JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* KABWE

## January 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 71.33 2 x 25Kgs 142.66

Beans 15.60 3 Kgs 46.80

Kapenta (dry) 126.40 2 Kgs 252.80

Bream, smoked 58.75 1Kgs 58.75

Beef, mixed cut 30.50 4Kgs 122.00

Dark green vegetable 4.00 4 Kgs 16.00

Tomatoes 4.83 4 Kgs 19.32

Onion, large 9.00 2 Kgs 18.00

Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs) 34.40 3 Ltrs 41.28

Bread wheat, refined floor, baked 4.83 1 loaf/day 144.90

Sugar 15.42 6 Kgs 46.26

Milk long life (500ml) 5.22 2 Litres 20.88

Tea, powder 32.99 1 Kgs 32.99

Eggs 9.89 2units 19.78

Salt 4.65 1Kgs 4.65

***Sub total***  **987.07**

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

Charcoal (90Kg bags) 91.80 180Kgs 183.60

Soap (Lifebuoy) 3.17 10 Tablets 31.70

Wash soap (Boom) 5.50 4x400g 22.00

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 11.23 1x500ml 11.23

Electricity (med. density - fixed) 223.14 223.14

Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed) 60.00 60.00

Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom) 1,000.00 1,000.00

***Sub total***  **1,531.67**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***  **2,518.74**

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| **Totals from previous months** | Dec 12 | Jan 13 | Feb 13 | Mar 13 | Apr 13 | May 13 | Jun 13 | Jul 13 | Aug 13 | Sep 13 | Oct 13 | Nov 13 | Dec 13 |
| Amount (K) | **2,337.08** | **2,340.64** | **2,330.14** | **2,345.76** | **2,330.80** | **2,347.74** | **2,382.86** | **2,384.67** | **2,360.93** | **2,385.89** | **2,481.05** | **2,500.05** | **2,528.99** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K30.00-150.00 Consultation Fee Free

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K250.00- K1, 200.00 Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5) Free

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K450.00- K1, 000.00 Malaria drugs K40.00

School Uniform K291.90 – K299.90 Fuel (cost at the pump)

Transport (bus fare round trip): Petrol (per litre) K9.91

Lukanga-Town K6.00 Diesel (per litre) K9.20

Ngungu-Town K7.00 Kerosene (per litre) K6.83

Mine township–Town K7.00

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

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Mansa** | **Mongu** | **Ndola** | **Solwezi** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Mpika** | **Luanshya** | **Kitwe** | **Kabwe** | **Livingstone** |
| **3,605.01** | **2,276.68** | **2,247.85** | **1,985.94** | **2,889.81** | **3,053.03** | **2,211.73** | **2,197.32** | **1,613.56** | **2,158.93** | **2,405.04** | **2,518.74** | **2,708.99** |

This survey was conducted from **28th January, 2014** by the Social and Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at Kamanda Market, Katondo Market, Nakoli Market, Lukanga Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Lukanga Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kabwe. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$454** based upon the exchange rate of **K5.5444** per US**$** prevailing on the day of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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