JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET*: LUSAKA

## February 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie Meal (breakfast) 68.86 2 x 25Kgs 137.72

Beans 21.31 3 Kgs 63.93

Kapenta (dry) 109.60 2 Kgs 229.20

Bream (dry) 70.15 1Kgs 70.15

Beef, mixed cut 30.58 4 Kgs 122.32

Dark green vegetable 5.21 4 Kgs 20.84

Tomatoes 7.54 4 Kgs 30.16

Onion, large 6.12 2 Kgs 12.24

Cooking oil (2.5 Ltrs) 33.64 3 litres 40.37

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 4.73 1 loaf/day 141.90

Sugar 15.64 6 Kgs 40.37

Milk (fresh) 5.11 4x500ml 20.44

Tea, powder (250g) 12.68 1 Kgs 50.72

Eggs 9.14 2 Units 18.28

Salt 4.21 1Kgs 4.21

***Sub Total*  999.40**

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

Charcoal (90Kg bags) 112.00 180 Kgs 225.00

Soap (Lifebuoy/Champion) 3.08 10 Tablets 30.80

Wash soap (Boom) 4.56 4x400g 18.24

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 10.84 1x500ml 10.84

Electricity (med. density - fixed) 372.00 372.00

Water & Sanitation (med. cost - fixed) 210.00 210.00

Housing (med. density - 3 bedroom) 1,750.00 1,750.00

***Sub Total*  2,616.88**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket* 3,616.28**

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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)** | **3,469.68** | **3,645.44** | **3,616.18** | **3,593.60** | **3,625.20** | **3,684.46** | **3,638.42** | **3,581.13** | **3,536.69** | **3,575.37** | **3,557.81** | **3,538.54** | **3,601.01** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

**Item**  **Kwacha Item Kwacha**

**Education**  **Transport (bus fare round trip)**

Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year) K400.00 – K600.00 Chilenje-Town K9.00

Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year) K650.00 – K1, 300.00 Chelstone -Town K9.60

School Uniform (grades 8-12) K90.00 – K200.00 Matero-Town K8.40

**Health (clinic)** **Fuel (cost at the pump)**

Registration (book) K3.00 - K5.00 Petrol (per litre) K9.91

Self referral (Emergency Fee) K 5.500 Diesel (per litre) K9.20

Mosquito Net (private) K30.00 – K120.00 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 **27thFebruary, 2014** by the Social & Economic Development Programme of the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection. Average prices were calculated on the basis of prices gathered from retail outlets at Northmead, Shoprite (Cairo Road), City Market, Chawama, Chainda, Kabwata, Matero and schools, clinics/hospitals and filling stations around Lusaka. The February Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$625** based upon the exchange rate of **K5.7865** per US**$** prevailing on the day of data collection.

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