



Bulawayo BNB¹ for March 2015

Item	Preferred brand	Unit available	Quantity	Harare Average (US\$)
A. Essential Food Items:				
Mealie Meal	Red Seal (Roller meal)	20kg	2	25.77
Sugar	Brown Sugar	2Ltrs	2	7.02
Cooking Oil	Goldstar	1kg	5	6.71
Rice	Economy	2kg	1	13.86
Chicken	chicken cuts	500g	4	13.52
Salt	Red Seal	1kg	2	0.84
Tea leaves	Stella Tea	1kg	1	1.96
Bread	Lobels	2kg	1	30.00
Milk	Chimombe	1loaf	30	8.94
Sugar Beans	Red Seal	1 crates	2	4.77
Vegetables	Rape	2kg	4	11.51
Tomatoes	Tomatoes	250g	4	10.82
Dried Fish	Kapenta	500ml	12	8.83
Onions	Onions	2kg	1	9.55
Eggs	Irvines	1kg	10	10.33
Beef	Economy/Commercial	1kg	10	11.49
Sub-total				175.91
B. Essential Non-food items				
Bath soap	Geisha tablets	250g	5	4.51
Laundry soap	Greenbar	1kg	5	6.09
Washing powder	sunlight	1kg	2	5.20
Petroleum Jelly	vaseline	250g	2	2.83
Toothpaste	Colgate	100ml	2	1.90
Sanitary Pads	Always	500g	1	1.41
Toilet Paper	Softex	Pack of 4	6	5.92
Sub-total				27.85
C. Rates and other services				
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	Water	fixed		1.21
	Average usage/month	m3	40	6
	Sanitation (Sewage)	fixed		8.65
Monthly rent (4 roomed house)	Basic accomodation	per room	4	200

¹ The following are the shops and markets where PRFT collected data on prices of basic commodities for the March 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 March 2015.

Electricity ²	Average usage/month	KW	600	50.00
Sub-total				265.86
Total BNB for Bulawayo				469.62
D. Other Costs				
Telephone/Communication		1\$/day	30	0.00
School Fees				0.00
Tertiary	University			520.00
	Technical/Professional College			215.00
	Secondary			67.50
	Primary			52.50
	Creche			40.00
School uniforms	Girls			
	Boys			0.00
Health care	CIMAS Basicare scheme			0.00
Fuel & Lighting	Paraffin			1.41
	Diesel			1.44
	Petrol			0.55
	matches			0.58
	Candles			1.62
	Gas			3.00

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² Electricity charges were estimated using averages that families are now paying following the installation of pre-paid meters in most homes in Bulawayo.