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| **JCTR *BASIC NEEDS BASKET*: LUSAKA** | | | | | |
| ***MAY 2015*** | | | | | |
| **(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE IN LUSAKA** | | | |  |  |
|  | **Commodity** | **Kwacha** | **Quantity** | **Total** | **Kwacha** |
|  | Mealie meal(breakfast) | 64.71 | 2 x 25Kgs | 129.42 |  |
|  | Beans | 16.14 | 3 Kgs | 48.42 |  |
|  | Kapenta (dry) | 88.98 | 2 Kgs | 177.96 |  |
|  | Bream (dry) | 85.71 | 1Kg | 85.71 |  |
|  | Beef, mixed cut | 30.43 | 4 Kgs | 121.72 |  |
|  | Dark green vegetable | 5.85 | 4 Kgs | 23.40 |  |
|  | Tomatoes | 6.78 | 4 Kgs | 27.12 |  |
|  | Onion, large | 8.86 | 2 Kgs | 17.72 |  |
|  | Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) | 35.14 | 3 litres | 42.17 |  |
|  | Bread wheat, refined floor, baked | 5.86 | 1 loaf/day | 175.80 |  |
|  | Sugar | 17.90 | 6 Kgs | 53.70 |  |
|  | Milk (fresh) | 5.67 | 4x500ml | 22.68 |  |
|  | Tea, powder | 35.77 | 1 Kg | 35.77 |  |
|  | Eggs | 8.71 | 2 Units | 17.42 |  |
|  | Salt | 4.55 | 1Kg | 4.55 |  |
|  | ***Sub Total*** |  |  |  | **983.56** |
| **(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS** | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Charcoal | 78.00 | 2x 90Kg bags | 156.00 |  |
|  | Soap (Lifebouy/Champion) | 4.08 | 10 Tablets | 40.80 |  |
|  | Wash soap (Boom) | 6.08 | 4x400g | 24.32 |  |
|  | Jelly (e.g Vaseline) | 25.60 | 1x500ml | 25.60 |  |
|  | 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*** |  |  |  | **2,693.72** |
|  | ***Total for Basic Needs Basket*** |  |  |  | **3,677.28** |

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| **Totals from previous months** | **Apr 14** | **May 14** | **Jun 14** | **Jul 14** | **Aug 14** | **Sept 14** | **Oct 14** | **Nov 14** | **Dec 14** | **Jan 15** | **Feb 15** | **Mar 15** | **Apr 15** |
| **Amount (K)** | **3,650.01** | **3,636.46** | **3,681.14** | **3,692.34** | **3,742.60** | **3,703.02** | **3,635.83** | **3,694.44** | **3,905.22** | **3,793.59** | **3,767.68** | **3,797.55** | **3,759.04** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

**Item**  **Kwacha Item Kwacha**

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

Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year) K400.00 – K600.00 Chilenje-Town K10.00

Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year) K650.00 – K1, 300.00 Chelstone -Town K10.00

School Uniform (grades 8-12) K90.00 – K200.00 Matero-Town K10.00

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

Registration (book) K3.00 - K5.00 Petrol (per litre) K8.74

Self-referral (Emergency Fee) K 5.500 Diesel (per litre) K7.59

Mosquito Net (private) K30.00 – K120.00 Paraffin (per litre) K4.69

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

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Mansa** | **Mongu** | **Ndola** | **Solwezi** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Mpika** | **Luanshya** | **Kitwe** | **Kabwe** | **Livingstone** | **Choma** | **Chinsali** |
| **3,795.04** | **2,463.43** | **2,472.41** | **1,923.29** | **3,602.81** | **3,231.76** | **2,259.05** | **2,266.86** | **2,093.05** | **2,631.24** | **2,491.24** | **2,851.53** | **2,989.28** | **2,757.66** | **2,015.58** |

*This survey was conducted on* ***28t hMay, 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 May Basic Needs Basket is approximately* ***US507*** *based upon the exchange rate of US****$7.2595*** *prevailing on* ***the day of data collection****. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation etc*

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