JCTR *BASIC NEEDS BASKET:* NDOLA

March 2012

(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE IN NDOLA

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	
Mealie meal (breakfast)	38,500	2 x 25 Kg bags	77,000	
Beans	12,500	3 Kgs	37,500	
Kapenta (Siavonga)	76,700	2 Kgs	153,400	
Dry Fish	82,500	1 Kg	82,500	
Meat (mixed cut)	24,700	4Kgs	98,800	
Milk, Long life	4,600	4x500ml	18,400	
Vegetables (greens)	9,300	4 Kgs	37,200	
Tomato (medium)	9,500	4 Kgs	38,000	
Onion (medium)	9,000	2 Kgs	18,000	
Eggs	9,400	2units	18,800	
Cooking Oil (2.5 litre bottle)	31,100	3 litres	37,320	
Bread	6,200	1loaf/day	186,000	
Sugar	13,600	6 Kgs	40,800	
Salt	2,700	1 Kg	2,700	
Tea (Tips)	4,500	1Kg	4,500	
Sub-total				**K850, 920**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90Kg bag)	97,000	180 kgs	194,000	
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2,700	10 tablets	27,000	
Wash soap (BOOM)	4,400	4*400mls	17,600	
Jelly (Vaseline)	11,700	1 x 500 mL	11,700	
Electricity (medium density)	145,620		145,620	
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	86,625		86,625	
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,100,000		1,100,000	
Sub-total				**K1, 592,545**
Total for Basic Needs Basket				**K2, 443,465**

Totals from previous months	Mar 11	Apr 11	May 11	Jun11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sept 11	Oct 11	Nov11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12
Amount	2, 292, 128	K2,292,128	K2,2,53,690	K2,311,408	K2,311,408	K2,352,188	K2,326,748	K2,380,954	K2,318,534	K2,380,534	2,487,994	2,491,519

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year)	K50,000	Consultation Fee	K1,000
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K550,000	Fast-Track	K60,000
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K680,000	Malaria Slide	K20,000
School Uniform (grades 8-12)	K200,000-K500,000	CD4 Count Private	K270,000
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Mosquito Net (private)	K30, 000
Ndeke-Town	K5, 000	Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Chifubu-Town	K5, 000	Petrol (per litre)	K8,155
Masala-Town	K4, 000	Diesel (per litre)	K7,566
Twapia-Town	K5, 700	Kerosene (per litre)	K5, 154

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

Lusaka	Kitwe	Luanshya	Kabwe	Livingstone	Solwezi	Ndola	Monze	Chipata	Mpika
K2,935,680	K2,147,760	1,881,985	2,240,984	**K2,125,820**	2,441,840	2,443,465	1,831,600	1,906,988	1,562,440

*This survey was conducted on **26th March2012** by the Social Conditions Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at Masala Market, Twapia Market, Mushili Market, Lubuto Market, Chifubu Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kufubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Ndola. The March Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$465** based upon an average middle exchange rate of 5250 Kwacha per US$ at the end of March. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.*

Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection, P.O. Box 37774, 10101 Lusaka, Zambia
Tel: 260-211-290-410 Fax: 260-211-290-759 E-mail: basicjctr@jesuits.org.zm Internet: www.jctr.org.zm
Location: 3813 Martin Mwamba Road, Olympia Park, Lusak