

JCTR BASIC NEEDS AND NUTRITION BASKET

Kasama

March 2022

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

| Commodity | Price (ZMW) / Unit | Quantity / Month | Total (ZMW) |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Mealie Meal (Roller) | 137.50 25 kg bag | 2 x 25Kg | 275.00 |
| Rice | 110.00 5kg | 4kg | 88.00 |
| Cassava Flour | 10.00 1kg | 6kg | 60.00 |
| (Irish) Potatoes | 15.00 1 Kg | 4 Kg | 60.00 |
| Beans | 26.79 1kg | 3kg | 80.36 |
| Pounded Groundnut | 26.79 1kg | 1kg | 26.79 |
| Soya Pieces | 38.75 1 kg | 2kg | 77.50 |
| Beef | 70.00 1kg | 2kg | 140.00 |
| Chicken | 115.00 2kg | 5kg | 287.50 |
| Kapenta | 166.67 1kg | 1kg | 166.67 |
| Eggs | 20.00 1 unit (10 eggs) | 3 Trays (90 eggs) | 180.00 |
| Milk (Fresh) | 15.01 500 ml | 10 liters | 300.20 |
| Vegetables | 391.23 40 Kg | 40kg | 391.23 |
| Onion | 26.67 1 Kg | 4 Kg | 106.67 |
| Tomatoes | 20.83 1 kg | 6 kg | 125.00 |
| Banana | 14.02 1 Kg | 16 Kg | 224.00 |
| Other Fruits | 26.00 1 kg | 14 Kg | 363.93 |
| Cooking oil (2.5lts) | 115.00 2.5lt | 3.6lt | 165.60 |
| Salt | 10.00 1 Kg | 1 Kg | 10.00 |
| Tea | 20.00 250g | 250g | 20.00 |
| Sub Total | | | ZMW 3,148.64 |

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

| Commodity | Price (ZMW) / Unit | Quantity / Month | Total (ZMW) |
|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Charcoal | 146.90 90kg bag(s) | 2 90kg bag(s) | 293.80 |
| Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion) | 13.75 Tablet(s) | 3 Tablet(s) | 26.25 |
| Wash soap (BOOM) | 16.00 400g | 4 400g | 40.00 |
| Jelly (Vaseline) | 35.00 500ml | 1 500ml | 35.00 |
| Electricity (medium density) | 168.84 Month(s) | 1 Month(s) | 168.84 |
| Water & Sanitation (med - fixed) | 133.60 Month(s) | 1 Month(s) | 133.60 |
| Housing (3 bedroom) | 886.00 Month(s) | 1 Month(s) | 886.00 |
| Sanitary towels | 36.00 Pack of 10 | 2 Pack of 10 | 56.00 |
| Toilet Paper (2ply) | 6.50 Tissue(s) | 6 Tissue(s) | 39.00 |
| Lotion (Dawn) | 33.50 400ml | 1 400ml | 33.50 |
| Subtotal | | | ZMW 523.55 |
| Total for Basic Needs and Nutrition Basket | | | ZMW 4,952.87 |

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

| Education | | Transport (bus fare round | |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Item | Amount (ZMW) | Item | Amount (ZMW) |
| | | Tazara-Town | 18.00 |
| | | Location-Town | 20.00 |
| School Uniform (Grades 8-12) | 410.00 | | |

| Health | | Fuel (cost at the pump March, 2022) | |
|--------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Item | Amount (ZMW) | Item | Amount (ZMW) |

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| | Petrol (per litre) | 21.96 |
| | Diesel (per litre) | 21.54 |
| Paraffin (per litre) | 15.39 | |

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

| Lusaka | Kasama | Mansa | Mongu | Ndola | Solwezi | Monze | Chipata | Mpika | Luanshya | Kitwe | Kabwe | Livingstone | Choma | Chinsali | Mazabuka |
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| 9,411.54 | 4,952.87 | 5,535.44 | 5,161.08 | 7,392.31 | 7,728.20 | 5,673.25 | 6,193.28 | 5,805.29 | 6,318.00 | 7,101.57 | 6,828.55 | 6,462.12 | 5,909.14 | 5,361.44 | 6,725.60 |

This survey was conducted on 25 January, 2020 by the Social and Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average Prices were Calculated on the basis of prices gathered from retail outlets at Tazara Market, Chimumanino market, Newtown market and Shoprite Super market and Schools, Clinics/hospitals, and filling stations around Kasama. The January Basic Needs and Nutrition Basket is approximately US\$ 281.41 based on the exchange rate of K17.60. Other costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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