**JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET*: LUSAKA**

***NOVEMBER 2015***

**(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE IN LUSAKA**

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal(breakfast) 80.00 2 x 25Kgs 160.00

Beans 19.70 3 Kgs 59.10

Kapenta (dry) 119.22 2 Kgs 238.44

Bream (dry) 102.33 1Kgs 102.33

Beef, mixed cut 37.02 4 Kgs 148.08

Dark green vegetable 6.74 4 Kgs 26.96

Tomatoes 6.56 4 Kgs 26.24

Onion, large 7.46 2 Kgs 14.92

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 55.00 3 litres 66.00

Bread wheat, refined floor, baked 8.92 1 loaf/day 267.60

Sugar 22.78 6 Kgs 68.34

Milk (fresh) 6.86 4x500ml 27.44

Tea, powder (250g) 22.21 1 Kgs 88.84

Eggs 11.32 2 Units 22.64

Salt 7.07 1Kgs 7.07

***Sub Total***  **1,324.00**

**(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS**

Charcoal 138.50 2x 90Kg bags 277.00

Soap (Lifebouy/Champion) 6.14 10 Tablets 61.40

Wash soap (Boom) 9.11 4x400g 36.44

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 21.86 1x500ml 21.86

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 372.00 372.00

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 325.00 325.00

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 1,750.00 1,750.00

***Sub Total***  **2,843.70**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***  **4,167.70**

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| **Totals from previous months** | **Oct 14** | **Nov 14** | **Dec 14** | **Jan 15** | **Feb 15** | **Mar 15** | **Apr 15** | **May 15** | **Jun 15** | **Jul 15** | **Aug 15** | **Sept 15** | **Oct 15** |
| **Amount (K)** | **3,635.83** | **3,694.44** | **3,905.22** | **3,793.59** | **3,767.68** | **3,797.55** | **3,759.04** | **3,677.28** | **3,704.69** | **3,715.47** | **3,831.24** | **3,957.46** | **4,249.56** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

**Item**  **K Item K**

**Education**  **Transport (bus fare round trip)**

Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year) K400.00 – K600.00 Chilenje-Town K12.00

Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year) K650.00 – K1, 300.00 Chelstone–Town K12.00

School Uniform (grades 8-12) K90.00 – K200.00 Matero-Town K12.00

**Health (clinic)** **Fuel (cost at the pump)**

Registration (book) K3.00 - K5.00 Petrol (per litre) K9.87

Self-referral (Emergency Fee) K 5.500 Diesel (per litre) K8.59

Mosquito Net (private) K30.00 – K120.00 Paraffin (per litre) K6.12

**(D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (in Kwacha) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN NOVEMBER**

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Mansa** | **Mongu** | **Ndola** | **Solwezi** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Mpika** | **Luanshya** | **Kitwe** | **Kabwe** | **Livingstone** | **Choma** | **Chinsali** |
| **4,249.56** | **2,547.11** | **2,506.79** | **2,727.14** | **4,101.58** | **3,692.15** | **2,948.80** | **2,419.29** | **2,617.64** | **3,200.53** | **3,788.82** | **3,445.64** | **3,273.27** | **3,157.32** | **2,906.13** |

*This survey was conducted on* ***26th November, 2015*** *by the Social & Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of prices gathered from retail outlets at Northmead, Shoprite (Cairo Road), City Market, Chawama, Chainda, Kabwata, Matero and schools, clinics/hospitals and filling stations around Lusaka. The November Basic Needs Basket is approximately* ***US351*** *based upon the exchange rate of* ***K12.0751*** *prevailing on* ***the day of data collection****. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation etc*

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