JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* MONZE

## February 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal 68.50 2 x 25Kgs 137.00

Beans 14.50 3 Kgs 43.50

Kapenta (dry) 87.00 2 Kgs 174.00

Bream, smoked 100.00 1Kgs 100.00

Beef, mixed cut 30.67 4Kgs 122.68

Dark green vegetable 3.33 4 Kgs 13.32

Tomatoes 8.67 4 Kgs 34.68

Onion, large 8.00 2 Kgs 16.00

Cooking oil 35.75 3 litres 42.90

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 6.00 1loaf/day 180.00

Sugar 16.38 6 Kgs 98.28

Milk long life (500ml) 5.63 4x500ml 22.52

Tea, powder (125g) 5.00 1 Kgs 40.00

Eggs 8.75 2units 17.50

Salt 4.75 1Kgs 4.75

***Sub total***   **1,072.44**

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

Charcoal (90Kg bags) 45.00 180Kgs 90.00

Soap (Lifebuoy) 3.00 10 Tablets 30.00

Wash soap (Boom) 5.00 4x400g 20.00

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 15.00 1x500ml 15.00

Electricity (med. density - fixed) 150.00 150.00

Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed) 114.00 114.00

Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom) 800.00 800.00

***Sub total***   **1,219.00**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***   **2,266.13**

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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) | **2,057.50** | **2,082.10** | **2,080.96** | **2,119.06** | **2,122.76** | **2,132.52** | **2,164.17** | **2,146.83** | **2,150.08** | **2,159.50** | **2,155.58** | **2,222.16** | **2,211.73** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K118.00 Consultation Fee Free

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K358.00 Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5) Free

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K2, 250.00-K3, 750.00 Lab tests (e.g., malaria) Free

School Uniform K140.00 Fuel (cost at the pump)

Transport (bus fare round trip): Petrol (per litre) K9. 91

Site & Service K4.00 Diesel (per litre) K9.20

Manungu K4.00 Kerosene (per litre)

**(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 **25th to 27th February, 2014** by the Social Conditions Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at Main Market, Town centre, Manungu Market, and Site and Service Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Monze. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$392** based upon an average exchange rate of **K5.7741** per US**$** prevailing on **25th and 27th February, 2014**. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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