs	137.00	
Beans	10.40	3 Kgs	31.20	
Kapenta (dry)	140.00	2 Kgs	280.00	
Bream, smoked	120.00	1Kgs	120.00	
Beef, mixed cut	33.33	4 Kgs	133.32	
Dark green vegetable	11.20	4 Kgs	44.80	
Tomatoes	14.99	4 Kgs	59.96	
Onion, large	24.83	2 Kgs	49.66	
Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs)	35.46	3 Ltrs	42.55	
Bread wheat, refined flour, baked	5.67	1 loaf/day	170.10	
Sugar	17.08	6 Kgs	51.24	
Milk, long life 500ml	5.97	500ml	23.88	
Tea, powder	5.25	1 Kgs	42.00	
Eggs	10.00	2 units	20.00	
Salt	5.33	1Kgs	5.33	
<b>Sub total</b>				<b>1,211.04</b>

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

Charcoal	129.60	2x 90Kg bags	259.20	
Soap (Lifebouy)	3.48	10 Tablets	34.80	
Wash soap (Boom)	5.67	4x400g	22.68	
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	14.92	1x500ml	14.92	
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	305.00		305.00	
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	98.67		98.67	
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	800.00		800.00	
<b>Sub total</b>				<b>1,535.27</b>

Total for basic needs basket

2,746.31

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)	2,266.53	2,227.29	2,209.06	2,226.10	2,205.85	2,316.29	2,158.93	-	2,373.32	2,567.55	2,682.22	2,625.35	2,670.48

## (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	K	Item	K
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K80.00-K100.00	Consultation Fee	Free
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K350.00-K400.00	Malaria Slide (Roan)	K10.00
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K600.00	Mosquito Drugs (private)	K20.00
School Uniform	K200.00-K875.00	Fast track	K20.00
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Mpatamatu-Town	K13.00	Petrol (per litre)	K10.63
Roan - Kalala	K13.00	Diesel (per litre)	K10.01
New Town	K7.00	Kerosene (per litre)	K7.48

## (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
2,742.31	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 26<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 Mpatamatu Market, Buseko Market, Roan Market, Mikomfwa Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kafubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Luanshya. The August Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$455 based upon the exchange rate of K 6.0402 per US\$ prevailing on the day of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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