JCTR *BASIC NEEDS BASKET:* LUANSHYA

October 2011

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	
Mealie Meal (breakfast)	42,600	3 x 25 Kg bags	127,800	
Beans	8,200	2 Kgs	16,400	
Kapenta (Siavonga)	80,000	2 Kgs	160,000	
Dry Fish	79,000	1 Kg	79,000	
Meat (mixed cut)	27,000	4 Kgs	108,000	
Eggs	7,500	2 Units	15,000	
Vegetables (greens)	1,800	7.5 Kgs	13,500	
Tomato	5,100	4 Kgs	20,400	
Onion	7,400	4 Kgs	29,600	
Milk (long-life)	4,700	4 x 500 mL	18,800	
Cooking Oil (2.5 litre bottle)	31,400	4 litres	50,240	
Bread	4,700	1 loaf/day	141,000	
Sugar	7,100	8 Kgs	56,800	
Salt	3,100	1 Kg	6,200	
Tea (Kawambwa)	8,800	500g	8,800	
Sub-total				**K851, 540**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (25 Kg bag)	23,000	180 kgs	165,600	
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2,500	10 tablets	25,000	
Wash soap (Boom)	4,000	4 x 400 g	16,000	
Jelly	10,600	1 x 500 ml	10,600	
Electricity (medium - fixed)	226,144		226,144	
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	57,828		57,828	
Housing (3 bedroom)	400,000		400,000	
Sub-total				**K900, 672**
Total for Basic Needs Basket				**K1, 752,212**

Totals from previous months	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 11	May 11	Jun 11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sept 11
Amount	1,614,262	1,653,922	1,670,222		1, 702,382	1, 709,072		1,703,812	K1,728,582	K1,726,212	K1,693,612	1,742,932

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K15,000 – K50,000	Consultation Fee	K3,000
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K150,000 - K180,000	Malaria Slide	K5,000
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K280,000 – K370,000	Mosquito Net (private)	K39,500
School Uniform	K100,000 – K150,000	CD4 Count	
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Mpatamatu-Town	K10,000	Petrol (per litre)	K8,155
Kalala-Roan	K10,000	Diesel (per litre)	K7,566
Roan-Town	K5,000	Kerosene (per litre)	K5,154

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

Lusaka	Kasama	Kitwe	Chipata	Monze	Livingstone	Mongu	Solwezi	Kabwe	Ndola	Mansa	Mpika
K2,917,150	K1,444, 304	K2,037,900	K1,752,68 0	K1,971,707	K2,170,140		K2,425,17 0	K2,012,74	K2,380,954		

*This survey was conducted from **27 October 2011** by the Social Conditions Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at Mpatamatu Market, Buseko Market, Roan Market, Mikomfwa Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kafubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Luanshya. The October Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$352** based upon an average middle exchange rate of 4980 Kwacha per US$ at the end of October. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.*

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