

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: KASAMA

April 2008

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total
Mealie meal (breakfast)	48,600	3 x 25 Kg bags	145,800
Beans	4,000	2 Kgs	8,000
Kapenta (Mpulungu)	31,300	2 Kgs	62,600
Dry Fish (chinyonge)	25,000	1 Kg	25,000
Meat (mixed cut)	12,700	4 Kgs	50,800
Eggs	6,300	2 Units	12,600
Vegetables (greens)	2,200	7.5 Kgs	16,500
Tomato	3,300	4 Kgs	13,200
Onion	4,100	4 Kgs	16,400
Milk (long-life)	4,000	4 x 500 ml	16,000
Cooking oil (2.5 litre bottle)	28,900	4 litres	46,240
Bread	3,500	1 loaf/day	105,000
Sugar	4,700	8 Kgs	37,600
Salt	2,200	1 Kg	2,200
Tea (Kawambwa)	400	500 g	2,000
Sub-total			K559,940

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 Kg bag)	10,500	180 Kgs	37,800
Soap (Lifebuoy)	1,900	10 tablets	19,000
Wash soap (Chik)	3,500	4 bars	14,000
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	6,600	1 x 500 ml	6,600
Electricity (medium density)	114,000		114,000
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	30,000		30,000
Housing (3 bedroom)	350,000		350,000
Sub-total			K571,400
Total for Basic Needs Basket			K1,131,340

Totals from previous months	Jun 07	July 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08
Amount	975,870	972,590	1,002,070	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,120,100

(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	K120,000 – K130,000	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K8,253
Tazara-Town	K5,000	Diesel (per litre)	K7,266
Location-Town	K4,000	Kerosene (per litre)	K5,009

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

Lusaka	Ndola	Kitwe	Luanshya	Kabwe	Livingstone	Mongu
K1,939,800	K1,459,840	K1,650,240	K1,170,690	-	-	-

This survey was conducted on 28th April 2008 by the Social Conditions Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at NewTown Market, Chikumanino Market, Tazara Market, Chambeshi Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Chambeshi Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kasama. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$326 based upon an average middle exchange rate of 3475 Kwacha per US\$ at the end of April. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.