

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

**Mongu**

**November 2017**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	75.17	2 x 25 Kg	150.33
Beans	23.88	3 Kg	71.65
Kapenta (Dry)	155.47	2 Kg	310.93
Fish (Bream, Dry)	99.87	1 Kg	99.87
Beef	34.67	4 Kg	138.66
Dark Green Vegetables	6.78	4 Kg	27.12
Tomatoes	6.55	4 Kg	26.21
Onion	6.10	2 Kg	12.19
Cooking oil (2.5L)	46.80	3 Litres	56.16
Bread	8.80	1 Loaf/day	263.94
Sugar	26.00	3 x 2 Kg	77.99
Milk	7.60	4 x 500ml	30.39
Tea	70.66	1 Kg	70.66
Eggs	13.50	2 Units	27.00
Salt	6.60	1 Kg	6.60

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,369.70**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	86.40	2 x 90 Kg bag(s)	172.80
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	9.42	10 Tablet(s)	94.15
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.75	4 x 400g	38.99
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	22.69	1 x 500ml	22.69
Electricity (medium density)	150.00	1 x 1month	150.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	185.00	1 x 1month	185.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,000.00	1 x 1month	1,000.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,663.63**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 3,033.33**

Totals from previous months	May 16	June 16	July 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov1 6	Dec 1	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	May1 7	June 17	July 17	Aug 17	Sep 17	Oct 17
Amount (K)	2,950.26	3,008.35	2,991.79	3,375.57	2,998.85	3,087.65	3,072.42	2,991.11	2,968.42	3,018.03	3,211.17	3,002.01	2,986.87		2,955.48	2,947.62	3,010.66

## (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)	304.00	Shoprite-Town	8.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	304.00	Imwiko-Town	8.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,200.00	Kapulanga-Town	12.00

<b>Health</b>		<b>Fuel (cost at the pump)</b>	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Mosquito net (private)	10.00	Petrol (per litre)	12.97
Malaria test	20.00	Diesel (per litre)	11.02
CD4 Count	10.00	Paraffin (per litre)	7.82

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> -28<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 town centre market, Imwiko market, mulambwa market, Kapulanga market, central market and shoprite. The November Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$301** 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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