

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MONZE

May 2009

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total
Mealie meal (breakfast)	63,000	3 x 25 Kg bags	189,000
Beans	10,500	2 Kgs	21,000
Kapenta (Siavonga)	43,500	2 Kgs	87,000
Dry Fish	40,000	1 Kg	40,000
Meat (mixed cut)	14,300	4 Kgs	57,200
Eggs	7,100	2 Units	14,200
Vegetables (greens)	2,000	7.5 Kgs	15,000
Tomato	6,300	4 Kgs	25,200
Onion	13,400	4 Kgs	53,600
Milk (Sour)	7,600	4 x 500 ml	30,400
Cooking oil (2.5 litre bottle)	28,700	4 litres	45,920
Bread	5,000	1 loaf/day	150,000
Sugar	5,400	8 Kgs	43,200
Salt	2,400	1 Kg	2,400
Tea (Tips)	3,600	500 g	7,200
Sub-total			K781, 320

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (25Kg bag)	10,000	180 Kgs	72,000
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2,400	10 tablets	24,000
Wash soap (Chik)	4,100	4 bars	16,400
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	7,900	1 x 500 ml	7,900
Electricity (medium density)	113,000		113,000
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	60,000		60,000
Housing (3 bedroom)	600,000		600,000
Sub-total			K893, 300
Total for Basic Needs Basket			K1, 674,620

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,559,00	1,628,110	1,630,510	1,668,960

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K10,000 – K40,000	Consultation Fee	K1,500 – K2,500
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K100,000 – K150,000	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	K3,000
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K135,000	Lab tests (e.g., malaria)	K1,000-K3,000
School Uniform	K55,000 – K115,000	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K6, 073
	-	Diesel (per litre)	K5,744
	-	Kerosene (per litre)	K4,025

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

Lusaka	Ndola	Kitwe	Luanshya	Kabwe	Livingstone	Mongu	Kasama
2,240,280	1,712,954	1,838,280	1,473,970	1,523,392	1,960,661	-	1,368,910

This survey was conducted from 25th to 27th 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 Main Market, Town centre, Manungu Market, and Site and Service Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Monze. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$322 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.