

CFSC BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LILONGWE, ZOMBA, BLANTYRE, MZUZU, MANGOCHI & KARONGA February, 2019

(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD SIZE OF SIX PEOPLE IN

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	9,857	19,714	11,600	23,200	10,750	21,500	9,958	19,916	7,000	14,000	10,000	20,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	307	4,298	433	6,062	250	3,500	455	6,370	500	7,000	400	5,600
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	838	5,363	1,336	8,550	1,000	6,400	1,108	7,091	700	4,480	1,000	6,400
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,125	4,125	4,000	4,000	6,357	6,357	4,083	4,083	2,000	2,000	5,833	5,833
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	4,750	3,800	4,857	3,886	7,000	5,600	7,183	5,746	4,250	3,400	6,500	5,200
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,125	4,900	6,343	5,074	8,286	6,629	3,500	2,800	6,514	5,211	4,000	3,200
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,300	9,200	2,400	9,600	2,157	8,628	2,500	10,000	1,800	7,200	2,500	10,000
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	84	4,032	90	4,320	100	4,800	100	4,800	95	4,560	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	395	8,888	420	9,450	551	12,398	387	8,708	470	10,575	667	15,008
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	454	6,810	705	10,575	657	9,855	587	8,805	453	6,795	617	9,255
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	688	2,408	797	2,790	743	2,601	1,060	3,710	450	1,575	967	3,385
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	295	4,425	344	5,160	307	4,605	377	5,655	340	5,100	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,363	4,089	1,547	4,641	1,356	4,068	1,258	3,774	1,125	3,375	1,800	5,400
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	397	7,940	383	7,660	389	7,780	380	7,600	425	8,500	400	8,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	846	6,768	850	6,800	874	6,992	950	7,600	875	7,000	883	7,064
Kitchen Salt	288	288	346	346	259	259	524	524	390	390	300	300
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	85	3,400	112	4,480	51	2,040	99	3,960	70	2,800	90	3,600
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	260	4,160	179	2,864	234	3,744	172	2,752	262	4,192	157	2,512
Sub-total		104,608		119,458		117,755		113,894		98,153		120,056

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	9,829	19,658	13,286	26,572	12,357	24,714	11,475	22,950	7,500	15,000	8,333	16,666
Protex	429	4,290	450	4,500	449	4,490	522	5,220	460	4,600	450	4,500
Boom	349	2,792	361	2,888	351	2,808	446	3,568	460	3,680	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	510	1,020	496	992	506	1,012	608	1,216	500	1,000	450	900
Vaseline Blue Seal	775	1,550	809	1,618	750	1,500	758	1,066	770	1,540	800	1,600
Electricity	10,250	10,250	8,021	8,021	11,893	11,893	4,854	4,854	5,881	5,881	7,625	7,625
Running Water (meter)	10,821	10,821	7,476	7,476	11,953	11,953	6,845	6,845	7,956	7,956	8,660	8,660
Housing (3 bedroom)	46,313	46,313	34,000	34,000	41,417	41,417	23,208	23,208	21,000	21,000	31,250	31,250
Sub-total		96,694		86,067		99,787		68,927		60,657		74,001
Total Basic Needs		201,302		205,525		217,542		182,821		158,810		194,057

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi		
Education							Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Secondary (fees) per year	33563	27587	21545	40500	42188	27250	Diesel (per litre)	K874
Primary (GPF) per year	2288	2286	1840	7875	6544	2800	Petrol (per litre)	K868
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	6850	8156	12718	8023	10516	7821	Paraffin (per litre)	K755.30
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	8922	11859	13775	10387	9305	9288		
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	35907	16157	29428	5714	7886	11667		
Minibus fare to town and back								
								LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500

AVG	Mrt 2018	Apr 2018	Mei 2018	Jun 2018	Jul 2018	Aug 2018	Sept,2018	October,2018	Nov 2017	Des 2018	Jan 2019	Feb 2019
Amount (MK)	180,648	183,232	182,366	176,420	180,297	178,074	176,087	182,162	187,684	190,543	194,483	193,343

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K730 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Program of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 25th and 26th February, 2019 in the cities of Blantyre, Zomba, Lilongwe, Mzuzu, Karonga and Mangochi.

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NOTE: The data on electricity, housing, water and other additional costs is collected and analysed on quarterly basis