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

## August 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 70.00 2 x 25Kgs 140.00

Beans 22.55 3 Kgs 67.65

Kapenta (dry) 124.12 2 Kgs 248.24

Bream (dry) 58.81 1Kgs 58.81

Beef, mixed cut 31.93 4 Kgs 127.72

Dark green vegetable 5.56 4 Kgs 22.24

Tomatoes 5.41 4 Kgs 21.64

Onion, large 11.62 2 Kgs 23.24

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 39.83 3 litres 47.80

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 5.43 1 loaf/day 162.90

Sugar 17.61 6 Kgs 52.83

Milk (fresh) 5.97 4x500ml 23.88

Tea, powder 14.11 1 Kgs 56.44

Eggs 9.36 2 Units 18.72

Salt 4.56 1Kgs 4.56

***Sub Total*  1,076.67**

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

Charcoal 132.50 2x 90Kg bags 265.00

Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion) 3.28 10 Tablets 32.80

Wash soap (Boom) 5.64 4x400g 22.56

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 13.57 1x500ml 13.57

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*  2,665.93**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket*  3,742.60**

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| **Totals from previous months** | Jul 13 | Aug 13 | Sep 13 | Oct 13 | Nov 13 | Dec 13 | Jan 14 | Feb 14 | Mar 14 | Apr 14 | May 14 | Jun 14 | Jul 14 |
| **Amount (K)** | **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** | **3,692.34** |

**(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 AUGUST**

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Mansa** | **Mongu** | **Ndola** | **Solwezi** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Mpika** | **Luanshya** | **Kitwe** | **Kabwe** | **Livingstone** | **Choma** | **Chinsali** |
| **3,742.31** | **2,287.14** | **2,501.70** | **1,952.50** | **3,236.63** | **3,171.86** | **2,331.53** | **2,283.69** | **2,035.46** | **2,746.31** | **2,565.49** | **3,001.10** | **2,832.63** | **2,837.23** | **1,908.25** |

This survey was conducted on **29th and 30th August, 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 August Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$625** based upon the exchange rate of **K5.9881** per US**$** prevailing on the day of data collection.

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