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

***DECEMBER 2014***

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 66.07 2 x 25Kgs 132.14

Beans 32.89 3 Kgs 98.67

Kapenta (dry) 139.08 2 Kgs 278.16

Bream (dry) 124.81 1Kgs 124.81

Beef, mixed cut 34.78 4 Kgs 139.12

Dark green vegetable 6.26 4 Kgs 25.04

Tomatoes 6.30 4 Kgs 25.20

Onion, large 9.86 2 Kgs 19.72

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 38.80 3 litres 46.56

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 5.00 1 loaf/day 150.00

Sugar 17.57 6 Kgs 52.71

Milk (fresh) 5.63 4x500ml 22.52

Tea, powder 16.30 4 Kgs 65.20

Eggs 8.76 2 Units 17.52

Salt 4.11 1Kgs 4.11

***Sub Total***  **1,201.48**

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

Charcoal 151.50 2x 90Kg bags 303.00

Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion) 3.36 10 Tablets 33.60

Wash soap (Boom) 5.57 4x400g 22.28

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 12.86 1x500ml 12.86

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 372.00 372.00

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 210.00 210.00

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 1,750.00 1,750.00

***Sub Total***  **2,703.74**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***  **3,905.22**

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| **Totals from previous months** | Nov 13 | Dec 13 | Jan 14 | Feb 14 | Mar 14 | Apr 14 | May 14 | Jun 14 | Jul 14 | Aug 14 | Sept 14 | Oct 14 | Nov 14 |
| **Amount (K)** | **3,557.81** | **3,538.54** | **3,605.01** | **3,616.28** | **3,687.72** | **3,650.01** | **3,636.46** | **3,681.14** | **3,692.34** | **3,742.60** | **3,703.02** | **3,635.83** | **3,694.44** |

**(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 K9.00

Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year) K650.00 – K1, 300.00 Chelstone -Town K9.60

School Uniform (grades 8-12) K90.00 – K200.00 Matero-Town K8.40

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

Registration (book) K3.00 - K5.00 Petrol (per litre) K9.89

Self-referral (Emergency Fee) K 5.500 Diesel (per litre) K9.19

Mosquito Net (private) K30.00 – K120.00 Paraffin (per litre) K6.77

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

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Mansa** | **Mongu** | **Ndola** | **Solwezi** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Mpika** | **Luanshya** | **Kitwe** | **Kabwe** | **Livingstone** | **Choma** | **Chinsali** |
| **3,905.22** | **2,554.09** | **2,274.41** | **1,883.28** | **3,666.84** | **3,713.68** | **2,179.28** | **2,285.38** | **2,154.64** | **2,904.56** | **2,629.68** | **3,187.67** | **3,259.14** | **3,059.84** | **-** |

This survey was conducted on **29th & 31st December, 2014** 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 December Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$614** based upon the exchange rate of **K6.3558** per US**$** prevailing on the day of data collection.

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