



HARARE BASIC NEEDS BASKET

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Harare March 2012 BNB¹

Item	Preferred brand	Unit available	Quantity	Harare Average (US\$)
A. Essential Food Items:				
Mealie Meal (breakfast)	Red Seal (Roller meal)	20kg	2	20.62
Cooking oil	D'lite	2Ltrs	2	7.75
Beef	Mixed	1kg	5	28.85
Chicken	Suncrest cuts	2kg	1	8.11
Beans	Sugar beans	500g	4	4.88
Fish	fresh	1kg	2	7.36
Kapenta	dried	1kg	1	10.04
Salt	Pro-brands	2kg	1	0.93
Bread	Bakers Inn	1loaf	30	30.00
Eggs	Standard	1 crate	2	10.69
Sugar	Gold star (white)	2kg	4	8.63
Tea (leaves)	Stella	250g	4	10.25
Milk	Steri	500ml	12	11.55
Margarine	Buttercup	2kg	1	10.62
Onions		1kg	10	16.30
Tomatoes		1kg	10	16.86
Vegetables (greens)	rape	1kg	22.5	22.78
Sub-total				223.55
B. Essential Non-food items				
Washing soap	Green bar	1kg	5	8.69
Bathing soap	Geisha tablets	250g	5	4.68
Toothpaste	Colgate	100ml	2	2.87
Toilet paper	Softex	4 rolls/pack	6	8.72
Jelly	Vaseline	250g	2	5.03
Sub-total				29.98
C. Rates and other services				
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	Water	fixed		5.00
	Average usage/month	m3	40	12.00
	Sanitation (Sewage)	fixed		11.50
Monthly rent (4 roomed house)	Basic Accommodation	per room	4	200.00
Electricity	Fixed			
	Average usage/month	KW	600	73.50
Sub-total				302.00
Total BNB for Harare				555.53
D. Other Costs				
Telephone/Communication			1\$/day	\$30/month
Transport (public)			\$0.50/trip	\$30/month
School Fees:				
Tertiary	University (UZ)			\$420/Semester
	Technical/Colleges (Harare Polytechnic)		National certificate	\$175/term

¹ The following are the shops and markets where PRFT collected data on prices of basic commodities for the March 2012 BNB: City Center (TM Robson Manyika, Prime Meats); Epworth (Domboramwari shopping centre); Hatcliffe (Kudenga Spar and surrounding market stalls); Mbare (OK Mbare and Mbare musika market stalls); Mabvuku (Mabvuku Shopping Centre); Waterfalls (Zindoga shopping centre); Mabelreign (OK and Spar); Belvedere (OK Marimba); Newlands (TM); Helensvale (Helensvale Spar). The survey was conducted between 22nd and 23rd March 2012.

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		National Diploma level	\$225/term
	Secondary		\$80/term
	Primary		\$40/term
	Creche		\$30/term
School Uniforms	Girls		\$69 (complete uniform)
	Boys		\$50 (complete uniform)
Health care	CIMAS Basicare Package	2 adults @ \$67 each and 3 children @ \$40 each	\$40/month
Fuel & Lighting	Paraffin (Pump price)		\$1.21/Litre
	Diesel (Pump price)		\$1.35/Litre
	Petrol (Pump price)		\$1.44/Litre
	matches		\$.70/pack of 10
	Candles		\$1.65/pack of 6

Trend analysis of the cost of the BNB from November 2010 to March 2012

