JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET*: LUSAKA

## May 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 69.00 2 x 25Kgs 138.00

Beans 13.36 3 Kgs 40.08

Kapenta (dry) 96.02 2 Kgs 192.04

Bream (dry) 80.83 1Kgs 81.83

Beef, mixed cut 30.78 4 Kgs 123.12

Dark green vegetable 4.93 4 Kgs 19.72

Tomatoes 4.37 4 Kgs 17.48

Onion, large 9.34 2 Kgs 18.68

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs.) 40.00 3 Litres 48.00

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 5.13 1 loaf/day 153.90

Sugar 17.04 6 Kgs 51.12

Milk (fresh) 5.76 4x500ml 23.04

Tea, powder 13.83 1 Kgs 55.32

Eggs 9.31 2 Units 18.62

Salt 4.11 1Kgs 4.11

***Sub Total* 985.06**

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

Charcoal (90 Kg bags) 127.50 180Kg 255.00

Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion) 3.16 10 Tablets 31.60

Wash soap (Boom) 5.24 4x400g 20.96

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 11.84 1x500ml 11.84

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 372.00 372.00

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 210.00 210.00

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 1,750.00 1,750.00

***Sub Total*  2,651.40**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket*  3,636.46**

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| **Totals from previous months** | Apr 13 | May 13 | Jun 13 | Jul 13 | Aug 13 | Sep 13 | Oct 13 | Nov 13 | Dec 13 | Jan 14 | Feb 14 | Mar 14 | Apr |
| **Amount (K)** | **3,593.60** | **3,625.20** | **3,684.46** | **3,638.42** | **3,581.13** | **3,536.69** | **3,575.37** | **3,557.81** | **3,538.54** | **3,605.01** | **3,616.28** | **3,687.72** | **3,650.01** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

**Item**  **Kwacha Item Kwacha**

**Education**  **Transport (bus fare round trip)**

Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year) K400.00 – K600.00 Chilenje-Town K9.00

Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year) K650.00 – K1, 300.00 Chelstone -Town K9.60

School Uniform (grades 8-12) K90.00 – K200.00 Matero-Town K8.40

**Health (clinic)** **Fuel (cost at the pump)**

Registration (book) K3.00 - K5.00 Petrol (per litre) K10.63

Self referral (Emergency Fee) K 5.500 Diesel (per litre) K10.01

Mosquito Net (private) K30.00 – K120.00 Paraffin (per litre) K7.48

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

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Mansa** | **Mongu** | **Ndola** | **Solwezi** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Mpika** | **Luanshya** | **Kitwe** | **Kabwe** | **Livingstone** |
| **3,636.46** | **2,337.41** | **-** | **1,940.22** | **3,181.15** | **3,193.90** | **2,260.66** | **2,266.83** | **1,683.04** | **2,682.22** | **2,407.47** | **2, 963.75** | **2,903.00** |

This survey was conducted on **28th May, 2014** by the Social & Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of prices gathered from retail outlets at Northmead, Shoprite (Cairo Road), City Market, Chawama, Chainda, Kabwata, Matero and schools, clinics/hospitals and filling stations around Lusaka. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$536** based upon the exchange rate of **K6.7787** per US**$** prevailing on the day of data collection.

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