

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LUANSHYA

May 2009

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total
Mealie meal (breakfast)	64,400	3 x 25 Kg bags	193,200
Beans	7,800	2 Kgs	15,600
Kapenta (Siavonga)	59,200	2 Kgs	118,400
Dry Fish	67,500	1 Kg	67,500
Meat (mixed cut)	19,000	4 Kgs	76,000
Eggs	7,200	2 Units	14,400
Vegetables (greens)	2,700	7.5 Kgs	20,250
Tomato	4,600	4 Kgs	18,400
Onion	7,100	4 Kgs	28,400
Milk (long-life)	3,800	4 x 500 ml	15,200
Cooking oil (2.5 litre bottle)	27,600	4 litres	44,160
Bread	4,700	1 loaf/day	141,000
Sugar	5,500	8 Kgs	44,000
Salt	2,400	1 Kg	2,400
Tea (Kawambwa)	3,700	5 x 100 g	7,400
Sub-total			K806, 310

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (25 Kg bag)	16,000	180 Kgs	115,600
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2,400	10 tablets	24,000
Wash soap (Boom)	4,100	4 x 400 g	16,400
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	8,000	1 x 500 ml	8,000
Electricity (medium density)	107,500		107,500
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	46,560		46,560
Housing (3 bedroom)	350,000		350,000
Sub-total			K667, 660

Total for Basic Needs Basket

K1, 473,970

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	1,191,760	1,193,930	1,211,620	1,203,330	1,275,990	1,229,930	1,290,100	1,343,040	1,368,330	1,384,740	1,423,590	1,466,020

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K15,000 – K50,000	Consultation Fee	K1,000
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K150,000 - K180,000	Malaria Slide	K5,000
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K180,000 – K375,000	Mosquito Net (private)	K29,000
School Uniform	K100,000 – K150,000	CD4 Count	K10,000
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Mpatamatu-Town	K8,800	Petrol (per litre)	K5,732
Kalala-Roan	K9,400	Diesel (per litre)	K5,403
Roan-Town	K4,400	Kerosene (per litre)	K3,772

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

Lusaka	Ndola	Kitwe	Kasama	Kabwe	Livingstone	Mongu
2,240,280	1,712,954	1,838,280	1,368,910	1,523,392	1,960,661	-

This survey was conducted from 30 to 31st 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 Mpatamatu Market, Buseko Market, Roan Market, Mikomfwa Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kafubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Luanshya. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$284** 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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