**JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: NDOLA**

***DECEMBER 2014***

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 70.11 2 x 25Kgs 140.22

Beans 13.79 3 Kgs 41.37

Kapenta (dry) 123.00 2 Kgs 246.00

Bream (dry) 188.00 1Kgs 188.00

Beef, mixed cut 32.91 4 Kgs 131.64

Dark green vegetable 9.07 4 Kgs 36.28

Tomatoes 8.63 4 Kgs 34.52

Onion, large 8.63 2 Kgs 17.26

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 34.63 3 litres 41.56

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 5.61 1 loaf/day 168.30

Sugar 16.81 6 Kgs 50.43

Milk (fresh) 6.38 4x500ml 25.52

Tea, powder 13.62 4 Kgs 54.48

Eggs 8.67 2 Units 17.34

Salt 7.07 1Kgs 7.07

***Sub Total***  **1,199.99**

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

Charcoal 129.00 2x 90Kg bags 258.00

Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion) 4.71 10 Tablets 47.10

Wash soap (Boom) 5.00 4x400g 20.00

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 15.75 1x500ml 15.75

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 181.00 181.00

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 95.00 95.00

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 1,850.00 1,850.00

***Sub Total***  **2,466.85**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***  **3,666.84**

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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) | **2,845.36** | **2,831.89** | **2,889.81** | **3,143.76** | **-** | **3,176.74** | **3,181.15** | **3,194.33** | **3,251.58** | **3,236.63** | **3153.69** | **3,153.69** | **3,182.25** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K50.00 Consultation Fee K1.00

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K750.00 Medical Exam K35.00

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K900.00 Malaria Slide K10.00

School Uniform (grades 8-12) K550.00-K900.00 CD4 Count Private K280.00

Transport (bus fare round trip): Mosquito Net (private) K35.00

Ndeke-Town K6.00 Fuel (cost at the pump)

Chifubu-Town K6.00 Petrol (per litre) K9.89

Masala-Town K5.00 Diesel (per litre) K9.19

Twapia-Town K6.70 Kerosene (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 **25th December, 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 Masala Market, Twapia Market, Mushili Market, Lubuto Market, Chifubu Market, Pick “n’ Pay and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kufubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Ndola. The December Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$ 580** based upon the rate of **K6.3252** 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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