

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	9,214	18,428	8,800	17,600	9,667	19,334	9,333	18,666	7,500	15,000	9,000	18,000
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	775	4,960	886	5,670	857	5,485	1,117	7,149	700	4,480	800	5,120
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	7,000	7,000	4,286	4,286	9,286	9,286	3,333	3,333	3,750	3,750	5,833	5,833
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	4,750	3,800	4,571	3,657	7,143	5,714	7,617	6,094	3,500	2,800	6,277	5,022
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,825	5,460	4,457	3,566	10,429	8,343	3,500	2,800	6,514	5,211	5,833	4,666
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,300	9,200	2,286	9,144	2,343	9,372	2,500	10,000	1,800	7,200	2,433	9,732
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	88	4,224	90	4,320	100	4,800	100	4,800	95	4,560	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	278	6,255	314	7,065	299	6,728	410	9,225	535	12,038	711	15,998
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	463	6,945	350	5,250	686	10,290	625	9,375	450	6,750	730	10,950
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	1,050	3,675	500	1,750	1,150	4,025	1,277	4,470	740	2,590	1,450	5,075
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	293	4,395	324	4,860	307	4,605	390	5,850	370	5,550	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,375	4,125	1,500	4,500	1,421	4,263	1,167	3,501	1,250	3,750	1,500	4,500
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	449	8,980	425	8,500	443	8,860	450	9,000	400	8,000	450	9,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	803	6,424	839	6,712	829	6,632	938	7,504	825	6,600	833	6,664
Kitchen Salt	293	293	346	346	257	257	486	486	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	100	4,000	124	4,960	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	125	5,000
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	238	3,808	151	2,416	240	3,840	295	4,720	240	3,840	194	3,104
Sub-total		106,368		101,252		117,334		116,222		105,109		125,364

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	10,500	21,000	11,786	23,572	12,143	24,286	10,650	21,300	7,500	15,000	6,050	12,100
Protex	421		467	4,670	447	4,470	493	4,930	270	2,700	450	4,500
Boom	376	3,008	379	3,032	364	2,912	442	3,536	450	3,600	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	504	1,008	547	1,094	513	1,026	583	1,166	700	1,400	500	1,000
Vaseline Blue Seal	763	1,526	800	1,600	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
Sub-total		114,396		92,215		107,489		73,240		58,769		70,137
Total Basic Needs		220,764		193,467		224,823		189,462		163,878		195,501

(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) K664.80
Primary (GPF) per year	1605	1506	1825	7875	6544	2640	Petrol (per litre) K690.50
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	17583	16050	11593	8023	10664	15589	Paraffin (per litre) K441.70
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	Jul 2019	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov, 2019	Dec, 2019	Jan, 2020	Feb,2020	Mar,2020	Apri ,2020	May,2020	June,2020
Amount (MK)	197,980	195,858	198,915	198,918	205,759	211,197	223,173	221,391	212,883	203,695	202,715	197,980

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 June, 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