



## Masvingo Basic Needs Basket Report

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<b>A. Essential Food Items:</b>				
ITEM	Preferred brand	Unit available	Quantity	Masvingo Average
Mealie meal	Red Seal	10kg	4	23.66
Sugar	Hullet Brown	2kg	4	7.40
Cooking oil	Olivine/ Royi	2Ltrs	2	8.36
Salt	Red Seal	2kg	1	1.00
Bread	Bakers Inn/ Victoria	1	30	27.50
Rice	Mariana/ Redseal	2kg	2	3.55
Tea leaves	Tanganda	250g	2	5.15
Sugar Beans	Chitima/ Local Market	500g	2	2.11
Margarine	Stork Margarine	500g	4	11.16
Dovi	Lyons	375ml	4	5.46
Drink	Mazoe Orange Crush	2Ltrs	3	8.35
Eggs	Irvines	1 Crate	2	11.19
Chicken	Irvines cuts	2kg	2	16.53
Fresh Milk	Steri / Chimombe	500ml	15	14.48
Beef	Economy	1kg	8	36.93
Vegetables	Covo Musika	1 big bundle	12	15.80
Onions	Musika	1kg	5	5.52
Tomatoes	Musika	1kg/10kg	10	11.57
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>215.70</b>

<sup>1</sup> The following are the shops and markets where PRFT collected data on prices of basic commodities for the April 2015 BNB; Pick and Pay (Town), OK (town), Brenthood (Hilside), KwaMai Anna Entreprises (Mucheke B), Dzovani Investment (Mucheke A) and Tapudzi Siski. The survey was conducted on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2015.

<b>B: Essential Non-Food Items</b>				
Washing powder	OMO	1kg	2	<b>5.96</b>
Washing soap	Elangeni/ Bright	1	4	<b>5.13</b>
Bathing soap	Geisha	1	5	<b>4.78</b>
Petroleum Jelly	Vaseline Blue seal	250g	2	<b>3.88</b>
Lotion	Camphour	500g	1	<b>2.17</b>
Toilet paper	Lulu/Softex	Pack of 4	4	<b>4.57</b>
Tooth paste	Colgate	100ml	2	<b>1.77</b>
Pads	Farai	1 pack	4	<b>3.93</b>
Shoe polish	Nugget	50ml	2	<b>1.95</b>
Candles	luna	Pack of 6	1	<b>1.52</b>
Matches		1 carton	1	<b>0.50</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>34.15</b>
Water & Sanitation (medium cost - fixed)	Water	fixed		<b>6.00</b>
	Average usage/month	m3	40	<b>16.00</b>
	Sanitation (Sewage)	fixed		
Monthly rent (4 roomed house)	Basic accomodation	\$60 per room	4	<b>240.00</b>
Electricity <sup>2</sup>	Average usage/month		Units	<b>45.00</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>307.00</b>
<b>Total for basic needs basket for Masvingo</b>				<b>556.85</b>
<b>Other Costs</b>				
Telephone/Communication		\$/month		30.00
School Fees				
Tertiary	University	GZU*		635.00
	Technica College	Masvingo Poly		352.00
	High School (Forms 5&6)	per term	A Level	80.00
	Secondary (Forms 1-4)	per term	O Level	53.33
	Primary	per term	Grade 1-7	45.00
	Primary	per term	ECDA	30.00
	Primary	per term	ECD B	30.00

<sup>2 2</sup> Electricity charges were estimated using averages that families are now paying following the installation of pre-paid meters in Masvingo's Muccheke A and B suburbs

	Private Crèches	per month		65.00
Uniforms	Girls	Complete set		25.50
	Boys	Complete set		23.00
Health care	CIMAS Basi care scheme			50.00
Fuel & Lighting	Paraffin	Per Litre		0.60
	Diesel	Per Litre		0.79
	Petrol	Per Litre		1.36
	Gas	Per kg		0.94
	Firewood	Per month		0.34

\* GZU - Great Zimbabwe University