

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	9,286	18,572	8,000	16,000	9,833	19,666	10,000	20,000	8,750	17,500	7,500	15,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	314	4,396	475	6,650	250	3,500	375	5,250	700	9,800	500	7,000
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	744	4,762	914	5,850	857	5,485	1,067	6,829	700	4,480	800	5,120
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	6,500	6,500	4,286	4,286	8,071	8,071	3,667	3,667	4,000	4,000	4,500	4,500
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	6,295	5,036	4,857	3,886	8,029	6,423	7,517	6,014	3,500	2,800	5,000	4,000
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,250	5,000	5,314	4,251	9,714	7,771	3,500	2,800	6,514	5,211	5,000	4,000
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	83	3,984	92	4,416	100	4,800	100	4,800	85	4,080	97	4,656
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	380	8,550	393	8,843	360	8,100	414	9,315	525	11,813	511	11,498
Tomato ( 0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	650	9,750	886	13,290	750	11,250	618	9,270	663	9,945	973	14,595
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	1,275	4,463	1,129	3,952	1,136	3,976	1,147	4,015	840	2,940	1,633	5,716
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	294	4,410	324	4,860	307	4,605	390	5,850	350	5,250	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,356	4,068	1,500	4,500	1,421	4,263	1,167	3,501	1,300	3,900	1,500	4,500
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	446	8,920	425	8,500	443	8,860	450	9,000	400	8,000	450	9,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	815	6,520	836	6,688	843	6,744	925	7,400	850	6,800	833	6,664
Kitchen Salt	293	293	340	340	257	257	486	486	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	81	3,240	130	5,200	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	125	5,000
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	156	2,496	153	2,448	197	3,152	303	4,848	240	3,840	134	2,144
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>110,159</b>		<b>113,558</b>		<b>118,295</b>		<b>117,044</b>		<b>110,749</b>		<b>117,892</b>

**(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS**

Charcoal (50 kgs)	10,781	21,562	12,807	25,614	11,429	22,858	11,008	22,016	7,500	15,000	5,217	10,434
Protex	431	4,310	460	4,600	447	4,470	492	4,920	270	2,700	450	4,500
Boom	360	2,880	383	3,064	357	2,856	442	3,536	450	3,600	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	510	1,020	547	1,094	513	1,026	563	1,126	700	1,400	500	1,000
Vaseline Blue Seal	779	1,558	814	1,628	843	1,686	760	1,066	870	1,740	800	1,600
Electricity	16,875	16,875	7,783	7,783	13,667	13,667	5,771	5,771	4,406	4,406	8,150	8,150
Running Water (meter)	18,583	18,583	9,122	9,122	11,150	11,150	7,263	7,263	6,798	6,798	7,904	7,904
Housing (3 bedroom)	52,396	52,396	41,342	41,342	48,292	48,292	28,208	28,208	23,125	23,125	32,083	32,083
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>119,184</b>		<b>94,247</b>		<b>106,005</b>		<b>73,906</b>		<b>58,769</b>		<b>68,471</b>
<b>Total Basic Needs</b>		<b>225,033</b>		<b>207,805</b>		<b>224,300</b>		<b>190,950</b>		<b>169,518</b>		<b>186,363</b>

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi		
<b>Education</b>							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		
<b>Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500</b>								

Average	Jun 2019	Jul 2019	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov, 2019	Dec, 2019	Jan, 2020	Feb,2020	Mar,2020	Apri ,2020	May,2020
Amount (MK)	<b>196,450</b>	<b>197,980</b>	<b>195,858</b>	<b>198,915</b>	<b>198,918</b>	<b>205,759</b>	<b>211,197</b>	<b>223,173</b>	<b>221,391</b>	<b>212,883</b>	<b>203,695</b>	<b>202,715</b>

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K786 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 25<sup>th</sup> and 26th May, 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**