JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* CHIPATA

## March 2014

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

**Commodity Quantity Kwacha Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 2 x 25Kgs 70.83 141.66

Beans 3 Kgs 14.50 43.50

Kapenta (dry) 2 Kgs 95.00 190.00

Bream, smoked 1 Kgs 60.00 60.00

Mixed cut meat 4Kgs 22.80 91.20

Dark green vegetable 4 Kgs 9.50 38.00

Tomatoes 4 Kgs 6.71 26.84

Onion, large 2 Kgs 9.42 18.84

Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs) 3 Ltrs 35.83 43.00

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 1loaf/day 5.92 177.60

Sugar 6 Kgs 15.58 46.74

Milk long life (500ml) 4x500mL 4.67 18.68

Tea, powder 1 Kgs 11.66 11.66

Eggs 2units 10.92 21.84

Salt 1 Kgs 5.80 5.80

***Sub Total* 935.36**

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

Charcoal 2x 90Kg bags 84.00 168.00

Soap (Lifebouy) 10 Tablets 2.80 28.00

Wash soap (Boom) 4x400g 5.16 20.64

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 1x500ml 9.21 9.21

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 223.00 223.00

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 184.92 184.92

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 700.00 700.00

***Sub Total***   **1,333.77**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***   **2,269.13**

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| **Totals from previous months** | **Feb 13** | **Mar 13** | **Apr 13** | **May 13** | **Jun 13** | **Jul 13** | **Aug 13** | **Sep 13** | **Oct 13** | **Nov 13** | **Dec 13** | **Jan 14** | **Feb 14** |
| Amount (K) | **2,050,57** | **2,056.97** | **2,153.57** | **2,152.17** | **2,154.12** | **2,165.84** | **2,181.34** | **2,182.48** | **2,184.85** | **2,184.85** | **2,197.32** | **2,197.32** | **2,219.13** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K100.00 Consultation Fee K20.00

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K300.00 Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5) K5.00

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K550.00 Malaria Tests (private) K7.00

School Uniform K200.00 – K250.00 CD4 count (private) K30.00

Transport (bus fare round trip): Fuel (cost at the pump)

Border -Town K40.00 Petrol (per litre) K9.91

Gonder-Town K20.00 Diesel (per litre) K9.20

Kapata – Town K30.00 Paraffin (per litre) K6.83

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

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Solwezi** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Kabwe** | **Livingstone** | **Mpika** | **Luanshya** |
| **3,687.72** | **2,361.74** | **2,560.01** | **2,240.32** | **2,269.13** | **2,540.23** | **2,765.92** | **1,612.48** | **2,373.32** |

This survey was conducted on **27th to 30th March, 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 Kapata Market, Saturday Market, Navutika Market, Kaumbwe Market, Magazine Market and Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Eastern Province water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Chipata. The March Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$364 based** upon the average exchange rate of **K 6.2388** per US**$** prevailing on 27th, 28th, 29th to 30th March, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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