

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET

Chipata

August 2018

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

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Mealie Meal	88.40	2	x 25 Kg	176.80
Beans	22.92	3	Kg	68.75
Kapenta (Dry)	95.75	2	Kg	191.50
Fish (Bream, Dry)	91.50	1	Kg	91.50
Beef	30.83	4	Kg	123.33
Dark Green Vegetables	4.96	4	Kg	19.84
Tomatoes	11.22	4	Kg	44.86
Onion	10.75	2	Kg	21.50
Cooking oil (2.5L)	50.50	3	Litres	60.60
Bread	8.25	1	Loaf/day	247.40
Sugar	26.50	3	x 2 Kg	79.49
Milk	6.58	4	x 500ml	26.32
Tea	50.00	1	Kg	50.00
Eggs	14.60	2	Units	29.19
Salt	6.17	1	Kg	6.17

Subtotal **ZMW 1,237.23**

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Commodity	Price (ZMW)	Quantity	Units	Total (ZMW)
Charcoal	140.40	2	x 90 Kg bag(s)	280.80
Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion)	7.42	10	Tablet(s)	74.15
Wash soap (BOOM)	9.42	4	x 400g	37.66
Jelly (e.g. Vaseline)	19.50	1	x 500ml	19.50
Electricity (medium density)	292.00	1	x 1month	292.00
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	95.00	1	x 1month	95.00
Housing (3 bedroom)	950.00	1	x 1month	950.00

Subtotal **ZMW 1,749.11**

Total for Basic Needs Basket **ZMW 2,986.34**

Total from previous month	Apr 17	May 17	June 17	Jul 17	Aug 17	Sep 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)	2,646.25	2,582.45	2,611.43	2,499.73	2,537.39	2,463.78	2,475.41	2,448.90	2,526.25	2,349.39	2,263.93	2,647.51	2,828.46	2,834.89	2,896.98	2,883.27	2,986.34

(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)	450.00	Border-Town	40.00
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	750.00	Gonder-Town	20.00
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	1,333.00	Kapata-Town	30.00
School Uniform (Grades 1-7)	280.00		
School Uniform (Grades 8-9)	300.00		
<i>Health</i>		<i>Fuel (cost at the pump)</i>	
Item	Amount (ZMW)	Item	Amount (ZMW)
Malaria test	40.00	Petrol (per litre)	13.75
Consultation Fee	80.00	Diesel (per litre)	12.05
CD4 Count	80.00	Paraffin (per litre)	8.85

D) A 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 26th August, 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 Kapata market, Saturday market, Shoprite, Navutika market, Kaumbwe market and magazine marketing Chipata. The August Basic Needs Basket is approximately US\$299 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.