JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* MPIKA

## January 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (Breakfast) 73.80 2 x 25Kgs 147.60

Beans 8.80 3 Kgs 26.40

Kapenta (dry) 29.20 2 Kgs 58.40

Bream, smoked 36.20 1Kgs 36.20

Beef, mixed cut 33.00 4kg 132.00

Dark green vegetable 2.70 4 Kgs 10.80

Tomatoes 7.20 4 Kgs 28.80

Onion, large 7.80 2 Kgs 15.60

Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs) 36.60 3 litres 43.92

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

Sugar 18.80 6 Kgs 56.40

Milk, long life 500ml 5.60 500ml 22.40

Tea, powder 13.20 1 Kgs 13.20

Eggs 10.00 2 units 20.00

Salt 3.60 1Kgs 3.60

***Sub total*  795.32**

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

Charcoal (90Kg bags) 43.92 180Kgs 87.84

Soap (Lifebuoy) 4.60 10 Tablets 46.00

Wash soap (Boom) 5.50 4x400g 22.00

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 13.40 1x500ml 13.40

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 125.00 125.00

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 74.00 74.00

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 450.00 450.00

***Sub total* 818.24**

***Total for basic needs basket***  **1,613.56**

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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) | **1,458.02** | **1,475.56** | **1,424.60** | **1,438.42** | **1,445.22** | **1,522.94** | **1,524.18** | **1,529.54** | **1,494.86** | **1,502.28** | **1,523.52** | **1,539.04** | **1,563.00** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K65.00 Consultation Fee -

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K365.00 Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5) K3.00

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K1, 650.00 Malaria slide (private-Roan) K35.00

School Uniform K200.00 Fuel (cost at the pump)

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

Tazara-Town K60.00 Diesel (per litre) K9.20

Chilonga-Town K140.00 Kerosene (per litre) -

Lwitikila– Town K100.00

**(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 **4th February, 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 Tazara Market, Tazara old Market, Musakanya Market, Chilonga Market and Town centre. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, Water and Sewerage Companies, Schools, Clinics and Houses around Mpika. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$289** based upon the exchange rate of **K 5.5800** per US**$** prevailing on **the day of data collection**. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

\***Kindly note that the data was not collected in the last week of the month (January) but still enabled us to make a comparison in that not much had changed between January and February 4th when the data was collected.**

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