



## The South Sudan Inter-Agency Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket

The Multi Sector Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (MSSMEB) is the minimum cost of what a household needs to meet their acute needs to sustain their lives.

- It is the starting point for determining transfer values, which covers multi-sector needs.
- The composition is built on in-country consensus
- It may differ from crisis and non-crisis settings
- It may differ depending on seasons
- Some items in the basket are one off, while other are monthly. This means that the first time the basket is given to beneficiary it will be of higher costs as all one off items, would normally be given in the beginning of the intervention period.

### WHY STANDARDIZE THE MEB

- Harmonize the basis for transfer values across implementing partners
- Provide justification for transfer value calculations for partners and donors
- Provide guidance for all partners active in cash-based programs in South Sudan

### MEB CONSOLIDATION PROCESS

- The CWG consulted all the Clusters for critical items that should be included in the MEB
- All the feedback and inputs from the clusters were trimmed down to the minimum survival items necessary for a household of six to sustain themselves for a month
- The consolidated MSSMEB was presented to the Inter Cluster Working Group for feedback and endorsement
- The MSSMEB is based on an average household of 6 family members

### Consolidated Multi Sector Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket for South Sudan

Cost Category	Item	Total Quantity	Unit	One off/ monthly
Food	Cereal	90	kg	Monthly
	Pulses	9	kg	Monthly
	Vegetable oil	6	L	Monthly
	Salt	1	kg	Monthly
Non-Food	Charcoal	1	50kg sack	Monthly



Grinding cost	30	kg	Monthly
Blanket	2	Pcs	One off
Mosquito net	2	Pcs	One off
Kitchen set	1	Pcs	One off
Bar soap (200-250 grams/pc)	6	Pcs	Monthly
Bleach (to purify water)	1.5	L	Monthly
Jerrycan (20L)	2	Pcs	One off
Human drugs	10	USD	Monthly
School fees	3	USD	Monthly
School material - 4 notes books	3	4 Pcs	Monthly
School material – 2 pencils	3	2 Pcs	Monthly
School material - 2 pens	3	2 Pcs	Monthly
School material - 1 rubber	3	Pcs	Monthly
School material - 1 sharpener	3	Pcs	Monthly
Airtime	30	Min	Monthly
Transport	3	USD	Monthly
Reusable sanitary pads	4	Pcs	One off
Underwear	4	Pcs	One off
Kanga	2	Pcs	One off

#### STEPS ON CALCULATION OF THE VALUE OF THE SURVIVAL MINIMUM EXPENDITURE BASKET

- Use the template below to gather information on the prices for each item
- A National staff member to collect SSP prices from minimum 3 different traders for each item (at the quantity and unit indicated)
- Prices must be for the entire quantity indicated in the template
- Calculate the average SSP price for every item
- Multiply the average SSP price by the UN exchange rate to determine the USD value
- Sum the USD values for each item to determine the *total cost of the MEB*
- UN operational exchange rate for the month of price collection to be entered into the template is found on the below link:



<https://treasury.un.org/operationalrates/OperationalRates.php>

Cost Category	Item	Total Quantity	Unit	Quotation 1 (SSP)	Quotation 2 (SSP)	Quotation 3 (SSP)	Average price (SSP)	UN Exchange rate	Total (USD)
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	Pulses	9	Kg						
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Airtime	30	Min							



	Transport	3	USD						
	Reusable Sanitary towels	2	Pcs						
	Underwear	2	Pcs						
	Kanga	1	Pcs						

#### WAY FORWARD

- The CWG will revise the cost of the MEB every on a regular basis (e.g., every 3-6 months and/or in case of shock or other fundamental change to the context)
- Institutionalize and regularize the sharing, and use, of price data from key primary markets
- Provide updated transfer value calculations based on price data per region/area/state on a regular basis