

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Solwezi

November 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	66.67	2 x 25 Kg	133.33
Beans	13.62	3 Kg	40.86
Kapenta (Dry)	137.05	2 Kg	274.10
Fish (Bream, Dry)	147.43	1 Kg	147.43
Beef	42.32	4 Kg	169.26
Dark Green Vegetables	3.20	4 Kg	12.80
Tomatoes	5.85	4 Kg	23.39
Onion	11.40	2 Kg	22.80
Cooking oil (2.5L)	44.67	3 Litres	53.60
Bread	7.50	1 Loaf/day	224.95
Sugar	24.90	3 x 2 Kg	74.70
Milk	7.08	4 x 500ml	28.33
Tea	96.00	1 Kg	96.00
Eggs	10.68	2 Units	21.37
Salt	9.42	1 Kg	9.42

Subtotal **ZMW 1,332.33**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	93.60	2 x 90 Kg bag(s)	187.20
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	8.67	10 Tablet(s)	86.65
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.32	4 x 400g	37.26
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	20.67	1 x 500ml	20.67
Electricity (medium density)	175.00	1 x 1month	175.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	195.00	1 x 1month	195.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	2,000.00	1 x 1month	2,000.00

Subtotal **ZMW 2,701.78**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 4,034.11**

Totals from previous months	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)	4,034.59	4,047.52	4,048.57	3,991.86	4,022.22	4,079.79	4,115.17	4,161.71	4,161.62	4,120.87		4,058.55	4,116.84	4,048.62	4,092.43	4,003.20

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	275.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	783.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	850.00

Transport (bus fare round trip)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Chawama-Town	3.50
Mitec-Town	4.00
Messenger-Town	4.00

Health

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Malaria test	20.00
Consultation Fee	1.00

Fuel (cost at the pump)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
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 27th- 28th November 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 Kyawama Market, Main Market, Zambia Market, Mitec Market and Messenger Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Solwezi water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Solwezi. The November Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$400 based upon the 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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