# **December 2021 BNNB Summaries-All 15 towns 18th January, 2022**

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 December 2021 in the other fifteen towns is as below.

**Chinsali**

The December 2021 basket in Chinsali district stood at K4, 792.47 from K4, 295.41, reflecting an increase of K497.06 from the November 2021 basket. The increase in the basket is attributed to upward price movements in items such as 16kg of bananas and 14kg of other fruits which moved from K124.09 (7.76/kg) to K205.60 (K12.85/kg) and K230 to K284.06 (20.29/kg) respectively, 10 litres of fresh milk also moved from K195.00 to K250.00, an increase of K55.00, 2kg beef moved from K117.50 to K160.00 an increase of K42.5. 2kg of chicken moved from K175.37 to K362.50, a K187.13 increase. 4kg onion and 6kg tomatoes also moved from K78.27 to K135.27 (K57 increase) and K119.09 to K139.55 (K20.46 increase) respectively. In the non-food but essential item, increases were seen in the price of 2 90kg bags of charcoal which moved from K216.00 to K250.00 representing a K34 increase.

**Chipata**

The December 2021 basket in Chipata stood at K5, 633.84 from K6, 006.11, a K372.27 decrease from the November 2021 basket. The movement in the basket is attributed to price reduction in selected items including; 2kg Soya Pieces which dropped from K44.42 to K35.26, a K9.16 decrease, 1kg Kapenta which significantly reduced from K386.67 to K127.40, a decrease of K259.27. Price increases were however seen in selected items. 5kg of Chicken increased from K289.99 to K384.99, a K95 increase. 40kg vegetables moved from K446.20 to K490.44, a K44.24 increase as well as 10 litres of fresh milk which moved from K313.30 to K324.00, an increase of K10.7.

**Choma**

The December 2021 basket in Choma stood at K5, 605.12 from K5,716.47, a K111.35 decrease from November, 2021 basket. The decrease in the basket is attributed largely to the significant price decrease in 14kg of other fruits which dropped to K140.00 from K611.80 (a decrease of K471.8) on account of availability of mangoes. Additionally, 2 90kg bags of charcoal moved from K444.00 to K320.00, a K120 decrease. The basket however noted increases in items such as 4kg rice which moved from K111.80 to K147.80, a K36 increase. Additionally, 5kg chicken also increased from K262.53 to K287.53, a K25.00 increase.

**Kabwe**

The December 2021 basket in Kabwe stood at K6, 432.76 from K6, 759.03, a K326.27 decrease from November 2021 basket. The movement in the basket can be attributed to prices changes in both food and non-food essential items. 2 25kg bags of mealie meal reduced to K195.690 from K205.60. 2 90Kg bags of Charcoal moved from K423.00 to K280.00, a K143.00 decrease. Other fruits also dropped from K406.76 to K150.48. However, price increases were observed in some items; 5kg of chicken increased from K259.95 in November 2021 to K398.32. 40kg bag of vegetables moved from K363.24 to K539.93, a K176.69 increase.

**Kasama**

The December 2021 basket in Kasama stood at K4, 375.06 from K3, 984.31, a 391.06 increase from the November, 2021 basket. The movement in the basket can be attributed to price increases largely in the food items section that moved from K2748.86 from K2, 479.11. Specifically, 1kg kapenta moved from K101.01 to K132.24, a K31.23 increase, 40kg vegetables also moved from K319.93 to K438.72, a 118.79 increase. 4kg of rice increased to K110.68 from K93.15, a K17.53 increase. Price reductions were however recorded in 1Kg pounded groundnuts which moved from K29.37 to K22.92, a K6.45 reduction. 3.6ltrs of cooking oil moved from K162.72 to K154.94, 5kg of chicken also increased from K245 to K255, a K10 increase.

**Kitwe**

The December basket in Kitwe stood at K6, 574.25 from K6, 617.94, a K43.69 decrease. The slight decrease in the cost of living was due to price reductions in items such as 2 90kg bags of charcoal which moved from K567.00 to K364.00, a K203 reduction. Price increases were however recorded especially in the food items section of the basket. The total cost of the food section moved from K2, 804.92 to K2, 972.23 in December 2021. Specifically, 40 kg of vegetables moved from K348.44 to K386.76, a K38.32 increase, 2 25kg bags of mealie moved from K191.00 to K213.20, a K22.2 increase. 5kg of Chicken and 2kg of beef increased from K284.99 to K349.99 and K128.80 to K147.60 respectively.

**Livingstone**

The December basket in Livingstone, stood at K5, 759.26 from K5, 222.17 recorded in November, a K537.09 increase. Total food cost rose from K2622 to K2987.62, a K365.62 increase. Price increases were recorded in selected items. 10 litres fresh milk moved from K269.95 to K304.95, a K35.00 increase. 5kg of chicken moved from K264.78 to K369.89, a K105.11 increase, 2 90kg bags of charcoal increased from K228 to K335, an increase of K107. 40Kg bag of vegetables also moved from K339.09 to K352.91 a K13.82 increase. 14kg of other fruits increased from K77.27 to K173.03, a K95.7 increase. Additionally, following non-availability in November, bananas were available[[1]](#footnote-1) in the month of December at a cost of K284.43. Price reductions were however also recorded in a few items. 4kg rice moved from K189.23 to K127.11, a K62.12 decrease while Kapenta moved from K252.97 to K136.87

