JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* SOLWEZI

## January 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal(breakfast) 79.50 2 x 25Kgs 159.00

Beans 11.33 3 Kgs 33.99

Kapenta (dry) 54.36 2 Kgs 108.72

Bream, smoked 62.60 1 Kgs 62.60

Meat (mixed cut) 25.32 4Kgs 101.28

Dark green vegetable 3.40 4 Kgs 13.60

Tomatoes 4.41 4 Kgs 17.64

Onion, large 3.46 2 Kgs 6.92

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 30.00 3 Litres 45.00

Bread wheat, refined floor, baked 4.73 1loaf/day 141.90

Sugar 14.08 6 Kgs 42.24

Milk (long life, 500ml) 4.95 4x500ml 19.80

Tea, powder (25g) 1.12 1 Kgs 44.80

Eggs 9.43 2units 18.86

Salt 3.00 1 Kgs 3.00

***Sub total***   **819.35**

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

Charcoal 84.00 2x 90Kg bags 168.00

Soap (Lifebouy) 3.16 10 Tablets 31.60

Wash soap (Boom) 3.37 4x400g 13.48

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 10.60 1x500ml 10.60

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 250.00 250.00

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 260.00 260.00

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 1,500.00 1,500.00

***Sub Total***   **2,233.68**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***   **3,053.03**

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| **Totals from previous months** | Dec 12 | Jan 13 | Feb 13 | Mar 13 | Apr 13 | May 13 | June 13 | Jul 13 | Aug 13 | Sep 13 | Oct 13 | Nov 13 | Dec 13 |
| Amount (K) | **2,511.25** | **2,958.15** | **2,994.35** | **3,001.15** | **2,988.90** | **3,003.95** | **3,013.65** | **3,003.83** | **3,011.77** | **3,006.51** | **3,011.35** | **3,014.68** | **3,048.46** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K100.00 Consultation Fee K10.00

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K260.00 Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5) K12.00

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K340.00

School Uniform K210.00 – K450.00 Fuel (cost at the pump)

Transport (bus fare round trip): Petrol (per litre) K10.00

Chawama-Town K6.00 Diesel (per litre) K7.00

Mitec-Town K6.00 Kerosene (per litre) -

Messenger – Town K6.00

**(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 on **30th to 31th 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 Kyawama Market, Main Market, Zambia Market, Mitec Market, and Messenger Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Solwezi water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Solwezi. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$549** based upon the average exchange rate of **K 5.5638** per US**$** prevailing on **30th and 31th January, 2014.** Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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