JCTR *BASIC NEEDS BASKET:* MONZE

November 2011

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	
Mealie Meal (breakfast)	45,000	3 x 25 Kg bags	135,000	
Beans	12,700	2 Kgs	25,400	
Kapenta (Siavonga)	69,300	2 Kgs	138,600	
Dry Fish	45,000	1 Kg	45,000	
Meat (mixed cut)	23,000	4 Kgs	92,000	
Eggs	8,300	2 Units	16,600	
Vegetables (greens)	2,200	7.5 Kgs	16,500	
Tomato (medium)	2,800	4 Kgs	11,200	
Onion (medium)	4,500	4 Kgs	18,000	
Milk (Sour)	9,900	2.5 litres	39,600	
Cooking Oil (2.5 litre bottle)	33,300	4 litres	53,280	
Bread	5,500	1 loaf/day	165,000	
Sugar	6,600	8 Kgs	52,800	
Salt	3,800	1 Kg	3,800	
Tea (Silver)	3,600	500 g	7,200	
Sub-total				**K819, 980**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (25Kg bag)	12,000	180 kgs	86,400	
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2,600	10 tablets	26,000	
Wash soap (BOOM)	4,100	400 grams	16,400	
Jelly (Vaseline)	8,800	1 x 500 mL	8,800	
Electricity (medium - fixed)	89,007		89,007	
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	80,100		80,100	
Housing (3 bedroom)	650,000		650,000	
Sub-total				**K956, 707**
Total for Basic Needs Basket				**K1, 776,687**

Totals from previous months	Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 10	Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 11	May 11	Jun 11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sept 11	Oct 1
Amount	1,722,307	1,795,137	-	1,750,307	1,752,037	1,766,437	1,786,77	K1,756,477	K1,736,367	K1,737,207	K1,705,387	1,732,707

(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)	K8, 155
	-	Diesel (per litre)	K7, 566
	-	Kerosene (per litre)	K5,154

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

Lusaka	Kasama	Kitwe	Luanshya	Ndola	Livingstone	Mongu	Solwezi	Kabwe	Chipata	Mansa	Mpika
K2,904,550	-	K2,018,550	K1,763,922	K2,318,354	K2,297,340		K2,430,680				

*This survey was conducted from **25 to 27 November 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 November Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$348** based upon an average middle exchange rate of 5066 Kwacha per US$ at the end of November. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.*

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