

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	17,857	35,714	18,600	37,200	16,417	32,834	19,667	39,334	13,750	27,500	10,000	20,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	321	4,494	475	6,650	250	3,500	367	5,138	700	9,800	500	7,000
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	738	4,723	886	5,670	864	5,530	1,042	6,669	700	4,480	867	5,549
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,750	4,750	4,714	4,714	7,214	7,214	5,333	5,333	4,000	4,000	4,333	4,333
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	5,375	4,300	4,571	3,657	7,714	6,171	7,950	6,360	3,500	2,800	5,500	4,400
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,375	5,100	5,543	4,434	8,357	6,686	3,450	2,760	6,514	5,211	5,500	4,400
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,300	9,200	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	81	3,888	92	4,416	100	4,800	100	4,800	75	3,600	97	4,656
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	374	8,415	371	8,348	371	8,348	424	9,540	520	11,700	583	13,118
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	438	6,570	607	9,105	593	8,895	865	12,975	668	10,020	517	7,755
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	698	2,443	900	3,150	1,284	4,494	1,155	4,043	875	3,063	1,017	3,560
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	295	4,425	324	4,860	304	4,560	373	5,595	325	4,875	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,356	4,068	1,393	4,179	1,421	4,263	1,167	3,501	1,325	3,975	1,800	5,400
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	446	8,920	435	8,700	443	8,860	450	9,000	500	10,000	450	9,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	826	6,608	821	6,568	843	6,744	942	7,536	875	7,000	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	306	306	441	441	257	257	482	482	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	89	3,560	113	4,520	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	125	5,000
Cassava /potatoes (2KgX2Bkfst/)	233	3,728	209	3,344	223	3,568	191	3,056	262	4,192	175	2,800
Sub-total		121,212		129,556		128,095		140,121		122,606		118,270

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	10,344	20,688	13,471	26,942	12,786	25,572	10,858	21,716	7,500	15,000	6,383	12,766
Protex	425		467	4,670	447	4,470	473	4,730	270	2,700	450	4,500
Boom	350	2,800	389	3,112	357	2,856	442	3,536	478	3,824	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	504	1,008	536	1,072	513	1,026	583	1,166	700	1,400	500	1,000
Vaseline Blue Seal	794	1,588	776	1,552	843	1,686	748	1,066	870	1,740	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		102,814		93,522		106,975		69,109		63,151		72,714
Total Basic Needs		224,026		223,078		235,070		209,230		185,757		190,984

(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	Apr 2019	Mei 2019	Jun 2019	Jul 2019	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov, 2019	Dec, 2019	Jan, 2020	Feb,2020	Mar,2020
Amount (MK)	194,048	196,409	196,450	197,980	195,858	198,915	198,918	205,759	211,197	223,173	221,391	212,883

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K786 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 24th and 25th March, 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