JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* NDOLA

## January 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie Meal (breakfast) 67.93 2 x 25Kgs 135.86

Beans 15.00 3 Kgs 45.00

Kapenta (dry) 92.00 2 Kgs 184.00

Bream, smoked 140.00 1 Kgs 140.00

Mixed cut 31.67 4 Kgs 126.68

Dark green vegetable 9.80 4 Kgs 39.20

Tomatoes 10.27 4 Kgs 41.08

Onion, large 11.91 2 Kgs 23.82

Cooking oil (2.5L) 32.88 3 Litres 39.46

Bread wheat, refined floor, baked 5.60 1loaf/day 168.00

Sugar 15.27 6 Kgs 45.81

Milk (500ml Long life) 5.37 2 Litres 21.48

Tea, powder 7.99 1 Kgs 7.99

Eggs 8.95 2units 17.90

Salt 5.84 1 Kgs 5.84

***Sub total***   **1,042.12**

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

Charcoal 99.00 2x 90Kg bags 198.00

Soap (Lifebouy) 3.15 10 Tablets 31.50

Wash soap (Boom) 4.80 4x400g 19.20

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 13.99 1x500ml 13.99

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 145.00 145.00

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 90.00 90.00

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 1,350.00 1,350.00

***Sub total***   **1,847.69**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***   **2,889.81**

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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** | **Sept 13** | **Oct 13** | **Nov 13** | **Dec 13** |
| Amount (K) | **2,558.47** | **2,581.59** | **2,799.07** | **2,864.35** | **2,847.34** | **2,836.68** | **2,926.55** | **2,871.94** | **2,919.20** | **2,831.94** | **2,786.21** | **2,845.36** | **2,831.89** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K50.00 Consultation Fee K1.00

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K650.00 Medical Exam K35.00

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K890.50 Malaria Slide K10.00

School Uniform (grades 8-12) K480.00-K600.00 CD4 Count Private K280.00

Transport (bus fare round trip): Mosquito Net (private) K35.00

Ndeke-Town K6.00 Fuel (cost at the pump)

Chifubu-Town K6.00 Petrol (per litre) K9.91

Masala-Town K5.00 Diesel (per litre) K9.20

Twapia-Town K6.70 Kerosene (per litre) K6.60

**(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 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 Masala Market, Twapia Market, Mushili Market, Lubuto Market, Chifubu Market, pick “n’ pay and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kufubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Ndola. The January Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$ 523** based upon the rate of **K5.5209** per US$ prevailing on **the 24th January, 2014**. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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