JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* LIVINGSTONE

## January 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 67.57 2 x 25Kgs 135.14

Beans 13.93 3 Kgs 41.79

Kapenta (dry) 80.42 2 Kgs 160.84

Bream, smoked 68.67 1Kgs 68.67

Beef, mixed cut 31.50 4Kgs 126.00

Dark green vegetable 12.17 4 Kgs 48.68

Tomatoes 5.36 4 Kgs 21.44

Onion, large 5.43 2 Kgs 10.86

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 35.26 3 Ltrs 42.31

Bread wheat, refined floor, baked 5.71 1loaf/day 171.30

Sugar 14.93 6 Kgs 44.79

Milk long life (500ml) 5.97 4x500 ml 23.88

Tea, powder 25.64 1 Kgs 25.64

Eggs 9.14 2units 18.28

Salt 4.93 1 Kgs 4.93

***Sub total* 944.55**

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

Charcoal (90 Kg bags) 77.50 2x 90Kg bags 155.00

Soap (Lifebuoy) 3.14 10 Tablets 31.40

Wash soap (Boom) 5.10 4x400g 20.40

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 26.64 1x500ml 26.64

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 226.00 226.00

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 55.00 55.00

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 1,250.00 1,250.00

***Sub total* 1,764.44**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket* 2,708.99**

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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) | **2,259.98** | **2,254.78** | **2,273.36** | **2,262.90** | **2,308.72** | **2,650.34** | **2,684.01** | **2,686.51** | **2,672.00** | **2,672.79** | **2,667.68** | **2,707.61** | **2,709.05** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

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

Education Transport (bus fare round trip):

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K105.00 Dambwa-Town K8.00

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K490.00 Maramba-Town K8.00

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K1, 077.00 Victoria Falls-Town K14.00

School Uniform K235.00 - K270.00 Taxi Fare Round Trips K8.00

Health Fuel (cost at the pump)

Consultation Fee K30.00 Petrol (per litre) K9.91

CD4 count K50.00 (high cost) Diesel (per litre) K9.20

Fast-Track K50.00 Kerosene (per litre) K6.00

Mosquito Net (private) K34.00

**(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 **25th - 27th 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 Town Centre Market, Dambwa Market, Maramba Market, Mbita Market, Elaine Brittel Market, Kashitu Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Livingstone. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$490** based upon the average exchange rate of **K 5.5334** per US**$** prevailing the days of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, etc

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