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

## February 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 71.50 2 x 25Kgs 143.00

Beans 15.60 3 Kgs 46.80

Kapenta (dry) 126.40 2 Kgs 252.80

Bream, smoked 62.50 1Kgs 62.50

Beef, mixed cut 31.00 4Kgs 124.00

Dark green vegetable 4.20 4 Kgs 16.80

Tomatoes 5.50 4 Kgs 22.00

Onion, large 9.50 2 Kgs 19.00

Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs) 33.90 3 Ltrs 40.68

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

Sugar 15.45 6 Kgs 46.35

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***  **997.13**

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

Charcoal (90Kg bags) 91.80 180Kgs 183.60

Soap (Lifebuoy) 3.07 10 Tablets 30.70

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***  **1,530.67**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***  **2,527.80**

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| **Totals from previous months** | Jan 13 | Feb 13 | Mar 13 | Apr 13 | May 13 | Jun 13 | Jul 13 | Aug 13 | Sep 13 | Oct 13 | Nov 13 | Dec 13 | Jan 14 |
| Amount (K) | **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** | **2,518.74** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K30.00-100.00 Consultation Fee Free

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K250.00- K450.00 Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5) Free

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

School Uniform K292.90 – 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 FEBRUARY**

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Mansa** | **Ndola** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Kabwe** |
| **3,616.28** | **2,383.60** | **2,259.44** | **3,143.76** | **2,266.13** | **2,219.13** | **2,527.80** |

This survey was conducted from **26th February, 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 February Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$437** based upon the exchange rate of **K5.7779**  per US**$** prevailing on the day of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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