

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: NDOLA

May 2009

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total
Mealie meal (breakfast)	66,300	3 x 25 Kg bags	198,900
Beans	9,600	2 Kgs	19,200
Kapenta (Siavonga)	45,700	2 Kgs	91,400
Dry Fish	62,500	1 Kg	62,500
Meat (mixed cut)	18,800	4 Kgs	75,200
Eggs	8,400	2 Units	16,800
Vegetables (greens)	3,900	7.5 Kgs	29,250
Tomato	5,700	4 Kgs	22,800
Onion	5,700	4 Kgs	22,800
Milk (long-life)	4,500	4 x 500 ml	18,000
Cooking oil (2.5 litre bottle)	26,700	4 litres	42,720
Bread	5,500	1 loaf/day	165,000
Sugar	5,600	8 Kgs	44,800
Salt	3,000	1 Kg	3,000
Tea (Tips)	3,200	4 x 125 g	12,800
Sub-total			K825, 170

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	52,100	2 x 90 Kgs	104,200
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2,300	10 tablets	23,000
Wash soap (Boom)	4,200	4 x 400 g	16,800
Jelly (e.g., Vaseline)	8,600	1 x 500 ml	8,600
Electricity (medium density)	95,000		95,000
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	65,184		65,184
Housing (3 bedroom)	575,000		575,000
Sub-total			K887, 784

Total for Basic Needs Basket

K1, 712,954

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	1,487,910	1,425,790	1,441,350	1,471,740	1,473,040	1,477,580	1,554,714	1,579,804	1,559,274	1,646,054	1,647,464	1,696,564

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K50,000	Consultation Fee	K1,000
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K380,000	Fast-Track Consultation	K5,000
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K550,000	Malaria Slide	K5,000
School Uniform (grades 8-12)	K190,000-K250,000	CD4 Count	K15,000
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Mosquito Net (private)	K30,000
Ndeke-Town	K4,000	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Chifubu-Town	K4,000	Petrol (per litre)	K5,721
Masala-Town	K3,000	Diesel (per litre)	K5,381
Twapia-Town	K4,700	Kerosene (per litre)	K3,751

(D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN MAY 2009

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

This survey was conducted on 25th 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 Masala Market, Twapia Market, Mushili Market, Lubuto Market, Chifubu Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kufubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Ndola. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$330 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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