

# JCTR BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LUSAKA

September 2012

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

Commodity	Kwacha	Quantity	Total
Mealie Meal (breakfast)	47,400	2x25 Kg bags	94,800
Beans	13,000	3 Kgs	39,000
Kapenta (dry)	78,700	2 Kgs	157,400
Dry Fish(smoked)	56,000	1 Kg	56,000
Beef (mixed cut)	28,600	4 Kgs	114,400
Eggs	8,400	2 Units	16,800
Vegetables (greens)	4,900	4 Kgs	19,600
Tomato	4,700	4 Kgs	18,800
Onion	4,900	2 Kgs	9,800
Milk (long life)	5,300	4x500ml	21,200
Cooking oil	35,000	3 litres	42,000
Bread	5,000	1 loaf/day	150,000
Sugar	14,100	3x2Kgs	42,300
Salt	3,100	1 Kg	3,100
Tea (leaves)	36,900	1 Kg	36,900
<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>K822, 100</b>

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

Charcoal	118,800	2 x 90 Kg bags	237,600
Soap (Lifebuoy)	3,500	10 tablets	35,000
Wash soap (Boom)	4,400	4 x 400 g	17,600
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
<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>K2, 633,400</b>
<b>Total for Basic Needs Basket</b>			<b>K3, 455,500</b>

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	Aug 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	K3,456,360

## (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	K8, 000
Grades 10-12 (User + PTA/year)	K650, 000 – K1, 000,000	Chelston -Town	K8, 600
School Uniform (grades 8-12)	K100, 000 – K200, 000	Matero-Town	K7, 600
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 **26<sup>th</sup> September, 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 September Basic Needs Basket is approximately **US\$ 683** based upon an average middle exchange rate of 5050 Kwacha per US\$ at the end of September.

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