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

## September 2014

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

**Commodity Kwacha Quantity Total Kwacha**

Mealie meal (breakfast) 71.33 2 x 25Kgs 142.66

Beans 13.14 3 Kgs 39.42

Kapenta (dry) 95.00 2 Kgs 190.00

Bream, smoked 166.67 1 Kgs 166.67

Mixed cut 34.84 4 Kgs 139.36

Dark green vegetable 8.40 4 Kgs 33.60

Tomatoes 9.76 4 Kgs 39.04

Onion, large 12.28 2 Kgs 24.56

Cooking oil (2.5L) 35.20 3 Litres 42.24

Bread wheat, refined flour, baked 5.21 1loaf/day 156.30

Sugar 16.05 6 Kgs 48.15

Milk (500ml Long life) 5.69 2 Litres 22.76

Tea, powder 8.21 1 Kgs 8.21

Eggs 8.80 2units 17.60

Salt 6.06 1 Kgs 6.06

***Sub total***   **1,076.63**

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

Charcoal 112.00 2x 90Kg bags 224.00

Soap (Lifebuoy) 4.20 10 Tablets 42.00

Wash soap (Boom) 5.07 4x400g 20.28

Jelly (e.g Vaseline) 14.78 1x500ml 14.78

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***   **2,077.06**

***Total for Basic Needs Basket***   **3,153.69**

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| **Totals from previous months** | **Aug 13** | **Sept 13** | **Oct 13** | **Nov 13** | **Dec 13** | **Jan 14** | **Feb 14** | **Mar 14** | **Apr 14** | **May 14** | **Jun 14** | **Jul 14** | **Aug 14** |
| Amount (K) | **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** | **3,236.63** |

**(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 SEPTEMBER**

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| **Lusaka** | **Kasama** | **Mansa** | **Mongu** | **Ndola** | **Solwezi** | **Monze** | **Chipata** | **Mpika** | **Luanshya** | **Kitwe** | **Kabwe** | **Livingstone** | **Choma** | **Chinsali** |
| **3,703.02** | **2,594.33** | **2,099.43** | **1,952.50** | **3,153.69** | **3,304.94** | **2,281.83** | **2,276.99** | **2,034.08** | **2,901.91** | **2,607.66** | **3,007.93** | **2,818.49** | **2,843.19** | **1,926.52** |

This survey was conducted on **25th September, 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 September Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US$ 511** based upon the rate of **K6.1773** 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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