**Draft script for JCTR Corner for Tuesday 11th August 2020 on the July BNNB**

**Station: Loyola TV**

**Topic Insights of the JCTR August 2020 BNNB**

**Duration: 30 minutes**

**Guest: Muchimba Siamachoka – Acting Programme Manager – SED at JCTR**

**Presenter: Annette Mulenga**

**Script: Enock Ngoma**

**Hello viewers, once again it’s time for your weekly show, the JCTR Corner. This is a programme brought to you by the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection in conjunction with Loyola TV.**

**Every month JCTR releases the Basic Needs and Nutrition Basket and Last Tuesday, JCTR released the August 2020 BNNB. So today we discuss the BNNB for the month of August and our studio guest this week is Ms Muchimba Siamachoka who is acting Programme Manager for the Social and Economic Development programme at JCTR. Muchimba welcome to the programme and hope you are fine under the new normal of living with the Covid-19 ……………………..**

1. **So for the month of August what is the difference in terms of comparison with the July BNNB?**
2. **What are the issues that you can bring out in as far the cost of living in Zambia is concerned?**
3. **The BNNB is conducted in 16 districts around the country. Do all those issues you have just outlined represent the cost of living across Zambia?**

**………………………………….This is your favourite weekly programme the JCTR Corner and today we are looking at the August Basic Needs and Nutrition Basket or BNNB …………………………………….**

1. **Now, the Coronavirus has emerged, bringing about distortions in the economy thereby further negatively impacting the poor households, the vulnerable, in our society. How does the BNNB help this category of our society?**

**For now we go a short break but stay tuned because we will be back in a moment……………………………………………………..**

**Thanks to you our viewers for staying with us and welcome back to the programme…………………………………..**

1. **Muchimba welcome back. As JCTR you undertake a lot of surveys and data collection. What would you say is the impact of the Covid-19 on living standards of the majority of the people? How can the BNNB be used to assist these people?**

**………………………………….You are still tuned to the JCTR Corner, a programme brought to you by the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection in conjunction with Loyola TV. Ms Muchimba Siamachoka from JCTR is in the studio with us discussing the August 2020 BNNB which many people have come to know as the food basket.**

1. **Muchimba, bearing in mind the high cost of living, what interventions can be employed to ensure that the poor households are protected from more poverty and probably starvation?**
2. **The budget process is currently on to prepare for the 2021 national budget. Is there anything you would like to see in the budget that could possibly help the vulnerable households that I am sure by now could have doubled compared to last year?**
3. **What recommendations can you give to the government in terms of going forward, taking into consideration the impact of Covid-19? And any last word!**

**Thanks Muchimba for making an appearance on the JCTR Corner and thanks to our viewers out there for staying with us. On behalf of the entire Loyola TV crew, this has been Annette Mulenga with the JCTR Corner. Until next time, bye for now………………….**