

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Kitwe

November 2017

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	62.80	2	x 25 Kg	125.60
Beans	13.75	3	Kg	41.25
Kapenta (Dry)	277.50	2	Kg	555.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	235.00	1	Kg	235.00
Beef	39.25	4	Kg	156.99
Dark Green Vegetables	4.75	4	Kg	19.00
Tomatoes	4.40	4	Kg	17.59
Onion	7.50	2	Kg	15.00
Cooking oil (2.5L)	47.90	3	Litres	57.48
Bread	9.20	1	Loaf/day	275.94
Sugar	24.00	3	x 2 Kg	71.99
Milk	7.12	4	x 500ml	28.47
Tea	84.60	1	Kg	84.60
Eggs	9.58	2	Units	19.16
Salt	8.70	1	Kg	8.70

Subtotal **ZMW 1,711.77**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	150.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	300.00
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	5.14	10	Tablet(s)	51.42
Wash soap (BOOM)	8.52	4	x 400g	34.06
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	23.69	1	x 500ml	23.69
Electricity (medium density)	212.80	1	x 1month	212.80
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	52.00	1	x 1month	52.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,650.00	1	x 1month	1,650.00

Subtotal **ZMW 2,323.97**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 4,035.74**

Totals from previous months	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	Oct 17
Amount (K)	4,001.85	3,824.49	3,898.43	-	4,011.07	3,946.80	4,034.37	4,031.28	2,090.12	3,983.53	3,726.46	3,755.97	3,755.97	3,666.44	4,026.04	4,082.2

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education		Transport (bus fare round trip)	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	600.00	Chamboli-Town	10.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	850.00	Chimwemwe-Town	10.00
Health		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Fast Track / High Cost fee	10.00	Petrol (per litre)	12.97
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	10.00	Diesel (per litre)	11.09
Mosquito net (private)	20.00	Paraffin (per litre)	9.87
Consultation Fee	10.00		
CD4 Count	20.00		

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 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 Chamboli Market, Nakadoli Market, Chimwemwe Market, Chisokone Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Nkana Water and Sewerage Company, schools, clinics and houses around Kitwe. The November Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$400 based upon the average exchange rate of K10.09 prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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