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

## February 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie Meal (breakfast) 74.84 2 x 25Kgs 149.68

Beans 15.24 3 Kgs 45.72

Kapenta (dry) 96.00 2 Kgs 192.00

Bream, smoked 148.33 1 Kgs 148.33

Mixed cut 32.57 4 Kgs 130.28

Dark green vegetable 10.80 4 Kgs 43.20

Tomatoes 10.20 4 Kgs 40.80

Onion, large 11.00 2 Kgs 22.00

Cooking oil (2.5L) 33.86 3 Litres 40.63

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 5.41 1loaf/day 162.30

Sugar 15.13 6 Kgs 45.39

Milk (500ml Long life) 5.38 2 Litres 21.52

Tea, powder 8.31 1 Kgs 8.31

Eggs 8.43 2units 16.86

Salt 5.42 1 Kgs 5.42

***Sub total***   **1,072.44**

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

Charcoal 128.00 2x 90Kg bags 256.00

Soap (Lifebouy) 4.11 10 Tablets 41.10

Wash soap (Boom) 4.90 4x400g 19.60

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 14.00 1x500ml 14.00

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 145.62 145.62

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 95.00 95.00

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 1,500.00 1,500.00

***Sub total***   **2,071.32**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***   **3,143.76**

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| **Totals from previous months** | **Jan 13** | **Feb 13** | **Mar 13** | **Apr 13** | **May 13** | **Jun 13** | **Jul 13** | **Aug 13** | **Sept 13** | **Oct 13** | **Nov 13** | **Dec 13** | **Jan 14** |
| Amount (K) | **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** | **2,889.81** |

**(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) K750.00 Medical Exam K35.00

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K900.00 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 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 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 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 February Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$ 546** based upon the rate of **K5.7581** per US$ prevailing on the **25th February, 2014**. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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