JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* KITWE

## January 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie Meal (breakfast) 72.00 2 x 25Kgs 144.00

Beans 12.50 3 Kgs 37.50

Kapenta (dry) 120.00 2 Kgs 240.00

Bream, smoked 90.00 1Kgs 90.00

Beef mixed cut 32.33 4 Kgs 129.32

Dark green vegetable 3.88 4 Kgs 15.52

Tomatoes 7.13 4 Kgs 28.52

Onion, large 7.75 2 Kgs 15.50

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 32.38 3 litres 38.86

Bread wheat, refined floor, baked 5.00 1loaf/day 150.00

Sugar 14.38 6 Kgs 43.14

Milk (long life) 500ml 5.00 4x500ml 20.00

Tea, powder 14.75 1 Kgs 14.75

Eggs 9.75 2units 19.50

Salt 3.13 1 Kgs 3.13

***Sub total***  **989.74**

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

Charcoal (90 Kg bags) 144.00 180Kgs 288.00

Soap (Lifebuoy) 2.88 10 Tablets 28.80

Wash soap (Boom) 4.50 4x400g 18.00

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 12.50 1x500ml 12.50

Electricity (med. density - fixed) 266.00 266.00

Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed) 52.00 52.00

Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom) 750.00 750.00

***Sub total* 1,415.30**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***  **2,405.04**

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| **Totals from previous months** | Dec 12 | Jan 13 | Feb 13 | Mar 13 | Apr 13 | May 13 | Jun 13 | Jul 13 | Aug 13 | Sep 13 | Oct 13 | Nov 13 | Dec 13 |
| Amount (K) | **2,244.76** | **2,204.08** | **2,224.52** | **2,275.26** | **2,251.36** | **2,323.76** | **2,429.27** | **2,412.49** | **2,178.83** | **2,181.01** | **2,255.41** | **2,289.43** | **2,317.60** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

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

Education

Grades 1-7 (user+PTA/year) Free Health

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K650.00 Consultation (clinic) -

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K750.00 Malaria Slide K15.00

School Uniform K180.00- K200.00 Mosquito Nets K30.00

Transport (bus fare round trip): Fuel (cost at the pump)

Chamboli-Town K7.00 Petrol (per litre) K9.91

Ndeke-Town K7.00 Diesel (per litre) K9.20

Chimwemwe-Town K7.00 Kerosene (per litre) K6.40

Garnertone-Town K14.00

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

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Mansa** | **Mongu** | **Ndola** | **Solwezi** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Mpika** | **Luanshya** | **Kitwe** | **Kabwe** | **Livingstone** |
| **3,605.01** | **2,276.68** | **2,247.85** | **1,985.94** | **2,889.81** | **3,053.03** | **2,211.73** | **2,197.32** | **1,613.56** | **2,158.93** | **2,405.04** | **2,518.74** | **2,708.99** |

This survey was conducted on **26th to 30th January, 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 Chamboli Market, Nakadoli Market, Chimwemwe Market, Chisokone Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Nkana Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kitwe. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$434** based upon the average exchange rate of **K5.5457** per US**$** prevailing on **26th and 30th January, 2014**. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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