# **October BNNB for all other BNNB Towns 5th October, 2021**

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 October 2021 in the other fifteen towns is as below.

**Chinsali**

The October basket stood at K5, 496.14 moving from K5, 342.53, a K153.61 increase from the September basket. The change in the basket can be attributed to price increase in items such as 14kg of other fruits which moved from K605.58 to K693.77 showing a rise of K88, 40kg vegetables went up by K44.06 from K974.85 to K1018.91 and 10 litres of milk increased by K30 to K270 from K240.

**Chipata**

The October basket in Chipata stood at K5, 733.44 from K5, 581.27 this shows a K152.17 increase. The movements in the basket can be attributed to price changes in items including, 2 90kg of charcoal which went up by K108 from K789.60 to K897.60, 16kg of banana increased from K174.96 to K218.25 a K43.29 increase, 40kg of vegetables rose by K26.64 from K297.72 to K324.36 and 1kg of kapenta went up by K15 from K351 to K366.

**Choma**

The Choma basket for the month of October stood at K5, 535.56 moving from K5, 580.53, a K44.97 decrease. The movement in the basket is due to declines in 14kg other fruits which went down by K44.03 from K454.93 to K410.90, 3.6 litres of cooking oil reduced by K15.04 from K172.09 to K157.05. A notable price increase was recorded in 4kg of rice which went up by K25.85 from K83.99 to K114.84.

**Kabwe**

The October basket in Kabwe stood at K6, 802.68 a K 5.04 decrease from the September basket which stood at K6, 853.11. The change in the basket can be attributed to price changes in items such as 40kg of vegetables which went down by K175.06 from K444.42 to K269.36, 2 25kg of roller meal reduced by K28 from K215.60 to K187.60, and 2 90kgs of charcoal went down by K27 from K432 to K405. Price increase were recorded in items such as 4kg of rice which increased by K17.04 from K96 to K113 and 14kg of other fruits which increased by K161.28 from K332.34 to K493.62.

**Kasama**

The October basket in Kasama stood at K4, 304.31 moving from K4, 256.12, this was a K48.19 increase. The rise in the basket was due to price movements in items such as 14kg of other fruits which increased by K34.73 from K245 to K279.73, 40kg of vegetables went up by K23.26 from K296.94 to K300 and 1kg of kapenta increased by K12 from K196.42 to K208.42.

**Kitwe**

The basket in Kitwe for the month of October stood at K6, 721.78 from K6, 896.90. This showed a K175.12 decrease. The price movement can mainly be attributed to price reduction in items such as 14kg of other fruits which went down by K79.17 from K339.40 to K260.23, 2 90kg of charcoal reduced by K43.4 from K588 to K544.67, 16kg of banana reduced by K27.7 from K269.32 to K242.62 and 3kg of beans went down by K10.74 from K84.14 to K73.40.

**Livingstone**

The basket in Livingstone for the month of October stood at K5, 741.79 a K330.38 decrease from the September basket which stood at K6, 072.17. The drop in the basket is mainly attributed to price movements in items such as 4kg of rice which went down by K181.47 from K292.63 to K111.16, 1kg of kapenta reduced by K108.43 from K309.62 to K201.19 and 40kg of vegetables dropped by K84.06 from K413.80 to K329.74.

**Luanshya**

The October basket in Luanshya increased by K119.73 moving from K5, 893.55 to K6, 013.29. The increase in the basket can be attributed to movements in the price of items including 2 90kg bag of charcoal which went up by K81 from K396 to K477, 2 25kg bags of roller meal increased by K42.4 from K178.80 to K221.20. Reductions were recorded in items such as 14kg other fruits which went down by K149.91 from K565.69 to K414.78 and 16kg of banana which went down by K19.83 from K307.13 to K289.30.

**Mansa**

The October basket in Mansa stood at K4, 951.37 from K5, 184.87 a K233.55 decrease. This fall in the basket can be attributed to reductions in the price of items such as 5kg of chicken which reduced by K101.28 from K279.76 to K178.57, 2 90kg of charcoal reduced by K64.8 from K424.80 to K360 4kg of rice reduced by K31.54 from K196.41 to K164.87 and 3.6litres of cooking oil reduced by K27.76 from K174.40 to K146.64. Notable price increases were recorded in items such as 14kg other fruit which went up by K152.84 from K267.02 to K419.86

**Mazabuka**

The Mazabuka October basket stood at K6, 244.81 from K6, 160.18 a rise amounting to K84.64. The movement in the basket can mainly be attributed to price movements of 40kg of vegetables which went up by K145.2 from K502.52 to K647.72. Price reduction were recorded in items such as 14kg of other fruits which went down by K233.34 to K97.37 from K330.71, this was mainly due to the availability of mangoes on the market.

**Mongu**

The Mongu basket in October reduced by K265.46 to K4, 729.38 from K4, 995.02. This price movement is attributed to movements in items such as 16kg bananas which went down by K202.93 moving from K372.55 to K170.16, 2 by 90kg of charcoal reduced by K45 from K340 to K297 and 3 trays of eggs reduced by K33.71 from K212.50 to K178.79.

**Monze**

The October basket in Monze stood at K5, 177.39 from K5, 024.4 which indicated a K152.99 increase. The movement in the basket was mainly due to price increases in 16kg of bananas which rose by K51.46 from K155.25 to 206.7, 1kg kapenta moved from K152.34 to K194.41, a K42.07 increase. Additionally, a 40Kg of vegetables increased by K39.08 from K246.36 to K285.44. Other price increases ranged between K12 and K20.

**Mpika**

The October basket in Mpika stood at K5, 532.5 from K5, 659.38. This showed a K126.87 drop. This downward movement was mainly attributed to price reduction movement of items such as 14kg other fruits which went down by K50.24 from K436.72 to K386.48. A 1kg of kapenta dropped by K15.62 from K90.48 to K75.07 and 2 by 20 kg reduced by K15.3 from K274.50 to K259.20.

**Ndola**

The Ndola October basket stood at K6, 514.69 from K6, 655.88 in September. This showed a K140.19 decline. This fall in the basket can be attributed to price movements in food items such as 40kg of vegetables which reduced by K80.6 from K480.22 to K399.62, 2 by 90kg of charcoal reduced by K30 from K572 to K542 and 16kg of banana went down by K27.6 from K231.83 toK204.23

**Solwezi**

The October basket in Solwezi stood at K5, 910.24 from K6, 580.27, showing a K670.03 decrease. The movement in the basket can be attributed to price reduction in items so such 14kg of other fruits which went down by K221 from K335.97 to K114.41, 2 by 90kg of charcoal reduced by K90 from K432 to K342 and 3.6 litres of cooking oil reduced by K30.72 from K184.80 to K154.08

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