JCTR *BASIC NEEDS BASKET*: KITWE

NOVEMBER 2012

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total	
Mealie meal (breakfast)	60,900	2 x 25 Kg bags	121,800	
Beans	12,000	3 Kgs	36,000	
Kapenta (Siavonga)	80,000	2kgs	160,000	
Dry Fish	65,000	1 Kg	65,000	
Meat (mixed cut)	33,000	4Kgs	132,000	
Milk, long life	4,700	4x500ml	18,800	
Vegetables (greens)	2,200	4 Kgs	8800	
Tomato (medium)	5,200	4 Kgs	20,800	
Onion (medium)	5,400	2 Kgs	10800	
Eggs	9,200	2 units	18,400	
Cooking Oil (2.5 litre bottle)	33,000	3 litres	39,600	
Bread	5,100	1loaf/day	153,000	
Sugar	13,800	3x2Kgs	41,400	
Salt(iodated)	3,600	1 Kg	3,600	
Tea (Tips)	22400	1Kg	22400	
Sub-total				**K852,400**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (90 kg)	114,000	2x90 kgs	228,000	
Soap (Lifebuoy)	2,600	10 tablets	26,000	
Wash soap (Dynamo)	4,200	4 x 400 g	16,800	
Jelly	10100	1 x 500 mL	10100	
Electricity (medium - fixed)	266,000		266,000	
Water & Sanitation (med- fixed)	52,000		52,000	
Housing (3 bedroom)	775,000		775,000	
Sub-total				**K1, 373, 900**
Total for Basic Needs Basket				**K2, 226,300**

Totals from previous months	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12	Mar 12	Apr 12	May 12	Jun 12	Jul 12	Aug 12	Sep 12	Oct 12
Amount	2,018,550	2,018,550	2,075,500	2,102,600	2,147,760	2,141,820	2,159,380	2,132,080	2,182,000	2, 144,240	2,170,120	2,248,460

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Health	
Grades 1-7 (user+PTA/year)	K10,000-30,000	Consultation (clinic)	-
Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year)	K300, 000- 400,000	Malaria Slide	K15, 000
Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year)	K500, 000- 700,000	Mosquito Net	K30, 000
School Uniform	K180, 000- 200,000		
Transport (bus fare round trip):		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Chamboli-Town	K6, 000	Petrol (per litre)	K8, 155
Ndeke-Town	K6, 000	Diesel (per litre)	K 7, 566
Chimwemwe	K6,000	Kerosene (per litre)	-
Garnertone-Town	K12, 000		

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

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Kabwe	Ndola	Livingstone	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya
3,475,720	1,524,980	2,076,560	2,291,104	2,461,025	2,215,980	2,453,150	1,980,260	1,955,888	1,425,300	1,952, 585

*This survey was conducted on **26th to 27th November, 2012** by the Social Conditions Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at Chamboli Market, Nakadoli Market, Chimwemwe Market, Chisokone Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Nkana Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kitwe. The November Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$ 428** based upon an average middle exchange rate of 5200 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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