JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* MONGU

## January 2014

1. **COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE IN MONGU**

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie Meal (breakfast) 68.00 2 x 25Kgs 136.00

Beans 29.13 3 Kgs 87.39

Kapenta (dry) 211.32 2 Kgs 422.64

Bream, smoked - 1 Kgs -

Mixed cut meat 22.33 4 Kgs 89.32

Dark green vegetable 3.50 4 Kgs 14.00

Tomatoes 3.50 4 Kgs 14.00

Onion, large 4.83 2 Kgs 9.66

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 34.67 3 Ltrs 41.60

Bread wheat, refined floor, baked 7.33 1loaf/day 219.90

Sugar 14.95 6 Kgs 44.85

Milk long life (500ml) 4.88 2 Ltrs 19.52

Tea, powder 8.46 1 Kgs 8.46

Eggs 7.49 2units 14.98

Salt 3.70 1 Kgs 3.70

***Sub Total*  1,126.02**

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

Charcoal (90Kg bags) 55.80 180Kgs 111.60

Soap (Lifebuoy) 2.73 10 Tablets 27.30

Wash soap (Boom) 4.78 4x400g 19.12

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 11.40 1x500ml 11.40

Electricity (med. density - fixed) 125.50 125.50

Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed) 65.00 65.00

Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom) 500.00 500.00

***Sub Total*  859.92**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket*  1,985.94**

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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)** | **2,073.75** | **1,609.72** | **2,125.96** | **2,100.34** | **1,818.76** | **1,530.46** | **1,564.29** | **1,525.38** | **2,047.31** | **1,780.46** | **-** | **-** | **-** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) Free Consultation Fee Free

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K30.00-K70.00 Malaria Slide Free

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K30.00 – K70.00 Mosquito Net -

School Uniform K100.00-K190.00 Fuel (cost at the pump)

Transport (bus fare round trip) Petrol (per litre) K9.91

Town-Limulunga K6.00 Diesel (per litre) K9.20

Town-Manganda K5.00 Kerosene (per litre) K6.83

Town-Shoprite K5.00

**(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 **28th 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 Limulunga Market, Mulambwa Market, Central Market, Town Centre Market, Imwiko market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Western Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Mongu. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$358** based upon the exchange rate of **K 5.5444** per US**$** prevailing on **28th January, 2014**. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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