

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	17,571	35,142	18,600	37,200	18,833	37,666	24,833	49,666	12,500	25,000	18,333	36,666
Milling (Including Grinding)	336	4,704	458	6,412	250	3,500	375	5,250	700	9,800	500	7,000
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	825	5,280	1,257	8,045	936	5,990	1,067	6,829	700	4,480	1,000	6,400
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	5,000	5,000	4,571	4,571	7,643	7,643	3,333	3,333	3,000	3,000	4,000	4,000
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	5,500	4,400	4,000	3,200	6,857	5,486	7,067	5,654	3,500	2,800	5,800	4,640
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,175	4,940	4,800	3,840	8,786	7,029	3,500	2,800	6,514	5,211	5,167	4,134
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,275	9,100	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	83	3,984	90	4,320	100	4,800	98	4,704	85	4,080	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	405	9,113	374	8,415	414	9,315	424	9,540	465	10,463	567	12,758
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	771	11,565	900	13,500	800	12,000	593	8,895	673	10,095	740	11,100
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	1,200	4,200	929	3,252	1,264	4,424	932	3,262	840	2,940	843	2,951
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	295	4,425	313	4,695	307	4,605	390	5,850	290	4,350	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,381	4,143	1,393	4,179	1,386	4,158	1,150	3,450	1,400	4,200	1,800	5,400
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	446	8,920	430	8,600	443	8,860	450	9,000	500	10,000	450	9,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	829	6,632	847	6,776	841	6,728	921	7,368	850	6,800	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	293	293	341	341	257	257	482	482	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	88	3,520	96	3,840	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	167	6,680
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	330	5,280	199	3,184	250	4,000	287	4,592	273	4,368	97	1,552
Sub-total		130,641		133,969		137,833		144,674		117,977		138,380

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	10,700	21,400	12,807	25,614	13,643	27,286	10,167	20,334	7,500	15,000	9,150	18,300
Protex	429		460	4,600	447	4,470	480	4,800	270	2,700	450	4,500
Boom	353	2,824	389	3,112	357	2,856	429	3,432	480	3,840	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	498	996	536	1,072	513	1,026	583	1,166	700	1,400	500	1,000
Vaseline Blue Seal	781	1,562	779	1,558	836	1,672	748	1,066	850	1,700	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		103,512		92,130		108,675		67,693		63,127		78,248
Total Basic Needs		234,153		226,099		246,508		212,367		181,104		216,628

(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	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	Mei 2019	Jun 2019	Jul 2019	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov, 2019	Dec, 2019	Jan, 2020	Feb, 2020
Amount (MK)	194,723	194,048	196,409	196,450	197,980	195,858	198,915	198,918	205,759	211,197	223,173	221,391

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K750 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 20th and 21st February, 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