

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: MONZE

November 2009

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total
Mealie meal (breakfast)	61,500	3 x 25 Kg bags	184,500
Beans	9,300	2 Kgs	18,600
Kapenta (Siavonga)	52,700	2 Kgs	105,400
Dry Fish	40,000	1 Kg	40,000
Meat (mixed cut)	16,300	4 Kgs	65,200
Eggs	8,100	2 Units	16,200
Vegetables (greens)	3,000	7.5 Kgs	22,500
Tomato	2,300	4 Kgs	9,200
Onion	5,500	4 Kgs	22,000
Milk (Sour)	8,000	2.5 litres	32,000
Cooking oil (2.5 litre bottle)	28,500	4 litres	45,600
Bread	5,000	1 loaf/day	150,000
Sugar	5,400	8 Kgs	43,200
Salt	3,300	1 Kg	3,300
Tea (Tips 250g)	4,100	500 g	8,200
Sub-total			K765, 900

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (25Kg bag)	13,700	180 Kgs	98,640
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2,500	10 tablets	25,000
Wash soap (Boom)	4,100	4 X 400g	16,400
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	8,000	1 x 500 ml	8,000
Electricity (medium density)	113,000		113,000
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	60,000		60,000
Housing (3 bedroom)	600,000		600,000
Sub-total			K921, 040
Total for Basic Needs Basket			K1, 686,940

Totals from previous months	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Oct 09
Amount	-	-	1,559,00	1,628,110	1,630,510	1,668,960	1,674,620	1,662,210	1,651,440	1,641,840	1,628,100	1,634,800

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K25, 000 – K45, 000	Consultation Fee	K2, 500
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K75, 000 – K255, 000	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K510, 000-K530, 000	Lab tests (e.g., malaria)	
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 NOVEMBER

Lusaka	Kasama	Kitwe	Luanshya	Kabwe	Livingstone	Mongu	Solwezi	Ndola
2,254,630	1,424,270	1,962,180	1,407,490	1,527,020	1,849,391		2,003,330	1,685,214

This survey was conducted from 28st to 30th November 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 November Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$361 based upon an average middle exchange rate of 4669 Kwacha per US\$ at the end of November. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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