JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* LUANSHYA

## January 2014

1. **COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE IN LUANSHYA**

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 74.33 2 x 25Kgs 148.66

Beans 10.40 3 Kgs 31.20

Kapenta (dry) 84.00 2 Kgs 168.00

Bream, smoked 1Kgs

Beef, mixed cut 28.50 4 Kgs 114.00

Dark green vegetable 4.20 4 Kgs 16.80

Tomatoes 6.00 4 Kgs 24.00

Onion, large 9.50 2 Kgs 19.00

Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs) 32.46 3 Ltrs 38.95

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

Sugar 15.75 6 Kgs 47.25

Milk, long life 500ml 500ml

Tea, powder 5.16 1 Kgs 20.64

Eggs 2 units

Salt 1Kgs

***Sub total*  773.40**

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

Charcoal (90Kg bags) 100.00 180Kgs 200.00

Soap (Lifebuoy) 3.00 10 Tablets 30.00

Wash soap (Boom) 5.03 4x400g 20.12

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 12.81 1x500ml 12.81

Electricity (med. density - fixed) 226.00 226.00

Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed) 96.60 96.60

Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom) 800.00 800.00

***Sub total*  1,385.53**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket*  2,158.93**

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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) | **1,953.29** | **2,209.47** | **2,202.26** | **2,207.80** | **2,203.45** | **2,386.06** | **2,284.52** | **2,266.53** | **2,227.29** | **2,209.06** | **2,226.10** | **2,205.85** | **2,316.29** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K50.00 Consultation Fee Free

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K340.00 Malaria Slide (Roan) K10.00

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K580.00 Mosquito Drugs (private) K20.00

School Uniform K250.00 Fast track K20.00

Transport (bus fare round trip): Fuel (cost at the pump)

Mpatamatu-Town K12.00 Petrol (per litre) K9.91

Roan - Kalala K12.00 Diesel (per litre) K9.20

New Town K6.00 Kerosene (per litre) K6.40

**(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 **26th to 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 Mpatamatu Market, Buseko Market, Roan Market, Mikomfwa Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kafubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Luanshya. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$390** based upon the exchange rate of **K 5.5329** per US**$** prevailing on 24th, 27th and 28th January, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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