

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KABWE

May 2009

(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A FAMILY OF SIX IN KABWE

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total
Mealie meal (breakfast)	62,100	3 x 25 Kg bags	186,300
Beans	8,300	2 Kgs	16,600
Kapenta (Siavonga)	50,000	2 Kgs	100,000
Dry Fish	33,300	1 Kg	33,300
Meat (mixed cut)	17,500	4 Kgs	70,000
Eggs	7,100	2 Units	14,200
Vegetables (greens)	2,300	7.5 Kgs	17,250
Tomato	4,000	4 Kgs	16,000
Onion	10,000	4 Kgs	40,000
Milk (long-life)	4,400	4 x 500 ml	17,600
Cooking oil (2.5 litre bottle)	27,100	4 litres	43,360
Bread	4,400	1 loaf/day	132,000
Sugar	5,300	8 Kgs	42,400
Salt	2,100	1 Kg	2,100
Tea (Tips)	9,200	1 x 500 g	9,200
Sub-total			K740, 310

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 Kg bag)	19,300	180 Kgs	69,480
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2,300	10 tablets	23,000
Wash soap (Boom)	4,400	4 x 400 g	17,600
Jelly (e.g., Vaseline)	8,300	1 x 500 ml	8,300
Electricity (medium density)	114,702		114,702
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	50,000		50,000
Housing (3 bedroom)	500,000		500,000
Sub-total			K783, 082

Total for Basic Needs Basket

K1, 523,392

Totals from previous months	May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09
Amount	1,310,663	1,310,122	1,306,702	1,356,902	1,328,742	1,405,112	1,392,642	1,401,192	1,473,880	1,477,702	1,501,572	1,546,572

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K50, 000	Consultation Fee	K2,000
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K300, 000	Malaria Slide	K500
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K4000,000-550,000	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	K3,000
School Uniform / shoes	K2285,900	Malaria Drugs (prescription)	K35,000
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Lukanga-Town	K3,600	Petrol (per litre)	K5,792
Ngungu-Town	K5,000	Diesel (per litre)	K5,452
Mine Township-Town	K5,000	Kerosene (per litre)	K3,812

(D) A COMPARISON OF LIVING COSTS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN MAY

Lusaka	Ndola	Kitwe	Luanshya	Kasama	Livingstone	Mongu
2,240,430	1,712,954	1,838,280	1,473,970	1,368,910	1,960,661	-

This survey was conducted on 28th and 29th May 2009 by the Social Conditions Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at Kamanda Market, Katondo Market, Nakoli Market, Lukanga Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Lukanga Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kabwe. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$293 based upon an average middle exchange rate of 5195 Kwacha per US\$ at the end of May. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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