

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Mansa

November 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	65.50	2	x 25 Kg	131.00
Beans	17.40	3	Kg	52.19
Kapenta (Dry)	120.50	2	Kg	241.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	57.36	1	Kg	57.36
Beef	38.25	4	Kg	152.98
Dark Green Vegetables	3.17	4	Kg	12.66
Tomatoes	4.29	4	Kg	17.17
Onion	7.94	2	Kg	15.88
Cooking oil (2.5L)	48.33	3	Litres	58.00
Bread	7.00	1	Loaf/day	209.95
Sugar	25.17	3	x 2 Kg	75.50
Milk	7.00	4	x 500ml	27.99
Tea	49.95	1	Kg	49.95
Eggs	11.00	2	Units	22.00
Salt	7.17	1	Kg	7.17

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,130.79**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	77.40	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	154.80
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	4.83	10	Tablet(s)	48.32
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.98	4	x 90 Kg bag(s)	39.93
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	23.32	1	x 500ml	23.32
Electricity (medium density)	100.00	1	x 1month	100.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	215.00	1	x 1month	215.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,233.00	1	x 1month	1,233.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,814.36**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 2,945.15**

Totals from previous months	May 16	June 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	June 17	Aug 17	Sep 17	Oct 17
Amount (K)	2,959.22	2,887.92	2,702.45	2,731.71	2,738.14	2,715.96	2,714.57	2,757.43	3,167.45	3,137.83	3,103.45	3,319.76	3,241.22	3,241.33		2,673.79	2,940.46

## (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

<b>Education</b>		<b>Transport (bus fare round trip)</b>	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	60.00	Maiteneke-Town	5.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	165.00	Senama-Town	4.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	975.00		
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	100.00		
School Uniform (Grades 8-9)	250.00		
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	659.90		
<b>Health</b>		<b>Fuel (cost at the pump)</b>	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	17.00	Petrol (per litre)	12.97
		Diesel (per litre)	11.09

**D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (in Kwacha) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN NOVEMBER**

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
4,924.54	3,033.65	2,945.15	3,033.33	4,875.93	4,034.11	3,746.55	2,448.90	-	3,668.43	4,035.74	3,534.03	3,773.60	3,654.36	2,866.75

This survey was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 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 Maiteneke Market, Kaole Market, Chilyapa Market, Down Market, Main Market and Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Luapula Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics, hospital and houses around Mansa. The November Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$292 based upon the exchange rate of K10.09 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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