



BULAWAYO BASIC NEEDS BASKET

May 2015

Bulawayo BNB¹ for March 2015

Item	Preferred Brand	Unit available	Quantity	Average (US\$)
A. Essential Food Items				
Mealie Meal	Red Seal (Roller meal)	10kg	4	29.50
Sugar	Brown Sugar	2kg	4	6.99
Cooking Oil	Goldstar	2ltrs	2	6.48
Rice	Economy	2kg	5	8.00
Chicken	Irvines Chicken Cuts	2kg	2	13.02
Salt	Red Seal	1kg	2	1.04
Tea leaves	Stella Tea	250g	1	1.76
Bread	Lobels	1 loaf	30	28.00
Milk	Steri/Chimombe	500ml	12	8.78
Sugar Beans	Red Seal	500g	4	4.73
Vegetables	Rape	bundle	22.5	16.20
Tomatoes	Tomatoes	1kg	10	8.64
Kapenta	Kapenta	1kg	1	8.60
Onions	Onions	1kg	10	11.88
Eggs	Irvines	1crate	2	10.56
Beef	Economy	1kg	5	24.88
Sub-total				189.05
B. Essential Non-food items				
Bath soap	Geisha tablets	250g	5	4.46
Laundry soap	Greenbar	1kg	5	6.15
Washing powder	sunlight	1kg	2	4.51
Petroleum Jelly	Vaseline	250g	2	3.49
Toothpaste	Colgate	100ml	2	1.61
Sanitary Pads	Always	500g	1	1.15
Toilet Paper	Softex	Pack of 4	6	5.77
Sub-total				27.13
C. Rates and other services				
Water & Sanitation	Water	fixed		
	Average usage/month	m3	40	34.00
	Sanitation (Sewage)	fixed		6.00
Monthly rent (4 roomed house)	Basic accommodation	per room	4	200.00
Electricity	Usage/Month		1	45.00

¹ The following are the shops and markets where PRFT collected data on prices of basic commodities for the May 2015 BNB; Nkulumane Choppies, Mountainview Choppies, Ascot TM, Hyper TM, Choppies downtown and Bellevue Spar. The survey was conducted on the 18th and 19th of May 2015.

Sub-total				285.00
Total BNB for Bulawayo				501.18
D. Other Costs				
Telephone/Communication				30.00
School Fees				
Tertiary	NUST/Semester*			465.00
	Bulawayo Poly			640.00
	High School (Forms 5&6)	per term	A Level	81.67
	Secondary (Forms 1-4)	per term	O Level	55.00
	Primary	per term	Grade 1-7	37.20
	Primary	per term	ECDA	29.00
	Primary	per term	ECD B	60.40
	Crèche	per month		26.67
Uniforms	Girls	Complete set		0.00
	Boys	Complete set		61.50
Health care	CIMAS Basic care	Family		0.00
Fuel & Lighting	Paraffin	Per Litre		0.73
	Diesel	Per Litre		0.72
	Petrol	Per Litre		0.78
	Gas	Per kg		0.00
	Firewood	Per month		0.00

*NUST - National University of Science and Technology

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