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

## June 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 20.24 3 Kgs 60.72

Kapenta (dry) 102.02 2 Kgs 204.04

Bream (dry) 67.29 1Kgs 67.29

Beef, mixed cut 30.21 4 Kgs 120.84

Dark green vegetable 4.63 4 Kgs 18.52

Tomatoes 5.36 4 Kgs 21.44

Onion, large 8.64 2 Kgs 17.28

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 41.14 3 litres 49.37

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 5.27 1 loaf/day 158.10

Sugar 17.18 6 Kgs 51.54

Milk (fresh) 5.68 4x500ml 22.72

Tea, powder 14.18 1 Kgs 56.72

Eggs 8.93 2 Units 17.86

Salt 5.04 1Kgs 5.04

***Sub Total* 1,009.48**

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

Charcoal 135.00 2x 90Kg bags 270.00

Soap (Lifebouy/Champion) 3.37 10 Tablets 33.70

Wash soap (Boom) 5.78 4x400g 23.12

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 12.84 1x500ml 12.84

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*  2,671.66**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***  **3,681.14**

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| **Totals from previous months** | May 13 | Jun 13 | Jul 13 | Aug 13 | Sep 13 | Oct 13 | Nov 13 | Dec 13 | Jan 14 | Feb 14 | Mar 14 | Apr 14 | May 14 |
| **Amount (K)** | **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** | **3,636.46** |

**(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 JUNE**

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Mansa** | **Mongu** | **Ndola** | **Solwezi** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Mpika** | **Luanshya** | **Kitwe** | **Kabwe** | **Livingstone** |
| **3,681.14** | **2,306.54** | **-** | **1,955.62** | **3,194.33** | **3,206.17** | **2,320.77** | **2,372.77** | **1,682.76** | **2,625.35** | **2,593.90** | **2, 972.62** | **-** |

This survey was conducted on **26th June, 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 June Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$603** based upon the exchange rate of **K6.0997** per US**$** prevailing on the day of data collection.

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