

CFSC BASIC NEEDS BASKET BASKET: LILONGWE ,ZOMBA , BLANTYRE ,MZUZU ,MANGOCHI AND KARONGA January, 2020

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	16,143	32,286	18,400	36,800	17,833	35,666	19,667	39,334	13,750	27,500	18,000	36,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	321	4,494	458	6,412	250	3,500	367	5,138	700	9,800	500	7,000
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	850	5,440	1,307	8,365	914	5,850	1,042	6,669	700	4,480	900	5,760
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,500	4,500	4,929	4,929	8,643	8,643	5,333	5,333	4,000	4,000	3,667	3,667
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	5,250	4,200	5,714	4,571	8,786	7,029	7,950	6,360	3,500	2,800	4,667	3,734
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,325	5,060	5,829	4,663	8,571	6,857	3,450	2,760	6,514	5,211	4,000	3,200
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,288	9,152	2,400	9,600	2,343	9,372	2,500	10,000	1,800	7,200	2,400	9,600
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	82	3,936	88	4,224	100	4,800	100	4,800	95	4,560	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	445	10,013	434	9,765	380	8,550	424	9,540	555	12,488	400	9,000
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	858	12,870	1,013	15,195	1,129	16,935	865	12,975	650	9,750	770	11,550
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	1,000	3,500	971	3,399	1,271	4,449	1,155	4,043	945	3,308	917	3,210
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	290	4,350	316	4,740	307	4,605	373	5,595	370	5,550	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,394	4,182	1,400	4,200	1,371	4,113	1,167	3,501	1,490	4,470	1,800	5,400
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	443	8,860	440	8,800	446	8,920	450	9,000	500	10,000	450	9,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	829	6,632	883	7,064	836	6,688	942	7,536	875	7,000	833	6,664
Kitchen Salt	285	285	356	356	250	250	482	482	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	85	3,400	113	4,520	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	167	6,680
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	338	5,408	207	3,312	303	4,848	191	3,056	280	4,480	93	1,488
Sub-total		128,568		140,915		143,074		140,121		125,786		131,652

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	11,556	23,112	12,957	25,914	14,786	29,572	11,242	22,484	7,500	15,000	6,483	12,966
Protex	425		471	4,710	447	4,470	469	4,690	470	4,700	450	4,500
Boom	371	2,968	396	3,168	357	2,856	442	3,536	478	3,824	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	494	988	555	1,110	520	1,040	583	1,166	750	1,500	500	1,000
Vaseline Blue Seal	766	1,532	760	1,520	800	1,600	748	1,066	790	1,580	800	1,600
Electricity	12,271	12,271	8,604	8,604	13,013	13,013	5,348	5,348	5,000	5,000	9,417	9,417
Running Water (meter)	12,063	12,063	8,612	8,612	11,102	11,102	6,380	6,380	11,487	11,487	9,256	9,256
Housing (3 bedroom)	52,396	52,396	38,958	38,958	47,250	47,250	25,167	25,167	22,000	22,000	31,375	31,375
Sub-total		105,330		92,596		110,903		69,837		65,091		72,914
Total Basic Needs		233,898		233,511		253,977		209,958		190,877		204,566

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi		
Education							Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Secondary (fees) per year	31923	15153	20883	41103	33882	27250	Diesel (per litre)	K924.00
Primary (GPF) per year	1605	1506	1825	7875	6544	2640	Petrol (per litre)	K930.00
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	17583	16050	11593	8023	10664	15589	Paraffin (per litre)	K710.50
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	21201	22664	10218	10387	17571	17016		
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	9166	5718	8029	6063	8867	14690		
Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500								

Average	Feb 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	Mei 2019	Jun 2019	Jul 2019	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov, 2019	Dec, 2019	Jan, 2020
Amount (MK)	193,343	194,723	194,048	196,409	196,450	197,980	195,858	198,915	198,918	205,759	211,197	223,173

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K786 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 22nd ,23rd and 24th January, 2020 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