

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LIVINGSTONE

April 2008

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total
Mealie meal (breakfast)	42,500	3 x 25 Kg bags	127,500
Beans	13,400	2 Kgs	26,800
Kapenta (Siavonga)	45,400	2 Kgs	90,800
Dry Fish	30,000	1 Kg	30,000
Meat (mixed cut)	16,100	4 Kgs	64,400
Eggs	5,600	2 Units	11,200
Vegetables (greens)	3,100	7.5 Kgs	23,250
Tomato	4,000	4 Kgs	16,000
Onion	6,400	4 Kgs	25,600
Milk (fresh)	11,100	1 x 2 litres	11,100
Cooking oil	23,100	2 x 2 litres	46,200
Bread	4,300	1 loaf/day	129,000
Sugar	5,100	8 Kgs	40,800
Salt	3,000	1 Kg	3,000
Tea (Tips)	8,800	1 x 500 g	8,800
Sub-total			K654,450

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 Kg bag)	26,700	180 Kgs	96,120
Soap (Lifebuoy)	1,900	10 tablets	19,000
Wash soap (Boom)	3,200	4 x 400 g	12,800
Jelly (e.g., Vaseline)	7,100	1 x 500 ml	7,100
Electricity	84,411		84,411
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	72,500		72,500
Housing (3 bedroom)	675,000		675,000
Sub-total			K966,931

Total for Basic Needs Basket

K1,621,381

Totals from previous months	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07	July 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 08
Amount	1,286,450	1,283,000	1,235,250	1,226,600	1,224,450	1,219,350	1,266,250	1,274,780	1,312,200	1,588,591	1,623,551	1,620,321

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Transport (bus fare round trip):	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K62,231	Dambwa-Town	K2,000
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K142,300	Maramba-Town	K2,000
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K495,000	Victoria Falls-Town	K4,000
School Uniform	K100,000-K235,000	Taxi Fare Round Trip	K4,000
Health		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Consultation Fee	K6,000-K10,000	Petrol (per litre)	K8,366
Fast-Track	K50,000	Diesel (per litre)	K6,844
Mosquito Net (private)	K25,000-K50,000	Kerosene (per litre)	K5,301

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

Lusaka	Ndola	Kitwe	Luanshya	Kabwe	Kasama	Mongu
K1,939,800	K1,459,840	K1,650,240	K1,170,690	-	K1,131,340	-

This survey was conducted on 27TH & 29TH 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 Town Centre Market, Dambwa Market, Maramba Market, Mbata Market, Elaine Brittel Market, Dambwa Site and Service Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Livingstone. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$467 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, etc

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