JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* KASAMA

## February 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 77.40 2 x 25Kgs 154.80

Beans 6.50 3 Kgs 19.50

Kapenta (dry) 106.67 2 Kgs 213.34

Bream, smoked 50.00 1Kg 50.00

Meat mixed cut 33.75 4 Kgs 135.00

Dark green vegetable 3.13 4 Kgs 12.52

Tomatoes 5.80 4 Kgs 23.20

Onion, large 14.00 2 Kgs 28.00

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 34.40 3 Ltrs 41.28

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 5.10 1 loaf/day 153.00

Sugar 15.44 6 Kgs 46.32

Milk (long-life) 500ml 5.26 4x500ml 21.04

Tea, powder (125g) 2.00 1Kg 16.00

Eggs 9.43 2units 18.86

Salt 3.74 1 Kg 3.74

***Sub total*  936.60**

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

Charcoal (90Kg bags) 54.00 180Kg bags 108.00

Bathing Soap 3.40 10 Tablets 34.00

Wash soap (Boom) 4.78 4x400g 19.12

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 10.88 1x500ml 10.88

Electricity (med. density - fixed) 225.00 225.00

Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed) 50.00 50.00

Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom) 1,000.00 1,000.00

***Sub total*  1,447.00**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket*  2,383.60**

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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) | **-** | **-** | **1,522.74** | **2,043.44** | **2,185.72** | **2,131.54** | **2,109.28** | **2,099.39** | **2,115.38** | **2,170.47** | **2,200.43** | **2,308.22** | **2,276.68** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

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

Education Health

Grades 1-7 (PTA+Project/year) K55.00 – K100.00 Consultation Fee

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K250.00 – K451.00 Mosquito Net (pregnant / ↓5) -

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K735.00 – K3, 600.00 Lab tests (e.g., malaria) -

School Uniform K120.00 – K130.00 Monthly scheme (hospital) K60.00

Fuel (cost at the pump)

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

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

Location-Town K6.00 Kerosene (per litre) -

Kasama- Nakonde K58.00-K65.00

**(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 **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 NewTown Market, Chikumanino Market, Tazara Market, Chambeshi Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Chambeshi Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Kasama. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$411** based upon an exchange rate of **K5.8012** per US**$** prevailing on the day of data collection. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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