JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* MONZE

## January 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal 68.50 2 x 25Kgs 137.00

Beans 17.00 3 Kgs 51.00

Kapenta (dry) 93.00 2 Kgs 186.00

Bream, smoked 80.00 1Kgs 80.00

Beef, mixed cut 26.67 4Kgs 106.68

Dark green vegetable 2.50 4 Kgs 10.00

Tomatoes 6.38 4 Kgs 25.52

Onion, large 8.75 2 Kgs 17.50

Cooking oil 35.00 3 litres 42.00

Bread wheat, refined floor, baked 6.00 1loaf/day 180.00

Sugar 16.13 6 Kgs 96.78

Milk long life (500ml) 5.50 4x500ml 22.00

Tea, powder (125g) 5.00 1 Kgs 40.00

Eggs 8.25 2units 16.50

Salt 4.50 1Kgs 4.50

***Sub total***   **1,015.48**

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

Charcoal (90Kg bags) 45.00 180Kgs 90.00

Soap (Lifebuoy) 3.00 10 Tablets 30.00

Wash soap (Boom) 5.00 4x400g 20.00

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 15.00 1x500ml 15.00

Electricity (med. density - fixed) 140.00 140.00

Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed) 101.25 101.25

Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom) 800.00 800.00

***Sub total***   **1,196.25**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***   **2,211.73**

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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) | **1,988.50** | **2,057.50** | **2,082.10** | **2,080.96** | **2,119.06** | **2,122.76** | **2,132.52** | **2,164.17** | **2,146.83** | **2,150.08** | **2,159.50** | **2,155.58** | **2,222.16** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K118.00 Consultation Fee Free

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K358.00 Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5) Free

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K2, 250.00-K3, 750.00 Lab tests (e.g., malaria) Free

School Uniform K140.00 Fuel (cost at the pump)

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

Site & Service K4.00 Diesel (per litre) K9.20

Manungu K4.00 Kerosene (per litre)

**(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 from **25th to 27th January, 2014** by the Social Conditions Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of surveys conducted at Main Market, Town centre, Manungu Market, and Site and Service Market. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Southern Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Monze. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$400** based upon an average exchange rate of **K5.5272** per US**$** prevailing on 24th and 27th January, 2014. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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