JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* NDOLA

## May 2014

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

**Commodity Quantity Kwacha Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 2 x 25Kgs 76.04 152.08

Beans 3 Kgs 13.50 40.50

Kapenta (dry) 2 Kgs 104.00 208.00

Bream, smoked 1 Kgs 145.00 145.00

Mixed cut 4 Kgs 35.00 140.00

Dark green vegetable 4 Kgs 8.80 35.20

Tomatoes 4 Kgs 9.71 38.84

Onion, large 2 Kgs 11.84 23.68

Cooking oil (2.5L) 3 Litres 34.84 41.81

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 1loaf/day 5.50 165.00

Sugar 6 Kgs 15.47 46.41

Milk (500ml Long life) 2 Litres 5.48 21.92

Tea, powder 1 Kgs 8.43 8.43

Eggs 2units 9.29 18.58

Salt 1 Kgs 5.71 5.71

***Sub total***

**1,091.16**

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

Charcoal 2x 90Kg bags 135.54 271.08

Soap (Lifebouy) 10 Tablets 4.29 42.90

Wash soap (Boom) 4x400g 5.27 21.08

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 1x500ml 14.93 14.93

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 145.00 145.00

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 95.00 95.00

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 1,500.00 1,500.00

***Sub total***   **2,089.99**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***   **3,181.15**

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| **Totals from previous months** | **Apr 13** | **May 13** | **Jun 13** | **Jul 13** | **Aug 13** | **Sept 13** | **Oct 13** | **Nov 13** | **Dec 13** | **Jan 14** | **Feb 14** | **Mar 14** | **Apr 14** |
| Amount (K) | **2,847.34** | **2,836.68** | **2,926.55** | **2,871.94** | **2,919.20** | **2,831.94** | **2,786.21** | **2,845.36** | **2,831.89** | **2,889.81** | **3,143.76** | **-** | **3,176.74** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K50.00 Consultation Fee K1.00

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K750.00 Medical Exam K35.00

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K900.00 Malaria Slide K10.00

School Uniform (grades 8-12) K550.00-K900.00 CD4 Count Private K280.00

Transport (bus fare round trip): Mosquito Net (private) K35.00

Ndeke-Town K6.00 Fuel (cost at the pump)

Chifubu-Town K6.00 Petrol (per litre) K10.63

Masala-Town K5.00 Diesel (per litre) K10.01

Twapia-Town K6.70 Kerosene (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 **26th May, 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 Masala Market, Twapia Market, Mushili Market, Lubuto Market, Chifubu Market, Pick “n’ Pay and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kufubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Ndola. The May Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$ 465** based upon the rate of **K6.8343** 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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