



MASVINGO BASIC NEEDS BASKET

May 2015

Masvingo May 2015 BNB¹ Report

Item	Preferred Brand	Unit Available	Quantity	Average (US\$)
A. Essential Food Items				
Mealie meal	Red Seal	10kg	4	22.92
Sugar	Hullet Brown	2kg	4	7.27
Cooking oil	Olivine/ Royi	2Ltrs	2	7.46
Salt	Red Seal	2kg	1	0.93
Bread	Bakers Inn/ Victoria	1	30	28.00
Rice	Mariana/ Redseal	2kg	2	3.66
Tea leaves	Tanganda	250g	2	5.90
Sugar Beans	Chitima/ Local Market	500g	2	1.67
Margarine	Stork Margarine	500g	4	11.40
Dovi	Lyons	375ml	4	4.80
Drink	Mazoe Orange Crush	2Ltrs	4	8.39
Eggs	Irvines	1 Crate	2	10.66
Chicken	Irvines cuts	2kg	2	15.39
Fresh Milk	Steri / Chimombe	500ml	125	14.95
Beef	Economy	1kg	10	35.87
Vegetables	Covo Musika	1 big bundle	12	20.00
Onions	Musika	1kg	5	6.67
Tomatoes	Musika	1kg/10kg	10	13.00
Sub-total				218.92
B. Essential Non-food items				
Washing powder	OMO	1kg	4	5.93
Washing soap	Elangeni/ Bright	1	1	5.00
Bathing soap	Geisha	1	2	4.75
Petroleum Jelly	Vaseline Blue seal	250g	3	3.79

¹ The following are the shops and markets where PRFT collected data on prices of basic commodities for the April 2015 BNB; Pick n Pay(Town), OK (Town), Brenthood (Hillside), KwaMai Anna Ent. (Mucheke B), Dzovani Inv. (Mucheke A) and Tapudzi Siski. The survey was conducted on the 19th, 20th and 21st of April 2015

Lotion	Camphor	500g	4	2.25
Toilet paper	Lulu/Softex	Pack of 4	1	3.67
Tooth paste	Colgate	100ml	2	1.77
Pads	Farai	1 pack	1	4.00
Shoe polish	Nugget	50ml		1.87
Sub-total				33.03
C. Other Essential Services				
Water & Sanitation	Water	fixed		
	Average usage/month	m3	40	16.00
	Sanitation (Sewage)	fixed		6.00
Monthly rent (4 roomed house)	Basic accommodation	per room	4	200.00
Electricity	Fixed		1	37.00
Sub-total				259.00
Total Basic Needs Basket				510.95
Other Costs				
Telephone/Communication		\$/month		30.00
School Fees				
Tertiary	University	GZU*		635.00
	Technical 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	70.00
	Primary	per term	ECDA	53.00
	Primary	per term	ECD B	53.00
	Crèche	per month		10.83
Uniforms	Girls	Complete set		25.50
	Boys	Complete set		23.00
Health care	CIMAS Basic Care scheme			
Fuel & Lighting	Paraffin	Per Litre		1.00
	Diesel	Per Litre		1.32
	Petrol	Per Litre		1.36
	Gas	Per kg		1.04
	Firewood	Per month		1.65

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