

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LUANSHYA

June 2014

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	Kwacha
Mealie meal (breakfast)	74.17	2 x 25Kgs	148.34	
Beans	9.20	3 Kgs	27.60	
Kapenta (dry)	112.00	2 Kgs	224.00	
Bream, smoked	108.00	1Kgs	108.00	
Beef, mixed cut	34.15	4 Kgs	136.60	
Dark green vegetable	13.60	4 Kgs	54.40	
Tomatoes	18.66	4 Kgs	74.64	
Onion, large	20.66	2 Kgs	41.32	
Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs)	35.00	3 Ltrs	42.00	
Bread wheat, refined floor, baked	5.25	1 loaf/day	157.50	
Sugar	17.75	6 Kgs	53.25	
Milk, long life 500ml	5.63	500ml	22.52	
Tea, powder	5.05	1 Kgs	40.40	
Eggs	9.99	2 units	19.98	
Salt	4.00	1Kgs	4.00	
Sub total				1,154.55

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	111.60	2x 90Kg bags	223.20	
Soap (Lifebouy)	3.08	10 Tablets	30.80	
Wash soap (Boom)	5.75	4x400g	23.00	
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	12.90	1x500ml	12.90	
Electricity (medium density - fixed)	305.00		305.00	
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	75.90		75.90	
Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom)	800.00		800.00	
Sub total				1,470.80

Total for basic needs basket

2,625.35

Totals from previous months	May 13	Jun 13	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 14	May 14
Amount (K)	2,386.06	2,284.52	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

(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 JUNE

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone
3,681.14	2,306.54	-	1,955.62	3,194.33	3,206.17	2,320.77	2,372.77	1,682.76	2,625.35	2,593.90	2,972.62	-

This survey was conducted from 29th June, 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 June Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$422 based upon the exchange rate of K 6.2071 per US\$ prevailing on 29th June, 2014.

Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.
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