JCTR *BASIC* *NEEDS* *BASKET:* LUANSHYA

## March 2014

1. **COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE IN LUANSHYA**

**Commodity Quantity Kwacha Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 2 x 25Kgs 74.33 148.66

Beans 3 Kgs 12.40 37.20

Kapenta (dry) 2 Kgs 90.00 180.00

Bream, smoked 1Kgs 105.00 105.00

Beef, mixed cut 4 Kgs 31.92 127.68

Dark green vegetable 4 Kgs 4.20 16.80

Tomatoes 4 Kgs 6.50 26.00

Onion, large 2 Kgs 10.33 20.66

Cooking oil (2.5Ltrs) 3 Ltrs 33.75 40.50

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 1 loaf/day 4.83 144.90

Sugar 6 Kgs 15.28 45.84

Milk, long life 500ml 500ml 5.63 22.52

Tea, powder 1 Kgs 5.42 21.68

Eggs 2 units 10.00 20.00

Salt 1Kgs 4.50 4.50

***Sub total*  961.94**

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

Charcoal 2x 90Kg bags 111.60 223.20

Soap (Lifebuoy) 10 Tablets 3.22 32.20

Wash soap (Boom) 4x400g 5.08 20.32

Jelly (e.g. Vaseline) 1x500ml 13.06 13.06

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 226.00 226.00

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 96.60 96.60

Housing (medium density - 3 bedroom) 800.00 800.00

***Sub total*  1,411.38**

***Total for basic needs basket*  2,373.32**

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| **Totals from previous months** | **Feb 13** | **Mar 13** | **Apr 13** | **May 13** | **Jun 13** | **Jul 13** | **Aug 13** | **Sep 13** | **Oct 13** | **Nov 13** | **Dec 13** | **Jan 14** | **Feb 14** |
| Amount (K) | **2,202.26** | **2,207.80** | **2,203.45** | **2,386.06** | **2,284.52** | **2,266.53** | **2,227.29** | **2,209.06** | **2,226.10** | **2,205.85** | **2,316.29** | **2,158.93** | **-** |

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

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

Education Health

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

Grades 8-9 (User+PTA/year) K340.00 Malaria Slide (Roan) K10.00

Grades 10-12 (User+PTA/year) K580.00 Mosquito Drugs (private) K20.00

School Uniform K250.00 Fast track K20.00

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

Mpatamatu-Town K12.00 Petrol (per litre) K9.91

Roan - Kalala K12.00 Diesel (per litre) K9.20

New Town K6.00 Kerosene (per litre) K6.40

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

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Solwezi** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Kabwe** | **Livingstone** | **Mpika** | **Luanshya** |
| **3,687.72** | **2,361.74** | **2,560.01** | **2,240.32** | **2,269.13** | **2,540.23** | **2,765.92** | **1,612.48** | **2,373.32** |

This survey was conducted from **26th to 28th March, 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 Mpatamatu Market, Buseko Market, Roan Market, Mikomfwa Market and Town Centre Shoprite. Additional information was obtained from ZESCO, the Kafubu Water and Sewerage Company and schools, clinics and houses around Luanshya. The March Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$379** based upon the exchange rate of **K6.2698** per US**$** prevailing **on the days of data collection**. Please note that other monthly costs would include personal care, clothing, recreation, etc.

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