

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KITWE

MAY 2009

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total
Mealie meal (breakfast)	63,800	3 x 25 Kg bags	191,400
Beans	9,200	2 Kgs	18,400
Kapenta (Mpulungu)	41,000	2 Kgs	82,000
Dry Fish	40,000	1 Kg	40,000
Meat (mixed cut)	20,500	4 Kgs	82,000
Eggs	8,000	2 Units	16,000
Vegetables (greens)	2,900	7.5 Kgs	21,750
Tomato	7,500	4 Kgs	30,000
Onion	10,000	4 Kgs	40,000
Milk (long-life)	3,600	4 x 500 ml	14,400
Cooking oil (2.5 litre bottle)	27,300	4 litres	46,680
Bread	4,700	1 loaf/day	141,000
Sugar	5,600	8 Kgs	44,800
Salt	2,600	1 Kg	2,600
Tea (Tips)	2,500	5 x 100 g	12,500
<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>K780, 530</b>

## (B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (25 kg bag)	27,500	180 Kgs	198,000
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2,500	10 tablets	25,000
Wash soap (Boom)	4,000	4 x 400 g	16,000
Jelly (e.g., Vaseline)	9,000	1 x 500 ml	9,000
Electricity (medium density)	117,500		117,500
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	42,250		42,250
Housing (3 bedroom)	650,000		650,000
<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>K1, 057,750</b>

Total for *Basic Needs Basket*

**K1, 838,280**

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	1,707,200	1,680,390	1,666,910	1,709,100	1,703,460	1,732,800	1,743,500	1,818,300	1,772,810	1,757,650	1,794,470	1,824,130

## (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Health	
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K200,000- 280,000	Consultation (clinic)	K5,000
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K240,000- 380,000	Malaria Slide	K1,500
School Uniform	K70,000	Mosquito Net	K10,000-K20,000
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Chamboli-Town	K4,600	Petrol (per litre)	K5,749
Ndeke-Town	K4,600	Diesel (per litre)	K5,420
Garnertone-Town	K9,200	Kerosene (per litre)	-

## (D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN MAY

Lusaka	Ndola	Kasama	Luanshya	Kabwe	Livingstone	Mongu
2,240,280	1,712,954	1,368,910	1,473,970	1,523,392	1,960,661	-

This survey was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Chamboli Market, Nakadoli Market, Chimwemwe Market, Chisokone Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Nkana Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kitwe. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$354** 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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