JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* CHIPATA

## February 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 70.83 2 x 25Kgs 141.66

Beans 14.50 3 Kgs 43.50

Kapenta (dry) 70.00 2 Kgs 140.00

Bream, smoked 60.00 1 Kgs 60.00

Mixed cut meat 22.80 4Kgs 91.20

Dark green vegetable 9.50 4 Kgs 38.00

Tomatoes 6.71 4 Kgs 26.84

Onion, large 9.42 2 Kgs 18.84

Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs) 35.83 3 Ltrs 43.00

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 5.92 1loaf/day 177.60

Sugar 15.58 6 Kgs 46.74

Milk long life (500ml) 4.67 4x500mL 18.68

Tea, powder 11.66 1 Kgs 11.66

Eggs 10.92 2units 21.84

Salt 5.80 1 Kgs 5.80

***Sub Total***   **885.36**

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

Charcoal (90Kg bags) 84.00 180Kgs 168.00

Soap (Lifebouy) 2.80 10 Tablets 28.00

Wash soap (Boom) 5.16 4x400g 20.64

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 9.21 1x500ml 9.21

Electricity (med. density - fixed) 223.00 223.00

Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed) 184.92 163.11

Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom) 700.00 700.00

***Sub Total***   **1,333.77**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***   **2,219.13**

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| **Totals from previous months** | **Jan 13** | **Feb 13** | **Mar 13** | **Apr 13** | **May 13** | **Jun 13** | **Jul 13** | **Aug 13** | **Sep 13** | **Oct 13** | **Nov 13** | **Dec 13** | **Jan 14** |
| Amount (K) | **2,040.57** | **2,050,57** | **2,056.97** | **2,153.57** | **2,152.17** | **2,154.12** | **2,165.84** | **2,181.34** | **2,182.48** | **2,184.85** | **2,184.85** | **2,197.32** | **2,197.32** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COST**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K100.00 Consultation Fee K20.00

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K300.00 Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5) K5.00

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K550.00 Malaria Tests (private) K7.00

School Uniform K200.00 – K250.00 CD4 count (private) K30.00

Transport (bus fare round trip): Fuel (cost at the pump)

Border -Town K40.00 Petrol (per litre) K9.91

Gonder-Town K20.00 Diesel (per litre) K9.20

Kapata – Town K30.00 Paraffin (per litre) K6.83

**(D) A COMPARISON OF COSTS (in Kwacha) OF BASIC NEEDS ACROSS ZAMBIA IN FEBRUARY**

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Mansa** | **Ndola** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Kabwe** |
| **3,616.28** | **2,383.60** | **2,259.44** | **3,143.76** | **2,266.13** | **2,219.13** | **2,527.80** |

This survey was conducted on **25th to 28th 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 Kapata Market, Saturday Market, Navutika Market, Kaumbwe Market, Magazine Market and Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Eastern Province water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Chipata. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$384 based** upon the average exchange rate of **K 5.7809** per US**$** prevailing on **25th, 26th and 27th to 28th February, 2014**. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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