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

## August 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 74.63 2 x 25Kgs 149.26

Beans 13.86 3 Kgs 41.58

Kapenta (dry) 102.00 2 Kgs 204.00

Bream, smoked 162.50 1 Kgs 162.50

Mixed cut 34.40 4 Kgs 137.60

Dark green vegetable 9.90 4 Kgs 39.60

Tomatoes 10.69 4 Kgs 42.76

Onion, large 11.98 2 Kgs 23.96

Cooking oil (2.5L) 34.97 3 Litres 41.96

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 5.04 1loaf/day 151.20

Sugar 15.64 6 Kgs 46.92

Milk (500ml Long life) 5.48 2 Litres 21.92

Tea, powder 8.14 1 Kgs 8.14

Eggs 8.47 2units 16.94

Salt 6.64 1 Kgs 6.64

***Sub total***   **1,094.98**

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

Charcoal 142.20 2x 90Kg bags 284.40

Soap (Lifebuoy) 4.49 10 Tablets 44.90

Wash soap (Boom) 5.41 4x400g 21.64

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 14.71 1x500ml 14.71

Electricity (medium density - fixed) 181.00 181.00

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed) 95.00 95.00

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

***Sub total***   **2,141.65**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***   **3,236.63**

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| **Totals from previous months** | **Jul 13** | **Aug 13** | **Sept 13** | **Oct 13** | **Nov 13** | **Dec 13** | **Jan 14** | **Feb 14** | **Mar 14** | **Apr 14** | **May 14** | **Jun 14** | **Jul 14** |
| Amount (K) | **2,871.94** | **2,919.20** | **2,831.94** | **2,786.21** | **2,845.36** | **2,831.89** | **2,889.81** | **3,143.76** | **-** | **3,176.74** | **3,181.15** | **3,194.33** | **3,251.58** |

**(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) K550.00-K900.00 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) K10.63

Masala-Town K5.00 Diesel (per litre) K10.01

Twapia-Town K6.70 Kerosene (per litre) K7.48

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

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Mansa** | **Mongu** | **Ndola** | **Solwezi** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Mpika** | **Luanshya** | **Kitwe** | **Kabwe** | **Livingstone** | **Choma** | **Chinsali** |
| **3,742.31** | **2,287.14** | **2,501.70** | **1,952.50** | **3,236.63** | **3,171.86** | **2,331.53** | **2,283.69** | **2,035.46** | **2,746.31** | **2,565.49** | **3,001.10** | **2,832.63** | **2,837.23** | **1,908.25** |

This survey was conducted on **25th August, 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 August Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$ 534** based upon the rate of **K6.0559** 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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