JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* MANSA

## February 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 68.33 2 x 25Kgs 136.66

Beans 11.33 3 Kgs 33.99

Kapenta (dry) 86.00 2 Kgs 172.00

Bream, smoked - 1Kgs -

Beef, mixed cut 33.50 4 Kgs 134.00

Dark green vegetable 2.20 4 Kgs 8.80

Tomatoe 6.00 4 Kgs 24.00

Onion, large 10.33 2 Kgs 20.66

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 36.07 3 Ltrs 43.78

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

Sugar 15.53 6 Kgs 46.59

Milk, long life 500ml 5.00 4x500ml 20.00

Tea, powder 31.57 1 Kgs 31.57

Eggs 10.17 2 units 20.34

Salt 3.25 1 Kgs 3.25

***Sub total***   **853.90**

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

Charcoal (90 Kg bag) 64.80 2x90Kgs 129.60

Soap (Lifebuoy) 2.42 10 tablets 24.20

Wash soap (BOOM) 4.76 4 bars 19.04

Jelly (Vaseline) 12.06 1 x 500 mL 12.06

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 300.00 300.00

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 79.40 79.40

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 850.00 850.00

***Sub-total*** **1,414.30**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***   **2,259.44**

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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) | **2,060.53** | **2,012.42** | **2,373.10** | **2,327.30** | **2,351.56** | **2,172.99** | **2,164.52** | **2,154.85** | **2,137.99** | **2,162.33** | **2,195.26** | **2,218.36** | **2,276.68** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

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

Education Health

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

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K80. 00-K115.00 Fast-Track Consultation Free

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K340.00-K700.00 Malaria Slide Free

School Uniform (grades 1-7) K50.00-K100.000 CD4 Count Private Free

School Uniform (grade 8-12) K170.00-K250.00 Self referral K17.00

High cost fee K120.00

Transport (bus fare round trip): Mosquito Net (private) -

Maiteneke-Town K5.00 Fuel (cost at the pump)

Kaole -Town K4.00 Petrol (per litre) K9. 91

Diesel (per litre) K9.20

Kerosene (per litre) K6.83

1. **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 on **28th 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 Maiteneke Market, Kaole Market, Chilyapa Market, Down Market, Main Market and Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO,Luapula Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics, hospital and houses around Mansa. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$389 based** upon the exchange rate of **K5.8012** per US**$** prevailing on **28th February, 2014**. Please note that other monthly **costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.**

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