

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

**Chinsali**

**April 2018**

## (A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	97.25	2	x 25 Kg	194.50
Beans	10.50	3	Kg	31.50
Kapenta (Dry)	82.50	2	Kg	165.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	83.75	1	Kg	83.75
Beef	40.00	4	Kg	160.00
Dark Green Vegetables	5.00	4	Kg	20.00
Tomatoes	11.25	4	Kg	45.00
Onion	10.50	2	Kg	21.00
Cooking oil (2.5L)	50.00	3	Litres	60.00
Bread	10.00	1	Loaf/day	300.00
Sugar	30.00	3	x 2 Kg	90.00
Milk	7.25	4	x 500ml	29.00
Tea	19.50	1	Kg	19.50
Eggs	13.75	2	Units	27.50
Salt	10.00	1	Kg	10.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,256.75**

## (B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	60.00	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	120.00
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	10.00	10	Tablet(s)	100.00
Wash soap (BOOM)	15.25	4	x 400g	61.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	14.25	1	x 500ml	14.25
Electricity (medium density)	292.00	1	x 1month	292.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	154.00	1	x 1month	154.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,762.00	1	x 1month	1,762.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 2,503.25**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 3,760.00**

Total from previous month	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Jun 17	Jul 17	Aug 17	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18
Amount (K)	2,837.40	2,788.35	2,728.00	2,740.65	1,398.40	2,906.65	2,777.65	2,788.65	2,770.55	-	2,939.83	2,866.75	2,911.25	3,452.75	3,399.38	3,701	3,760.00

## (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

### *Education*

Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	340.00	Turn off-Town	80.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	375.00	Seed Farm-Town	50.00

### *Health*

Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	10.00	Petrol (per litre)	13.75
Mosquito net (private)	20.00	Diesel (per litre)	12.87
Malaria test	15.00	Paraffin (per litre)	8.87

## (D) COMPARISON OF COSTS (IN KWACHA) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN APRIL

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
5,433	3,261	2,832	3,315	4,967	4,208	3,738	2,828	2,901	3,986	4,428	4,675	4,327	3,920	3,760

*This survey was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 by the Social & Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of prices gathered from retail outlets at Kabuta, Kalukungu market, new market and old market around Chinsali. The April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$376 based upon the exchange rate of K10 prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.*