

JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LUSAKA

AUGUST 2012

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total
Mealie Meal (breakfast)	48,600	2x25 Kg bags	97,200
Beans	16,100	3 Kgs	48,300
Kapenta (dry)	55,900	2 Kgs	111,800
Dry Fish(smoked)	72,500	1 Kg	72,500
Beef (mixed cut)	28,600	4 Kgs	114,400
Eggs	8,800	2 Units	17,600
Vegetables (greens)	4,800	4 Kgs	19,200
Tomato	4,800	4 Kgs	19,200
Onion	4,700	2 Kgs	9,400
Milk (long life)	5,500	4x500ml	22,000
Cooking oil	37,300	3 litres	44,760
Bread	5,100	1 loaf/day	153,000
Sugar	14,600	3x2Kgs	43,800
Salt	3,700	1 Kg	3,700
Tea (leaves)	51,300	1 Kg	51,300
Sub-total			K828, 160

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal	108,800	2 x 90 Kg bags	217,600
Soap (Lifebuoy)	4,900	10 tablets	49,000
Wash soap (Boom)	4,600	4 x 400 g	18,400
Jelly	11,200	1 x 500 ml	11,200
Electricity (medium - fixed)	372,000		372,000
Water & Sanitation (med - fixed)	210,000		210,000
Housing (3 bedroom)	1,750,000		1,750,000
Sub-total			K2, 628,200

Total for Basic Needs Basket **K3, 456,360**

Totals from previous months	Aug 11	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12	Mar 12	Apr 11	May 12	June 12	July 12
Amount	K2,922,950	K2,915,200	K2,917,150	K2,904,550	K2,904,150	K2,968,280	K2,996,120	K2,935,680	K2,907,540	K2,909,820	K3,395,660	K3,445,000

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

Item	Kwacha	Item	Kwacha
Education		Transport (bus fare round trip):	
Grades 8-9 (User + PTA/year)	K400, 000 – K600, 000	Chilenje-Town	K7, 200
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	K650, 000 – K1, 000,000	Chelston -Town	K8, 000
School Uniform (grades 8-12)	K100, 000 – K200, 000	Matero-Town	K7, 000
Health (clinic)		Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Registration (book)	K3, 000 - K5, 000	Petrol (per litre)	K8, 155
Self referral (Emergency Fee)	K 5, 500	Diesel (per litre)	K7, 566
Mosquito Net (private)	K30, 000 – K120, 000	Paraffin (per litre)	K5, 154

(D) SOME COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF WAGES--"TAKE HOME PAY"

	Teacher	Nurse	Secretary in Civil Service	Average Monthly Income in Urban Low-Cost Area - CSO
Pay Slip	K1,695,174.82 to K2,725,990.49	K2,418,245.99 to K2,798,245.99	K1,633,715.49 to K2,749,227.15	K1,403,000 (2010 Living conditions survey)

This survey was conducted on **29th August, 2012** by the Social Conditions 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, Chainta, Kabwata, Matero and schools, clinics/hospitals and filling stations around Lusaka. The June Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$ 695** based upon an average middle exchange rate of 4970 Kwacha per US\$ at the end of August.

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