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

## July 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 70.28 2 x 25Kgs 140.56

Beans 21.42 3 Kgs 64.26

Kapenta (dry) 113.86 2 Kgs 227.72

Bream (dry) 55.24 1Kgs 55.24

Beef, mixed cut 33.21 4 Kgs 132.84

Dark green vegetable 6.18 4 Kgs 24.72

Tomatoes 4.56 4 Kgs 18.24

Onion, large 7.59 2 Kgs 15.18

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 31.40 3 litres 37.68

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 5.07 1 loaf/day 152.10

Sugar 17.18 6 Kgs 51.54

Milk (fresh) 5.90 4x500ml 23.60

Tea, powder 13.97 1 Kgs 55.88

Eggs 8.78 2 Units 17.56

Salt 4.63 1Kgs 4.63

***Sub Total*  1,021.75**

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

Charcoal 135.00 2x 90Kg bags 270.00

Soap (Lifebouy/Champion) 3.26 10 Tablets 32.60

Wash soap (Boom) 5.57 4x400g 22.28

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 13.71 1x500ml 13.71

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*  2,670.59**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket*  3,692.34**

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| **Totals from previous months** | Jun 13 | Jul 13 | Aug 13 | Sep 13 | Oct 13 | Nov 13 | Dec 13 | Jan 14 | Feb 14 | Mar 14 | Apr 14 | May 14 | Jun 14 |
| **Amount (K)** | **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** | **3,681.14** |

**(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 JULY**

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Mansa** | **Mongu** | **Ndola** | **Solwezi** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Mpika** | **Luanshya** | **Kitwe** | **Kabwe** | **Livingstone** | **Choma** |
| **3,692.34** | **2,726.30** | **1,930.29** | **1,949.08** | **3,251.58** | **3,154.32** | **2,335.33** | **2,275.69** | **1,680.76** | **2,670.48** | **2,614.66** | **2,962.37** | **2,785.75** | **2,709.80** |

This survey was conducted on **29th July, 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 July Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$601** based upon the exchange rate of **K6.1479** per US**$** prevailing on the day of data collection.

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