JCTR *BASIC NEEDS BASKET:* KABWE

October 2008

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	
Mealie meal (breakfast)	51,800	3 x 25 Kg bags	155,400	
Beans	9,000	2 Kgs	18,000	
Kapenta (Siavonga)	49,000	2 Kgs	98,000	
Dry Fish	35,000	1 Kg	35,000	
Meat (mixed cut)	15,000	4 Kgs	60,000	
Eggs	6,200	2 Units	12,400	
Vegetables (greens)	1,300	7.5 Kgs	9,750	
Tomato	3,100	4 Kgs	12,400	
Onion	4,500	4 Kgs	18,000	
Milk (long-life)	3,500	4 x 500 ml	14,000	
Cooking oil (2.5 litre bottle)	25,600	4 litres	40,960	
Bread	4,200	1 loaf/day	126,000	
Sugar	5,000	8 Kgs	40,000	
Salt	1,400	1 Kg	1,400	
Tea (Tips)	8,700	1 x 500 g	8,700	
Sub-total				**K650, 010**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 Kg bag)	15,000	180 Kgs	54,000	
Soap (Lifebuoy)	1,600	10 tablets	16,000	
Wash soap (Boom)	3,500	4 x 400 g	14,000	
Jelly (e.g., Vaseline)	6,600	1 x 500 ml	6,600	
Electricity (medium density)	114,502		114,502	
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	50,000		50,000	
Housing (3 bedroom)	500,000		500,000	
Sub-total				**K755, 102**
Total for *Basic Needs Basket*				**K1, 405,112**

Totals from previous months	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08	Apr 08	May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sep 08
Amount	1,090,880	1,091,880	-	-	-	1,259,523	1,248,133	1,310,663	1,310,122	1,306,702	1,356,902	1,328,742

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K30,000	Consultation Fee	K2,000
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K201,900	Malaria Slide	K500
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K240,000	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	K3,000
School Uniform / shoes	K239,900	Malaria Drugs (prescription)	K35,000
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Lukanga-Town	K3,800	Petrol (per litre)	K7,665
Ngungu-Town	K5,000	Diesel (per litre)	K7,238
Mine Township-Town	K5,000	Kerosene (per litre)	K4,978

(D) A COMPARISON OF LIVING COSTS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN OCTOBER

Lusaka	Ndola	Kitwe	Luanshya	Kasama	Livingstone	Mongu
1,854,850	1, 477,580	1,732,800	1,229,930	1,165,900	1,670,591	1,287,023

*This survey was conducted on **27th and 28th Octoberr 2008** by the Social Conditions Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at Kamanda Market, Katondo Market, Nakoli Market, Lukanga Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Lukanga Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kabwe. The October Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$372** based upon an average middle exchange rate of 4685 Kwacha per US$ at the end of October. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.*

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