

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Chipata

November 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	68.80	2	x 25 Kg	137.60
Beans	11.72	3	Kg	35.15
Kapenta (Dry)	49.71	2	Kg	99.43
Fish (Bream, Dry)	75.40	1	Kg	75.40
Beef	29.83	4	Kg	119.33
Dark Green Vegetables	2.32	4	Kg	9.28
Tomatoes	3.57	4	Kg	14.26
Onion	5.47	2	Kg	10.93
Cooking oil (2.5L)	48.33	3	Litres	58.00
Bread	8.75	1	Loaf/day	262.45
Sugar	25.75	3	x 2 Kg	77.25
Milk	6.67	4	x 500ml	26.66
Tea	6.34	1	Kg	6.34
Eggs	11.47	2	Units	22.93
Salt	5.80	1	Kg	5.80

Subtotal **ZMW 960.79**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	124.20	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	248.40
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	5.25	10	Tablet(s)	52.48
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.17	4	x 400g	36.66
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	20.57	1	x 500ml	20.57
Electricity (medium density)	100.00	1	x 1month	100.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	80.00	1	x 1month	80.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	950.00	1	x 1month	950.00

Subtotal **ZMW 1,488.12**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 2,448.90**

Total from previous month	July 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov16	Dec16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	June 17	July 17	Aug 17	Sep 17	Oct 17
Amount (K)	2,801.71	2,840.82	2,874.84	2,429.65	2,489.52	2,639.26	2,730.83	2,730.83	2,594.98	2,646.25	2,582.45	2,611.43	2,499.73	2,537.39	2,463.78	2,475.41

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education		Transport (bus fare round trip)	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	150.00	Border-Town	40.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	400.00	Gonder-Town	20.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,216.70	Kapata-Town	30.00
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	280.00		
School Uniform (Grades 8-9)	300.00		

Health		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Malaria test	40.00	Petrol (per litre)	12.97
Consultation Fee	80.00	Diesel (per litre)	11.09
CD4 Count	80.00	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 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 Kapata market, Saturday market, Shoprite, Navutika market, Kaumbwe market and magazine marketing Chipata. The November Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$243 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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