

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Monze

November 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	72.00	2	x 25 Kg	144.00
Beans	38.75	3	Kg	116.25
Kapenta (Dry)	210.00	2	Kg	420.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	150.00	1	Kg	150.00
Beef	31.25	4	Kg	125.00
Dark Green Vegetables	5.75	4	Kg	23.00
Tomatoes	13.50	4	Kg	54.00
Onion	10.75	2	Kg	21.50
Cooking oil (2.5L)	54.00	3	Litres	64.80
Bread	9.25	1	Loaf/day	277.50
Sugar	27.00	3	x 2 Kg	81.00
Milk	7.88	4	x 500ml	31.50
Tea	69.00	1	Kg	69.00
Eggs	10.75	2	Units	21.50
Salt	7.25	1	Kg	7.25

Subtotal **ZMW 1,606.30**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	90.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	180.00
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	10.00	10	Tablet(s)	100.00
Wash soap (BOOM)	11.00	4	x 400g	44.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	16.25	1	x 500ml	16.25
Electricity (medium density)	170.00	1	x 1month	170.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	130.00	1	x 1month	130.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,500.00	1	x 1month	1,500.00

Subtotal **ZMW 2,140.25**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 3,746.55**

Totals from previous months	May 16	Jun 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	July 17	Aug 17	Sep 17
Amount (K)	3,294.28	3,270.05	3,226.30	3,206.80	3,069.80	3,133.30	3,210.25	3,347.50	3,771.50	3,722.75	3,720.00	3,746.50	3,797.50	3,746.25	3,670.05	3,582.80	3,652.55

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education		Transport (bus fare round trip)	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	200.00	Site & Service-Town	20.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	290.00	Manungu-Town	20.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,000.00		
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	57.50		
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	92.50		

Health		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	40.00	Petrol (per litre)	12.97
Malaria test	50.00	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 from 26th – 27th 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 Main Market, Town centre, Manungu Market, and Site and Service Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Monze. The November Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$371 based upon an average 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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