

CFSC BASIC NEEDS BASKET BASKET: LILONGWE ,ZOMBA , BLANTYRE ,MZUZU ,MANGOCHI AND KARONGA March 2019

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	11,857	23,714	11,600	23,200	12,167	24,334	11,833	23,666	7,500	15,000	11,000	22,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	321	4,494	433	6,062	250	3,500	430	6,020	700	9,800	400	5,600
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	788	5,043	1,329	8,506	957	6,125	1,083	6,931	700	4,480	400	2,560
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	5,786	5,786	4,083	4,083	2,000	2,000	5,033	5,033
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	5,200	4,160	4,286	3,429	8,786	7,029	7,650	6,120	4,250	3,400	6,333	5,066
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,188	4,950	6,114	4,891	6,643	5,314	3,617	2,894	6,514	5,211	4,000	3,200
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,238	8,952	2,400	9,600	2,271	9,084	2,500	10,000	1,800	7,200	2,500	10,000
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	86	4,128	90	4,320	100	4,800	100	4,800	85	4,080	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	403	9,068	406	9,135	437	9,833	398	8,955	495	11,138	583	13,118
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	381	5,715	650	9,750	729	10,935	640	9,600	560	8,400	700	10,500
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	635	2,223	766	2,681	1,120	3,920	1,035	3,623	660	2,310	877	3,070
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	301	4,515	344	5,160	299	4,485	363	5,445	340	5,100	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,400	4,200	1,547	4,641	1,334	4,002	1,350	4,050	1,150	3,450	1,800	5,400
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	400	8,000	383	7,660	387	7,740	380	7,600	450	9,000	400	8,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	840	6,720	850	6,800	871	6,968	929	7,432	860	6,880	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	288	288	346	346	266	266	453	453	390	390	300	300
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	83	3,320	112	4,480	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	90	3,600
Cassava /potatoes (2KgX2Bkfst/)	218	3,488	103	1,648	246	3,936	164	2,624	275	4,400	115	1,840
Sub-total		106,978		116,309		120,057		118,295		105,039		115,386

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	10,436	20,872	12,557	25,114	12,714	25,428	11,158	22,316	7,500	15,000	8,333	16,666
Protex	431	4,310	460	4,600	430	4,300	563	5,630	470	4,700	450	4,500
Boom	349	2,792	353	2,824	347	2,776	438	3,504	460	3,680	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	501	1,002	498	996	519	1,038	588	1,176	500	1,000	450	900
Vaseline Blue Seal	775	1,550	809	1,618	757	1,514	758	1,066	790	1,580	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		97,910		84,649		100,319		68,599		60,797		74,001
Total Basic Needs		204,888		200,958		220,376		186,894		165,836		189,387

(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	Apr 2018	May 2018	Jun 2018	Jul 2018	Aug 2018	Sept,2018	2018	Nov 2017	Dec 2018	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Mar 2019
Amount (MK)	183,232	182,366	176,420	180,297	178,074	176,087	182,162	187,684	190,543	194,483	193,343	194,723

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K730 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Program of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 20th and 21st March, 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