

## JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Choma

April 2018

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	70.25	2	x 25 Kg	140.50
Beans	23.45	3	Kg	70.35
Kapenta (Dry)	112.10	2	Kg	224.20
Fish (Bream, Dry)	74.50	1	Kg	74.50
Beef	30.70	4	Kg	122.80
Dark Green Vegetables	3.80	4	Kg	15.20
Tomatoes	15.60	4	Kg	62.40
Onion	18.50	2	Kg	37.00
Cooking oil (2.5L)	46.94	3	Litres	56.33
Bread	8.88	1	Loaf/day	266.25
Sugar	26.95	3	x 2 Kg	80.85
Milk	6.63	4	x 500ml	26.50
Tea	168.40	1	Kg	168.40
Eggs	10.38	2	Units	20.75
Salt	6.18	1	Kg	6.18

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,372.20**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	167.33	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	334.67
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	7.93	10	Tablet(s)	79.25
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.36	4	x 400g	37.45
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	23.85	1	x 500ml	23.85
Electricity (medium density)	477.51	1	x 1month	477.51
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	96.00	1	x 1month	96.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,500.00	1	x 1month	1,500.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 2,548.73**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 3,920.93**

Totals from previous months	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	June 17	July 17	Aug 17	Sep 17	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18
Amount	3,575.98	3,575.83	3,717.50	3,662.44	3,714.90	3,597.98	3,715.83	3,676.25	3,677.26	3,495.46	3,619.96	3,751.21	3,786.76	3,654.36	3,476.39	4,170.31	4,170.31	3,784.81

### (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

<i>Education</i>		<i>Transport (bus fare round trip)</i>	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 1-7 (User + PTA/year)	150.00	Kalukungu-Town	14.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	375.00	Macha Road-Town	14.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,400.00		
<i>Health</i>		<i>Fuel (cost at the pump)</i>	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Fast Track / High Cost fee	100.00	Petrol (per litre)	13.75
Mosquito net (private)	60.00	Diesel (per litre)	12.05
Malaria test	40.00	Paraffin (per litre)	8.85
Consultation Fee	100.00		
CD4 Count	77.00		

### D) A 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 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 by the Social and Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at spar, macha road, makalanguzu and kalukungu. April Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$392 based upon the exchange rate of K10 per US\$ prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.