



Gweru BNB¹ for March 2015

A. Essential Food Items:	Brand	Unit Available	Quantity	Gweru average US\$
Mealie Meal	Red Seal (Roller meal)	20kg	2	23.61
Cooking oil	D'lite	2Ltrs	2	7.08
Beef	Mixed	1kg	2	25.31
Chicken	Suncrest cuts	2kg	1	14.71
Beans	Sugar beans	500g	2	4.94
Fish	Fresh	1kg	2	6.89
Dried Fish	Kapenta	1kg	2	10.14
Salt	Pro-brands	2kg	1	0.95
Bread	Bakers Inn	1loaf	30	30.00
Peanut Butter	Lyons	375ml	3	4.47
Drink	Mazoe Orange	2 litres	2	5.86
Rice	Red Seal	2kg	2	3.66
Eggs	Standard	1 crates	2	12.74
Sugar	Gold star (white)	2kg	4	7.34
Tea (leaves)	Tanganda	250g	4	3.90
Milk	Steri	500ml	10	13.98
Margarine	Buttercup	2kg	1	11.33
Onions	Onions	1kg	5	4.92
Tomatoes	Tomatoes	1kg	10	9.71
Vegetables (greens)	Rape	1kg	15	14.79
Sub-total				216.34
B. Essential Non-food items				
Washing soap	Green bar	1kg	3	5.63
Bathing soap	Geisha tablets	250g	4	4.00
Washing Powder	Omo	1kg	1	6.48
Toothpaste	Colgate	100ml	2	2.27
Sanitary pads	Farai	1 pack	3	2.99
Toilet paper	Softex	4 rolls	4	4.24
Shoe Polish	Nugget	100g	2	2.00
Lotion	Camphor	500g	1	2.24
Toilet Cleaner	Harpic	750ml	1	1.97
Jelly	Vaseline	250ml	2	3.97
Sub-total				35.79

¹ The following are the shops and markets where PRFT collected data on prices of basic commodities for the March 2015 BNB: City OK, DCK City, Mambo, Ascot, Madzinga Mkoba 1, Chipso Mkoba 6 and Good Price Mkoba 10. The survey was conducted on the 18th and 19th of March 2015.

C. Rates and other essential services				
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	Average usage/month +fixed charge	420 m3		29.14
	Sanitation (Sewage)			
Monthly rent (4 roomed house)	Basic accommodation	per room	4	200.00
Electricity ²	Fixed (Sept - Dec 2010)		1	50.00
Sub-total				279.14
Total for basic needs basket for Gweru				531.26
Other Costs				
Telephone/Communication		\$/month		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				
Fuel & Lighting	Paraffin			1.12
	Diesel			1.35
	Petrol			1.43
	Matches	Carton of 12		0.75
	Candles	pack of 6		2.00
	Firewood	per month		20.00

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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 Gweru.