

## **GWERU BASIC NEEDS BASKET**

May 2015

## Gweru BNB<sup>1</sup> for May 2015

A. Essential Food Items:	Preferred Brand	Unit Available	Quantity	Average US\$
Mealie Meal (breakfast)	Red Seal (Roller meal)	20kg	2	24.00
Cooking oil	D'lite	2Ltrs	2	6.85
Beef	Economy	1kg	5	28.50
Chicken	Mixed portions	2kg	2	13.61
Beans	Sugar beans	500g	4	4.76
Fish	Fresh	1kg	2	6.95
Dried Fish (Matemba)	Kapenta	1kg	1	9.23
Salt	Pro-brands	2kg	1	1.00
Bread	Bakers Inn	1loaf	30	30.00
Peanut Butter (Dovi)	Lyons	375 ml	3	4.38
Drink	Mazoe Orange Crush	2 litres	2	5.75
Rice	Red seal / Mariana	2 kg	2	3.60
Eggs	Standard	1 crates	2	11.35
Sugar	Hullet (brown) sugar	2kg	4	7.09
Tea (leaves)	Stella	250g	2	3.78
Milk	Steri/Fresh	500ml	14	13.93
Margarine	Buttercup	2kg	1	10.98
Onions	Onions	1kg	5	5.50
Tomatoes	Tomatoes	1kg	10	9.95
Vegetables (greens)	Rape	1kg	15	14.96
Sub-total				216.17
B. Essential Non-food items				
Laundry Soap	Green bar	1kg	4	3.58
Bathing Soap	Geisha tablets	250g	4	5.55
Washing Powder	Omo	1kg	2	6.38
Toothpaste	Colgate	100ml	2	4.02
Sanitary pads	Farai	1 pack	3	2.81
Toilet paper	Softex	4 rolls	4	4.51
Shoe Polish	Nugget	50ml	2	2.70
Toilet Cleaner	Harpic	750ml	1	1.50
Petroleum Jelly	Vaseline	250ml	2	1.07
Lotion	Camphor	500g	1	0.75

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The following are the shops and markets where PRFT collected data on prices of basic commodities for the month of May 2015 BNB: City OK, DCK City, Mambo, Ascot, Madzinga Mkoba 1, Chipo Mkoba 6 and Good Price Mkoba 10. The survey was conducted on the 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> of May 2015.

Sub-total				32.87
C. Rates and other essential				
services				
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	Water	fixed		
	Average usage/month	m3	40	36.00
	Sanitation (Sewage)	fixed		0.00
Monthly rent (4 roomed house)	Basic accomodation	per room	4	200.00
Electricity	Fixed (Sept - Dec 2010)		1	47.00
Sub-total				283.00
Total for basic needs basket for Gweru				532.04
Other Costs				
Telephone/Communication		\$/month		30.00
School Fees				
Tertiary	University			615.00
	Polytechnic		National certificate	267.00
			National Diploma	225.00
	High School (Forms 5&6)	per term	A Level	48.33
	Secondary (Forms 1- 4)	per term	O Level	55.00
	Primary	per term	ECD A	55.00
	Primary	per term	ECD B	50.00
	Primary	per term	Grade 1-7	61.25
	Creche	per month		30.00
Uniforms	Girls	Complete set	Enbee Prices	125.00
	Boys	Complete set	Enbee Prices	128.00
Health care	CIMAS Basicare scheme			50.00
Fuel & Lighting	Paraffin/Ltre			1.10
	Diesel/Ltre			1.37
	Petrol/Ltre			1.44
	Gas/kg			2.80
	Firewood	Pack of 6		0.00

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