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

***OCTOBER 2015***

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 83.71 2 x 25Kgs 167.42

Beans 28.63 3 Kgs 85.89

Kapenta (dry) 160.57 2 Kgs 321.14

Bream (dry) 106.35 1Kgs 106.35

Beef, mixed cut 34.42 4 Kgs 137.68

Dark green vegetable 5.39 4 Kgs 21.56

Tomatoes 5.77 4 Kgs 23.08

Onion, large 6.29 2 Kgs 12.58

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 53.21 3 litres 63.85

Bread wheat, refined floor, baked 8.04 1 loaf/day 241.20

Sugar 22.00 6 Kgs 66.00

Milk (fresh) 6.18 4x500ml 24.72

Tea, powder (250g) 21.18 1 Kgs 84.72

Eggs 11.51 2 Units 23.02

Salt 5.54 1Kgs 5.54

***Sub Total***  **1,384.75**

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

Charcoal 150.00 2x 90Kg bags 300.00

Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion) 6.00 10 Tablets 60.00

Wash soap (Boom) 9.40 4x400g 37.60

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 20.21 1x500ml 20.21

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***  **2,864.81**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***  **4,249.56**

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| **Totals from previous months** | **Sept 14** | **Oct 14** | **Nov 14** | **Dec 14** | **Jan 15** | **Feb 15** | **Mar 15** | **Apr 15** | **May 15** | **Jun 15** | **Jul 15** | **Aug 15** | **Sept 15** |
| **Amount (K)** | **3,703.02** | **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** |

**(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 OCTOBER**

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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 October, 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 September 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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