

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Chinsali

February 2019

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	102.50	2	x 25 Kg	205.00
Beans	60.00	3	Kg	180.00
Kapenta (Dry)	130.00	2	Kg	260.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	60.00	1	Kg	60.00
Beef	40.00	4	Kg	160.00
Dark Green Vegetables	10.00	4	Kg	40.00
Tomatoes	12.50	4	Kg	50.00
Onion	15.00	2	Kg	30.00
Cooking oil (2.5L)	55.00	3	Litres	66.00
Bread	10.00	1	Loaf/day	300.00
Sugar	27.00	3	x 2 Kg	81.00
Milk	7.00	4	x 500ml	28.00
Tea	10.00	1	Kg	10.00
Eggs	13.50	2	Units	27.00
Salt	10.00	1	Kg	10.00

Subtotal **ZMW 1,507.00**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	108.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	216.00
Soap (Romeo)	8.00	3	Tablet(s)	24.00
Wash soap (BOOM)	15.00	4	x 400g	60.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	20.00	1	x 500ml	20.00
Electricity (medium density)	100.00	1	x 1month	100.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	156.00	1	x 1month	156.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,800.00	1	x 1month	1,800.00

Subtotal **ZMW 2,376.00**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 3,883.00**

Total from previous month	Aug 17	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	June 18	July 18	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19
Amount (K)	-	2,939.83	2,866.75	2,911.25	3,452.75	3,399.38	3,701	3,760.00	3,786.00	3,728.50	3,638	3,628	3,643	3,668	3,982	3,996.33	3,984.00	3,883.00

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Education

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	50.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	350.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	420.00
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	150.00
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	250.00

Transport (bus fare round trip)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Turn off-Town	80.00
Seed Farm-Town	50.00

Health

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Malaria test	20.00

Fuel (cost at the pump)

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Petrol (per litre)	16.06
Diesel (per litre)	14.65
Paraffin (per litre)	11.34

(D) COMPARISON OF COSTS (IN KWACHA) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN FEBRUARY

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
5,331	3,006	3,062	3,289	4,899	5,051	4,039.48	3,567	2,928.40	3,852	4,325	5,228	3,880.36	3,820	3,883

This survey was conducted on 26th February, 2019 by the Social & Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of prices gathered from retail outlets at Kabuta, Kalukungu market, new market and old market around Chinsali. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$326 based upon the exchange rate of K11.9 prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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