

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

**Chinsali**

**August 2018**

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	90.00	2	x 25 Kg	180.00
Beans	10.00	3	Kg	30.00
Kapenta (Dry)	50.00	2	Kg	100.00
Fish (Bream, Dry)	47.50	1	Kg	47.50
Beef	40.00	4	Kg	160.00
Dark Green Vegetables	5.00	4	Kg	20.00
Tomatoes	10.00	4	Kg	40.00
Onion	12.00	2	Kg	24.00
Cooking oil (2.5L)	50.00	3	Litres	60.00
Bread	10.00	1	Loaf/day	300.00
Sugar	26.00	3	x 2 Kg	78.00
Milk	7.00	4	x 500ml	28.00
Tea	15.00	1	Kg	15.00
Eggs	13.75	2	Units	27.50
Salt	10.00	1	Kg	10.00

**Subtotal** **ZMW 1,120.00**

## (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)	15.00	4	x 400g	60.00
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	20.00	1	x 500ml	20.00
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 2,508.00**

**Total for Basic Needs Basket** **ZMW 3,628.00**

Total from previous month	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	May 18	June 18	July 18	Aug 18
Amount (K)	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	3,786.00	3,728.50	3,638	3,628

## (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

### *Education*

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	340.00
School Uniform (Grades 8-12)	375.00

### *Transport (bus fare round trip)*

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Turn off-Town	80.00
Seed Farm-Town	50.00

### *Health*

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Self-referral (Emergency Fee)	10.00
Mosquito net (private)	20.00
Malaria test	15.00

### *Fuel (cost at the pump)*

Item	Amount (ZMW)
Petrol (per litre)	13.75
Diesel (per litre)	12.01
Paraffin (per litre)	8.03

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

Lusaka	Kasama	Mansa	Mongu	Ndola	Solwezi	Monze	Chipata	Mpika	Luanshya	Kitwe	Kabwe	Livingstone	Choma	Chinsali
5,402	2,991	2,949	3,086	4,908	4,148	3,701	2,986	3,054	3,887	5,159	4,610	4,240	3,930	3,628

*This survey was conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 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 August Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$363 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.*