JCTR *BASIC NEEDS BASKET:* MONZE

February 2011

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	
Mealie meal (breakfast)	48, 000	3 x 25 Kg bags	144,000	
Beans	14,000	2 Kgs	28,000	
Kapenta (Siavonga)	46,000	2 Kgs	93,600	
Dry Fish	40,000	1 Kg	40,000	
Meat (mixed cut)	22,000	4 Kgs	88,000	
Eggs	8,300	2 Units	16,600	
Vegetables (greens)	2,000	7.5 Kgs	15,000	
Tomato	3,000	4 Kgs	12,000	
Onion	8,300	4 Kgs	33,200	
Milk (Sour)	9,400	2.5 litres	37,600	
Cooking oil (2.5 litre bottle)	33,000	4 litres	52,800	
Bread	5,000	1 loaf/day	150,000	
Sugar	6,500	8 Kgs	52,000	
Salt	3,500	1 Kg	3,500	
Tea (Silver 250g)	3,300	500 g	6,600	
Sub-total				**K772, 900**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (25Kg bag)	15,000	180 Kgs	108,000	
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2,500	10 tablets	25,000	
Wash soap (Boom)	4,000	4 X 400g	16,000	
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	9,300	1 x 500 ml	9,300	
Electricity (medium density)	89,007		89,007	
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	80,100		80,100	
Housing (3 bedroom)	650,000		650,000	
Sub-total				**K977, 407**
Total for *Basic Needs Basket*				**K1, 750,307**

Totals from previous months	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 10	Jun 10	Jul 10	Aug 10	Sept 10	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 10
Amount	1,725,397	1,714,687	1,772,637	1,737,237		1,696,807	1,716,307	1,702,197	1,693,397	1,722,307	1,795,137	

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K30, 000 – K60, 000	Consultation Fee	K2, 500
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K105, 000 – K255, 000	Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5)	
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K1,630, 000-K1,950,000	Lab tests (e.g., malaria)	
School Uniform	K55, 000 – K115, 000	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Petrol (per litre)	K7, 639
	-	Diesel (per litre)	K6, 999
	-	Kerosene (per litre)	K 5,080

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

Lusaka	Kasama	Kitwe	Luanshya	Kabwe	Livingstone	Mongu	Solwezi	Ndola	Chipata
2,982,350	1,498,714	2,022,370	1,702,382	2,021,554	2,165,700	1,503,411	2,388,460	2,302,228	1,992,946

*This survey was conducted from **25h to 27th February 2011** 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 Febraury Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$369** based upon an average middle exchange rate of 4740 Kwacha per US$ at the end of February. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.*

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