



MUTARE BASIC NEEDS BASKET

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May 2015 BNB¹

The BNB for May 2015 was \$518.28, down from \$526.55 in March 2015. This was mainly due to an \$8 increase in food items which was offset by a \$16 decrease in the cost of electricity for the households that were surveyed. For the households that were surveyed, the average cost of electricity dropped from \$65 in March 2015 to \$49.50 in May 2015.

Item	Preferred brand	Unit Available	Quantity	Average US\$
A. Essential Food Items:				
Mealie Meal	Red Seal (Roller meal)	20kg	2	25.65
Cooking oil	D'lite/Olivine	2Ltrs	2	6.38
Beef	Mixed	1kg	2	11.10
Chicken	Suncrest cuts	2kg	1	5.89
Beans	Sugar beans	500g	2	2.79
Fish	Fresh	1kg	2	7.17
Salt	Pro-brands	2kg	1	0.94
Bread	Bakers Inn	1loaf	30	28.00
Eggs	Standard	1 crates	2	11.16
Sugar	Gold Star (white)	2kg	4	6.96
Tea Leaves	Tanganda	250g	4	8.44
Milk	Steri	500ml	10	9.35
Margarine	Buttercup	2kg	1	10.31
Onions		1kg	5	6.77
Tomatoes		1kg	10	10.50
Vegetables	Rape	1kg	15	5.95
Sub-total				157.36
B. Essential Non-food items				
Washing soap	Green bar	1kg	3	4.16
Bathing soap	Geisha tablets	250g	4	3.78
Washing Powder	Omo	1kg	1	2.33
Toothpaste	Colgate	100ml	2	1.84
Sanitary pads	Farai	1 pack	3	2.83
Toilet paper	Softex	4 rolls	4	4.50
Jelly	Vaseline	250ml	2	3.33
Sub-total				22.78
C. Other essential services				
Water & Sanitation	Water	fixed		0.00
	Average usage/month	m3	40	16.00
	Sanitation (Sewage)	fixed		6.00
Monthly rent (4 roomed house)	Basic accomodation	per room	4	220.00

¹ The following are the shops and markets where PRFT collected data on prices of basic commodities for the month of May 2015 BNB: City Center (TM Main Street, OK Main Street, Spar Main Street); Sakubva (TM and Spar), Chikanga (Spar); Dangamvura (TM). The survey was carried out on 18 and 19 May 2015.

Electricity	Fixed		1	49.50
Sub-total				291.50
Total Basic Needs Basket				471.64
D. Other Costs				
Telephone/Communication		\$/month		30.00
School Fees				
	University	AU*		2400.00
	Tertiary College	Mutare Poly		210.00
	High School (Forms 5&6)	per term	A Level	98.33
	Secondary (Forms 1-4)	per term	O Level	116.67
	Primary	per term	Grade 1-7	26.67
	Primary	per term	ECDA	25.00
	Primary	per term	ECD B	35.00
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Uniforms	Girls at Enbee	Complete set		129.00
	Boys at Enbee	Complete set		129.00
Health care	CIMAS Basicare scheme			50.00
Fuel & Lighting	Paraffin	Per Litre		0.67
	Diesel	Per Litre		0.96
	Petrol	Per Litre		1.03
	Gas	Per kg		2.18
	Firewood	Per month		1.23

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