

JCTR BASIC NEEDS AND NUTRITION BASKET

Kasama

May 2020

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

| Commodity | Price (ZMW) / Unit | Quantity / Month | Total (ZMW) |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Mealie Meal (Roller) | 121.40 25 kg bag | 2 x 25Kg | 242.80 |
| Rice | 99.77 5kg | 4kg | 79.82 |
| Cassava Flour | 7.67 1kg | 6kg | 46.02 |
| (Sweet) Potatoes | 10.26 1 Kg | 4 Kg | 41.03 |
| Beans | 14.97 1kg | 3kg | 44.91 |
| Pounded Groundnut | 35.21 1kg | 1kg | 35.21 |
| Soya Pieces | 26.33 1 kg | 2kg | 52.65 |
| Beef | 43.00 1kg | 2kg | 86.00 |
| Chicken | 57.40 2kg | 5kg | 143.50 |
| Kapenta | 143.59 1kg | 1kg | 143.59 |
| Eggs | 14.67 1 unit (10 eggs) | 3 Trays (90 eggs) | 132.00 |
| Milk (Fresh) | 8.40 500 ml | 10 liters | 168.00 |
| Vegetables | 286.25 40 Kg | 40kg | 286.25 |
| Onion | 26.33 1 Kg | 4 Kg | 105.31 |
| Tomatoes | 9.61 1 kg | 6 kg | 57.69 |
| Banana | 7.33 1 Kg | 16 Kg | 117.20 |
| Other Fruits | 10.00 1 kg | 14 Kg | 140.00 |
| Cooking oil (2.5lts) | 77.60 2.5lt | 3.6lt | 111.74 |
| Salt | 11.80 1 kg | 1 Kg | 11.80 |
| SubTotal | | | ZMW 2,045.53 |

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

| Commodity | Price(ZMW) / Unit | Quantity / Month | Total (ZMW) |
|---|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Charcoal | 83.00 90kg bag(s) | 2 90kg bag(s) | 166.00 |
| Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion) | 10.40 Tablet(s) | 3 Tablet(s) | 31.20 |
| Wash soap (BOOM) | 12.60 400g | 4 400g | 50.40 |
| Jelly (Vaseline) | 29.60 500ml | 1 500ml | 29.60 |
| Electricity (medium density) | 100.00 Month(s) | 1 Month(s) | 100.00 |
| Water & Sanitation (med - fixed) | 70.00 Month(s) | 1 Month(s) | 70.00 |
| Housing (3 bedroom) | 1,250.00 Month(s) | 1 Month(s) | 1,250.00 |
| Sanitary towels | 15.10 Pack of 10 | 2 Pack of 10 | 30.20 |
| Toilet Paper (2ply) | 6.10 Tissue(s) | 6 Tissue(s) | 36.60 |
| Lotion (Dawn) | 28.40 250ml | 1 250ml | 28.40 |
| Subtotal | | | ZMW 1,792.40 |
| Total for Basic Needs and Nutrition Basket | | | ZMW 3,837.93 |

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

| <u>Education</u> | | <u>Transport (bus fare round)</u> | |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Item | Amount (ZMW) | Item | Amount (ZMW) |
| Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year) | 240.00 | Tazara-Town | 16.00 |
| Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year) | 300.00 | | |
| School Uniform (Grades 1-7) | 90.00 | | |
| School Uniform (Grades 8-12) | 150.00 | | |
| <u>Health</u> | | <u>Fuel (cost at the pump)</u> | |
| item | Amount (ZMW) | Item | Amount (ZMW) |
| Fast Track / High Cost fee | 50.00 | Petrol (per litre) | 17.62 |
| Consultation Fee | 60.00 | Diesel (per litre) | 15.59 |
| | | Paraffin (per litre) | 15.39 |

(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 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 7,195.60 | 3,837.93 | 3,958.03 | 4,312.65 | 6,462.77 | 7,426.74 | 5,203.05 | 4,580.96 | 3,867.66 | 5,479.33 | 5,318.43 | 6,122.72 | 5,353.84. | 4,893.93 | 6,077.84 | 5,203.27 |

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 27th May, 2020 by the Social and Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of prices gathered from retail outlets at Tazara, Chambeshi, Chikumanino, Newtown and shoprite around Kasama. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$214 based upon the exchange rate Of K17.93. Other costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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