**Luanshya**

The basket in Luanshya in December 2021 stood at K5, 451.88 from K5, 863.41, a K411.53 decrease in comparison with the November 2021 basket. This was because of price decreases in items such as; other fruits which moved from K403.40 to K102.87 (a K300.53 increase). 5kg of chicken also moved from K426.35 to K360.00, a K66.35 decrease. 2kg of Beef also reduced to K147.50 from K156.80, a K9.3 decrease. A kg of Kapenta recorded a K22.43 reduction from the November price of K156.80 to K155.79. Prices increases were also recorded in commodities such as 40kg vegetables which moved from K392.70 to K577, a K184.91 increase. 4kg rice moved from K102.77 to K121.01, a K18.24 increase. 16kg of bananas increased from K273.04 to K298.66, a decrease of K25.62

**Mansa**

In Mansa, the cost of living in December stood at K5, 074.81 from K4, 877.51, an increase of K197.3. This is on account of price increases in a number of selected items. 1kg of Kapenta moved from K175.44 to K192.05, an increase of K16.61, 40 kg bag of vegetables moved from K228.07 to K355.25, a K127.28 increase. However, the basket also registered price reductions in items such as 5kg of chicken which decreased to K235.99 from K271.62, a K35.63 decrease. 4kg of rice also moved from K184.55 to K140.20, a K44.35 decrease, 2 90kg bags of charcoal moved from K268.00 to K360.00 representing a K92.00 reduction in the non-food but essential items section of the basket.

**Mazabuka**

The basket in Mazabuka in December, 2021 stood at K6, 429.95 from K6, 440.03 of November 2021, a K10.08 decrease .This was due to price reductions in some items such as 6kg of cassava flour moved from K303.91 to K240, a K63.91 decrease, 1kg of pounded groundnuts reduced to K47.76 from K77.84, a K30.08 decrease. A price reduction was also seen in 2 90kg bags of charcoal which moved from K456.00 to K333.33, a K122.67 decrease. 40kg of vegetables also reduced to K450.29 from K672.18, a K221.89 decrease. Price increases were however also recorded in the following items; 1kg kapenta moved from K216.00 to K331.44, a K115.44 increase. Chicken also increased to K287.98 from K246.98, a K41 increase. 2 25kg bags of Mealie meal also increased to K205.99 from K193.20, a K12.79 increase

**Mongu**

The basket in Mongu in December 2021 stood at K4, 339.9 from K4, 392.62, a K52.72 decrease in comparison to the November basket. This was due to price reductions in items such as, 40kg bag of vegetables moved from K402.28 to K360.77 a K41.51 decrease, 4kg bag of rice moved from K77.24 to K53.36, a K23.88 decrease. 3.6ltrs of cooking oil reduced to K170.95 from K154.80, a K16.15 reduction. Price increments were also noted; 2 25kg bags of mealie moved from K247.00 to K279.60 a K29.60 increment, 4kg Chicken moved from K220.41 to K285.00, a K64.59 increase. Increases were also noted in 40kg of other fruits and in 16kg of bananas which moved from K58.80 to K105.66 (an increase of K46.86) as well as K184.31 to K233.78 (an increase of K49.47).

**Monze**

The basket in Monze in December, 2021 stood at K5, 026.31 from K4, 944.36, an K81.95 increase in comparison to the November 2021 basket. Price increments were noted in selected commodities such as; 10 litres of fresh milk which moved from K290 to K340, a K50.00 increase, 40kg bag of vegetables moved from K237.60to K358.06, a K120.26 increase. 16kg of bananas recorded upward price adjustments moving from K206.71 to K332.29, a K125.58 increase. Additionally, the basket also recorded price decrements in selected commodities such as 1kg Kapenta which moved from K151.84 to K131.17 a K20.67 decrease and 14kg of other fruits which moved from K487.19 to K119.53, a K367.66 decrease2 90kg bags of charcoal increased to K305 from K240, A K65 increase.

**Mpika**

The basket in Mpika district in December, 2021 stood at K5, 074.16 from K5, 299.96 a K225.8 decrease from November2021. Price reductions were seen in; 40kg vegetables which moved from K605.37 to K537.87 a K67.50 decrease, 10 litres of fresh milk moved from K316.00 to K306.67, a K10.00 decrease. 16kg of bananas reduced to K185.28 from K243.37, a decrease of K58.09, 3.6ltrs of cooking oil reduced to K141.30 from K166.32, a decrease of K25.02. Some price increments were however also noted in selected commodities such as; 2 25kg bags of mealie meal (Roller mean) which moved from K203.33 to K252.00, a K48.67 increase. 5kg chicken also moved from K234.00 to K252.00, an K18.00 increase.

**Ndola**

The basket in Ndola for December 2021, stood at K7, 032.24 from K6, 788.87, a K243.37 increase. 2kg pounded groundnuts which moved from K22.87 to K51.66, a K28.79 increase, 40kg of vegetables moved from K557.10 to K593.91, a K36.81 increment. 2 25kg bags of roller mealie meal moved to K209.30 from K195.38 in December 2022, a K13.92 increase. 5kg of chicken registered a K37.08 increase. Price increases were also recorded in 2 90kg bags of charcoal which moved from K570 to K592.75, a K22.75 increase.

**Solwezi**

The basket in Solwezi for December, 2021 stood at K6, 580.67 to K6, 249.81 showing a K330.86 increase. Price increments were seen in 40kg of vegetables which moved from K494.71to K571.49, a K76.78 increment. 5kg chicken moved from K267.50 to K325.05, a K57.55 increase. Price reductions were seen in 4kg rice which moved from K176.79 to K15.88, a K16.91 decrease. Additionally, 2 90kg bags of charcoal also moved from K399.60 to K331.60, a K68.00 decrease.

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1. Livingstone markets largely stock local fruits. In some months, fruits such as bananas, oranges and apples are not available in any of the markets. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)