JCTR *BASIC NEEDS BASKET:* MONZE

January 2010

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	
Mealie meal (breakfast)	60,600	3 x 25 Kg bags	181,800	
Beans	11,000	2 Kgs	22,000	
Kapenta (Siavonga)	49,700	2 Kgs	99,400	
Dry Fish	44,000	1 Kg	44,000	
Meat (mixed cut)	16,800	4 Kgs	67,200	
Eggs	8,000	2 Units	16,000	
Vegetables (greens)	2,500	7.5 Kgs	18,750	
Tomato	2,700	4 Kgs	10,800	
Onion	5,000	4 Kgs	20,000	
Milk (Sour)	8,800	2.5 litres	35,200	
Cooking oil (2.5 litre bottle)	27,900	4 litres	44,640	
Bread	4,800	1 loaf/day	144,000	
Sugar	5,800	8 Kgs	46,400	
Salt	3,300	1 Kg	3,300	
Tea (Silver 250g)	4,000	500 g	8,000	
Sub-total				**K761, 490**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (25Kg bag)	12,000	180 Kgs	86,400	
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2,400	10 tablets	24,000	
Wash soap (Boom)	4,100	4 X 400g	16,400	
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	7,900	1 x 500 ml	7,900	
Electricity (medium density)	89,007		89,007	
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	80,100		80,100	
Housing (3 bedroom)	650,000		650,000	
Sub-total				**K953, 807**
Total for *Basic Needs Basket*				**K1, 715,297**

Totals from previous months	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Dec 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	1,686,940	1,702,380

(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)	K6, 962
	-	Diesel (per litre)	K6, 559
	-	Kerosene (per litre)	-

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

Lusaka	Kasama	Kitwe	Luanshya	Kabwe	Livingstone	Mongu	Solwezi	Ndola
2,697,030	1,458,170	2,011,390	1,519,320	1,563,630	1,923,431	1,465,431	2,209,060	2,037,304

*This survey was conducted from 25th **to 27th January 2010** 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 January Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$376** based upon an average middle exchange rate of 4566 Kwacha per US$ at the end of January. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.*

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