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

## March 2014

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

**Commodity Quantity Kwacha Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 2 x 25Kgs 72.50 145.00

Beans 3 Kgs 15.60 46.80

Kapenta (dry) 2 Kgs 126.40 252.80

Bream, smoked 1Kgs 66.25 66.25

Beef, mixed cut 4Kgs 31.66 126.64

Dark green vegetable 4 Kgs 4.00 16.00

Tomatoes 4 Kgs 6.17 24.68

Onion, large 2 Kgs 10.17 20.34

Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs) 3 Ltrs 33.90 40.68

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

Sugar 6 Kgs 15.45 46.35

Milk long life (500ml) 2 Litres 5.22 20.88

Tea, powder 1 Kgs 32.99 32.99

Eggs 2units 9.89 19.78

Salt 1Kgs 4.67 4.67

***Sub total***   **1,008.76**

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

Charcoal (90Kg bags) 2x 90Kg bags 91.80 183.60

Soap (Lifebuoy) 10 Tablets 3.07 30.70

Wash soap (Boom) 4x400g 5.70 22.80

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 1x500ml 11.23 11.23

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 223.14 223.14

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 60.00 60.00

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 1,000.00 1,000.00

**Sub total 1,531.47**

**Total for basic needs basket 2,540.23**

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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 | Feb 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** | **2,527.80** |

**(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 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 from **26th and 27th 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 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 March Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$405** based upon the exchange rate of **K6.2799**  per US**$** prevailing on the day of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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