



MUTARE BASIC NEEDS BASKET

January 2012

For more information contact: Poverty Reduction Forum Trust, 59 Mendel Road, Avondale, Harare.
Phone: +263 4 307472/3; Email: prftresearch@gmail.com or visit our website: www.prftzim.org.zw

January 2012 BNB¹

The cost of the BNB for Mutare has dropped by 0.43%, from \$455.79 in November 2011 to \$453.82 in January 2012. The cost of basic food items has not changed much, except for a slight decrease in the cost of vegetables (onions, greens and tomatoes), mainly attributed to their increased availability on the market. On average, a green bar of soap has risen to \$1.70 up from \$1.55 two months ago. No announcements regarding changes in water and electricity bills were done since October last year.

The detailed BNB for January 2012 is presented in Table 1:

Table 1: Mutare BNB for January 2012

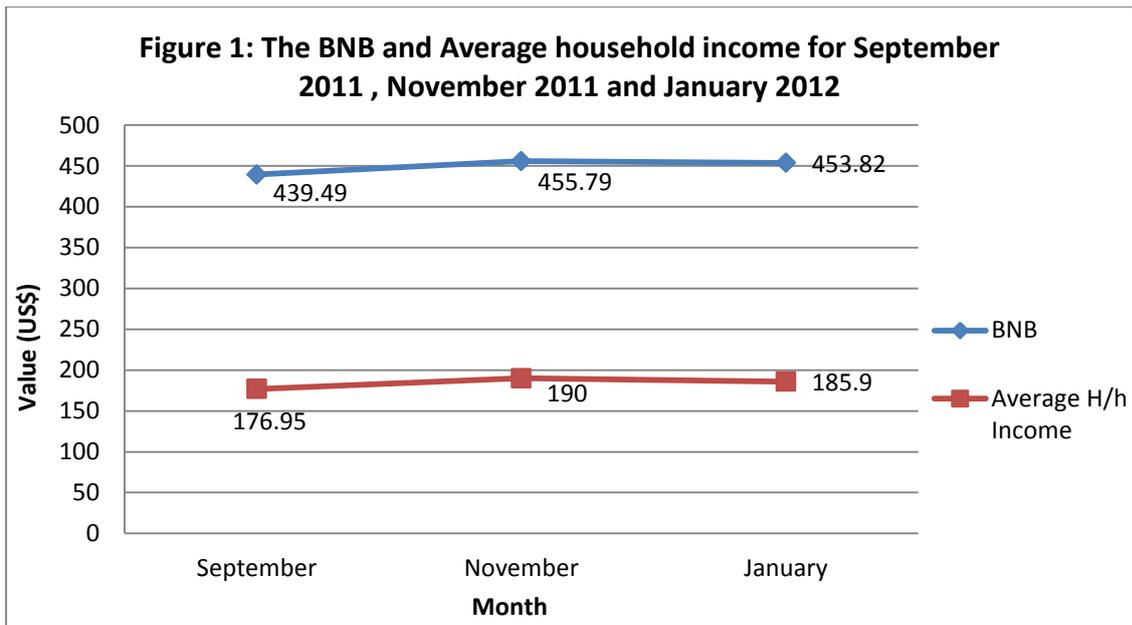
		<i>Unit Available</i>	<i>Quantity Required</i>	Mutare average (US\$)
A. Essential Food Items:				
Mealie Meal (breakfast)	Red Seal (Roller meal)	20kg	2	22.43
Cooking oil	D'lite	2Ltrs	2	8.68
Beef	Mixed	1kg	8	56.80
Chicken	Suncrest cuts	2kg	1	7.35
Beans	Sugar beans	500g	2	2.02
Fish	fresh	1kg	2	7.35
Salt	Pro-brands	2kg	1	0.97
Bread	Bakers Inn	1loaf	30	30.00
Eggs	Standard	1 crates	2	10.28
Sugar	Gold star (white)	2kg	4	8.47
Tea (leaves)	Tanganda	250g	4	6.93
Milk	Steri	500ml	10	9.50
Margarine	Buttercup	2kg	1	10.70
Onions		1kg	5	5.30
Tomatoes		1kg	10	9.63
Vegetables (greens)	rape	1kg	15	12.38
Sub-total				209.06
B. Essential Non-food items				
Washing soap	Green bar	1kg	3	5.10
Bathing soap	Geisha tablets	250g	4	3.65
Washing Powder	Omo	1kg	1	4.22
Toothpaste	Colgate	100ml	2	2.63
Sanitary pads	Farai	1 pack	3	3.36
Toilet paper	Softex	4 rolls	4	5.65
Jelly	Vaseline	250ml	2	4.70
Sub-total				29.26
C. Rates and other essential services				

¹ The following are the shops and markets where PRFT collected data on prices of basic commodities for the January 2012 BNB: City Center (TM Main Street, OK Main Street, Spar Main Street); Sakubva (TM and Spar), Chikanga (Spar); Dangamvura (TM).

Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	Average usage/month	m3	40	16.00
	Sanitation (Sewage)	fixed		6.00
Monthly rent (4 roomed house)	Basic accommodation	per room	4	120.00
Electricity	Average usage/month	KW	600	73.50
Sub-total				215.50
Total for basic needs basket for Mutare				453.82
Other Costs				
Telephone/Communication		\$/month		30.00
Transport (2-way)		\$1/day		30.00
School Fees				
Tertiary	University			420.00
	Technical/Professional College		National certificate	175.00
			National Diploma	225.00
	High School (Forms 5&6)	per term		120.00
	Secondary (Forms 1-4)	per term		70.00
	Primary	per term		25.00
	Creche	per month		30.00
Uniforms	Girls	Complete set	Enbee Prices	70.00
	Boys	Complete set	Enbee Prices	60.00
Health care	CIMAS Basicare scheme			2 adults @ \$67 each and 3 children @ \$40 each
Fuel & Lighting	Paraffin			1.20
	Diesel			1.28
	Petrol			1.42
	Matches	Carton of 10		0.75
	Candles	pack of 6		1.99
	Firewood	per month		20.00

The BNB and household income: Aftermath of the BONUS Season!

The festive season came and vanished with it the 13th checks that temporarily brought smiles to many workers' faces. Average household incomes for the 10 households that we are tracking dropped from an average of \$190.00 in November 2011 to \$185.90 in January 2012 (probably because of the BONUS factor) (see Figure 1 below).



Hear the voice of the RESIDENT

Hatizivi kuti toita sei nedzidzo dzevana vedu, vogarawo here paumba hurumende ngaimiramirekwo

R.S., Sakubva, Mutare

Kakawanda tichi dzvinyirirwa mututaro mari yemuzvipatara yakatura, uyeye dzidzo yevana vaduku ngaipiwekwo pachena.

S.S. Sakubva

KULWANISWA MUKANA WEMA STANDS SEZVO TICHEI-KUGARA PADZIMBA DZEBASA VANA WOU VASAZOTAMBURA RAMANGWANA JABUDA MABASA

A.S.W., Mutare