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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