



## **HARARE BASIC NEEDS BASKET**

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## Harare March 2012 BNB<sup>1</sup>

| Item                                     | Preferred brand                         | Unit available       | Quantity    | Harare Average (US\$) |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| <b>A. Essential Food Items:</b>          |                                         |                      |             |                       |
| 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                 |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                         |                                         |                      |             | <b>223.55</b>         |
| <b>B. Essential Non-food items</b>       |                                         |                      |             |                       |
| 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                  |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                         |                                         |                      |             | <b>29.98</b>          |
| <b>C. Rates and other services</b>       |                                         |                      |             |                       |
| 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                 |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                         |                                         |                      |             | <b>302.00</b>         |
|                                          |                                         |                      |             |                       |
| <b>Total BNB for Harare</b>              |                                         |                      |             | <b>555.53</b>         |
| <b>D. Other Costs</b>                    |                                         |                      |             |                       |
| 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            |

<sup>1</sup> 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 (Domboromwari 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012.

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|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                 |                        | level                                           |                         |
|                 |                        | 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

