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

## March 2014

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

**Commodity Quantity Kwacha Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal 2 x 25Kgs 68.50 137.00

Beans 3 Kgs 14.50 43.50

Kapenta (dry) 2 Kgs 89.00 178.00

Bream, smoked 1Kgs 80.00 80.00

Beef, mixed cut 4Kgs 32.00 128.00

Dark green vegetable 4 Kgs 3.67 14.68

Tomatoes 4 Kgs 6.00 24.00

Onion, large 2 kgs 9.33 18.66

Cooking oil 3 litres 36.00 43.20

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

Sugar 6 Kgs 16.38 98.28

Milk long life (500ml) 4x500ml 5.75 23.00

Tea, powder (125g) 1 Kgs 5.25 42.00

Eggs 2units 8.75 17.50

Salt 1Kgs 5.00 5.00

**Sub total**   **1,032.82**

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

Charcoal 2x 90Kg bags 45.00 90.00

Soap (Lifebuoy) 10 Tablets 3.00 30.00

Wash soap (Boom) 4x400g 5.25 21.00

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 1x500ml 15.00 15.00

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 137.50 137.50

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 114.00 114.00

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 800.00 800.00

**Sub total**   **1,207.50**

**Total for basic needs basket**   **2,240.32**

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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) | **2,082.10** | **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** | **2,266.13** |

**(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 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 **25th to 27th March, 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 March Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$361** based upon an average exchange rate of **K6.2046** per US**$** prevailing on the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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