

JCTR BASIC NEEDS AND NUTRITION BASKET

Chipata

February 2020

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW) / Unit	Quantity / Month	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal (Roller)	187.17 25 kg bag	2 x 25Kg	374.33
Rice	71.36 5kg	4kg	57.09
Cassava Flour	13.47 1kg	6kg	80.85
(Sweet) Potatoes	7.85 1 Kg	4 Kg	31.41
Beans	16.49 1kg	3kg	49.46
Pounded Groundnut	22.85 1kg	1kg	22.85
Soya Pieces	30.54 1 kg	2kg	61.07
Beef	31.83 1kg	2kg	63.66
Chicken	62.99 2kg	5kg	157.48
Kapenta	55.09 1kg	1kg	55.09
Eggs	13.67 1 unit (10 eggs)	3 Trays (90 eggs)	123.00
Milk (Fresh)	6.75 500 ml	10 liters	134.97
Vegetables	328.43 40 Kg	40kg	328.43
Onion	7.63 1 Kg	4 Kg	30.54
Tomatoes	7.78 1 kg	6 kg	46.66
Banana	7.19 1 Kg	16 Kg	115.04
Other Fruits	9.97 1 kg	14 Kg	139.59
Cooking oil (2.5lts)	60.17 2.5lt	3.6lt	86.64
Salt	6.02 1 Kg	1 Kg	6.02
SubTotal			ZMW 1,964.16

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW) / Unit	Quantity / Month	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	136.80 90kg bag(s)	2 90kg bag(s)	273.60
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	7.42 Tablet(s)	3 Tablet(s)	22.25
Wash soap (BOOM)	11.00 400g	4 400g	43.99
Jelly (Vaseline)	25.17 500ml	1 500ml	25.17
Electricity (medium density)	292.00 Month(s)	1 Month(s)	292.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	120.00 Month(s)	1 Month(s)	120.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,550.00 Month(s)	1 Month(s)	1,550.00
Sanitary towels	14.33 Pack of 10	2 Pack of 10	28.66
Toilet Paper (2ply)	3.00 Tissue(s)	6 Tissue(s)	17.99
Toilet Paper (2ply)	3.00 Tablet(s)	6 Tablet(s)	18.00
Lotion (Dawn)	10.00 200 ltr container	1 200 ltr container	10.00
Lotion (Dawn)	22.00 250ml	1 250ml	22.00
Subtotal			ZMW 2,423.65

Total for Basic Needs and Nutrition Basket

ZMW 4,387.82

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

<i>Education</i>		<i>Transport (bus fare round trip)</i>	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	550.00	Gonder-Town	30.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	700.00	Kapata-Town	50.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	700.00		

<i>Health</i>		<i>Fuel (cost at the pump)</i>	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Fast Track / High Cost fee	200.00	Petrol (per litre)	17.62
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	80.00	Diesel (per litre)	45.59
Consultation Fee	150.00	Paraffin (per litre)	15.38
CD4 Count	150.00		

(D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (IN KWACHA) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali	Mazabuka
7,015.90	3,882.02	3,873.39	4,135.23	5,855.37	5,780.44	5,703.83	4,387.82	3,886.26	5,275.80	5,168.12	5,905.06	5346.30	4885.84	5,122.10	5,437.68

Compositions of vegetables and fruits

Computation of vegetables consists of: Pumpkin leaves (9.8kg), Bondwe (2.8kg), Cabbage (18.5kg) and Rape (8.9kg).

Computation of fruits is from these varieties: Bananas, Mangos, Apples, Guavas and Oranges.

This survey was conducted on 25th February, 2020 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 Kapata market, Saturday market, Shoprite, Navutika market, Kaumbwe market and magazine market in Chipata. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$298 based upon the exchange rate of K14.71 prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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