

August BNNB for all towns

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The cost of living for a family of five as measured by the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) Basic Needs and Nutrition Basket (BNNB) for August 2021 in the other fifteen towns is as below.

Chinsali

The August basket stood at K5, 957.59 moving from K5, 962.13, a K4.54.64 decline from the July basket. The change in the basket can be attributed to price drops in items such as 40kg of vegetables which reduced by K116.26 from K970.80 to K854.54 and 5kg of chicken reduced by K31.51 from K306.74 to K275.23. Major price increases were however, recorded in the price of 14kg other fruits which increased by K269.78.

Chipata

The August basket in Chipata stood at K6, 021.33 from K5, 721.86, this shows a K299.47 increase. The movements in the basket can be attributed to price changes in items including, 14kg of other fruits which moved to K559.86 from K111.86, a K448 increase, 2 90kg of charcoal increased by K36.8 from K669.60 to K706.4, 2 50kg of mealie meal which increased by K25.78 from K302.14 to K327.92. The basket also recorded some price reductions in items such as 40kg of vegetables which went down by K18.83 moving from K261.14 to K242.31 and 3.6 litres of cooking which reduced by K28.2 from K232.32 to K204.12.

Choma

The Choma basket for the month of August stood at K5, 965.65 moving from K5, 667.17, a K298.48 increase. The movement in the basket is due to increases in the price of items such as other fruits which went up by K146.86 from K511 to K 657.86 for 14kg and 5kg of chicken went up by K121.87 moving from K227.38 to K349.25.

Kabwe

The August basket in Kabwe stood at K7, 378.28 a K 433.07 increase from the July basket which stood at K6, 945.21. The change in the basket can be attributed to price changes in items such as 14kg of other fruits which increased by K279.86 from K426.40 to K706.26. Reduction in the basket were recorded in the price of vegetables which reduced by K53.76 from K573.52 to K519.76 and 4kg of onion which reduced by K16.35 from K138.25 to K121.90

Kasama

The August basket in Kasama stood at K4, 652.72 moving from K4, 502.47, this was a K150.25 increase. The rise in the basket was due to price movements in items such as 14kg of other fruits rose to K344.64 from K231.18 a K113.46, 3kg of beans which increased by K58 to K127.03 from K69.03, 4 kg of onion went up by K21.85 from K83.73 to K105.58, 40kg of vegetables increases by K21.63 from K364.78 to K386.41, the price of 6kg of tomatoes increased by K20.01 and 3 trays of eggs went up by K13.8 from K199.20 to K213.

Kitwe

The basket in Kitwe for the month of August stood at K7 704.15 moving from K7, 343.97. This showed a K360.18 increase. The price movement can mainly be attributed to price increments in items such as 40kg of vegetables which went up by K126.44 moving from K441.19 to K567.63, 16kg of banana increased by K104.67 from K331.48 to K436.15, 2kg of chicken increased by K46.5 from K272.49 to K318.99 and 14kg of other fruits increased by K45.28 from K367.21 to K412.49. From the non-food but essential items 2 90kg of charcoal went up by K76 moving from K744 to K820.

Livingstone

The basket in Livingstone for the month of August stood at K5, 864.83 a K253.99 increase from the July basket which stood at K5, 610. 84. The rise in the basket is mainly attributed to price movements in items such as 40kg of vegetables which went up by K101.97 from K350.75 to K452.72, 5kg of chicken went up by K95.51 from K187.48 to K287.48 from the non-food but essential items, 2 90kg of charcoal went up by K12 from K276 to K288.

Luanshya

The August basket in Luanshya went up by K142.44 moving to K6, 153.81 from K6, 011.37. The rise in the basket can be attributed to movements in the price of items including 10 litres of milk which went up by K56.63 from K220 to K276.63, 14kg of other fruits increased by K43.92 from K637.35 to K681.27 and 6kg of tomatoes increased by K14.06 from K57.18 to K71.24

Mansa

The August basket in Mansa stood at K5, 244.32 from K5, 139.10 a K105.22 increase. This rise in the basket can be attributed to increases in the price of rice which went up by K95.71 moving from K63.51 to K161.22, 2 25kg of mealie meal increased by K65.87 from K179.79 to K245.66, 5kg of chicken increased by K65.46 to K269.34 from K203.88.

Mazabuka

The Mazabuka August basket stood at K6, 222.39 a K848.94 decline from the July basket which stood at K7, 071.33. The drop in the basket can mainly be attributed to price reduction in the price of 40kg of vegetables which went down by K511.75 to K932.86 from K1, 444.61, 14kg of other fruits reduced by K157.68 from K289.51 to K131.83, 3kg of beans went down by K42.62 from K130.92 to K88.28, 4kg of rice dropped by K40.48 from K92.16 to K51.68 and 4kg of onion reduced to K35.25 from

K71.43 a K36.18 decline. From the non-food but essential items 2 90kg of charcoal reduced by K90 from K396 to K306.

Mongu

The Mongu basket in August reduced by K104.99 moving from K4, 885.48 to K4, 780.49. The drop in the basket is mainly due to price movements in the price of 2kg of Soya pieces which reduced by K180.62 moving from K266.84 to K86.22, a kg of kapenta reduced by K43.42 from K223.97 to K180.55 and 16kg of bananas went down by K42.72 from K182.17 to K139.45. The reduction was offset by price increases in items such as 40kg of vegetables which increased by K103.76 from K433.32 to K537.08 and 14kg of other fruits increased by K39.17 from K148.8 to K188.00.

Monze

The August basket in Monze stood at K5, 341.74 from K5, 465.83, this shows a K124.09 reduction from the July basket. This movement is mainly due to reduction in the price of vegetables which went down by K104.96.56 to K265.85 from K370.81, 14kg of other fruits from K518.07 to K442.71 a K75.63. The basket also recorded some increase in items such as 16kg of bananas which went up by K126.87 from K210.340 to K337.21 and 5kg of chicken which increased by K21.87 from K203.13 to K225.

Mpika

The August basket in Mpika stood at K5, 467.43 from K5, 417.16, this is a K50.27 increase from the July. This increase in the basket can be attributed to price movements in food items such as 14kg of other fruits which increased by K46.57 from K398.82 to K445.39 and 6kg of cassava which went up by K14.67 from K103.48 to K118.15. From the non-food but essential items 2 90kg of charcoal increased by K40.5 from K234 to K274.5

Ndola

The Ndola basket stood at K6, 661.47 in August from K6, 856.41 in July. This showed a K194.94 decline. This fall in the basket can be attributed to price movements in food items such as 40kg of vegetables went down by K37.97 from K436.76 to K398.79, 16kg of bananas reduced by K49.36 from K252.48 to K203.12 and 2 90kg of charcoal went down by K60 to K638 from K698.

Solwezi

The August basket in Solwezi stood at K7, 843.88 from K7, 672.73, showing a K171.15 increase. The movement in the basket can be attributed to price increases in items so such other fruits which went down by K96.24 from K385.19 to K481.43 for 14kg, 4kg of rice increased by K67.14 to K221.27 from K154.13 and 6kg of cassava flour went up by K56.57 from K271.17 to K327.74.

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