

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	8,143	16,286	9,000	18,000	9,750	19,500	8,917	17,834	6,750	13,500	9,000	18,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	329	4,606	475	6,650	250	3,500	375	5,250	700	9,800	500	7,000
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	788	5,043	893	5,715	857	5,485	1,092	6,989	700	4,480	800	5,120
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	5,313	5,313	5,429	5,429	9,214	9,214	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,000	6,167	6,167
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	4,475	3,580	5,429	4,343	8,429	6,743	7,100	5,680	3,000	2,400	6,867	5,494
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,300	5,040	5,829	4,663	9,857	7,886	3,500	2,800	6,514	5,211	6,500	5,200
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	86	4,128	90	4,320	100	4,800	100	4,800	95	4,560	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	276	6,210	251	5,648	340	7,650	334	7,515	535	12,038	700	15,750
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	546	8,190	371	5,565	707	10,605	549	8,235	463	6,945	750	11,250
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	555	1,943	450	1,575	964	3,374	741	2,594	755	2,643	1,267	4,435
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	295	4,425	324	4,860	307	4,605	410	6,150	370	5,550	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,425	4,275	1,500	4,500	1,393	4,179	1,167	3,501	1,260	3,780	1,500	4,500
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	450	9,000	425	8,500	443	8,860	450	9,000	400	8,000	450	9,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	790	6,320	839	6,712	821	6,568	938	7,504	850	6,800	833	6,664
Kitchen Salt	285	285	346	346	257	257	486	486	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	95	3,800	134	5,360	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	125	5,000
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	175	2,800	173	2,768	234	3,744	276	4,416	277	4,432	150	2,400
Sub-total		100,444		104,098		118,342		110,253		104,528		125,411

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	11,494	22,988	12,107	24,214	14,357	28,714	11,417	22,834	7,500	15,000	6,050	12,100
Protex	425	4,250	467	4,670	447	4,470	487	4,870	270	2,700	450	4,500
Boom	354	2,832	379	3,032	357	2,856	446	3,568	460	3,680	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	498	996	547	1,094	511	1,022	592	1,184	700	1,400	500	1,000
Vaseline Blue Seal	863	1,726	800	1,600	843	1,686	760	1,066	870	1,740	800	1,600
Electricity	9,436	9,436	6,460	6,460	13,142	13,142	5,660	5,660	4,124	4,124	6,533	6,533
Running Water (meter)	7,524	7,524	7,248	7,248	9,897	9,897	5,284	5,284	8,351	8,351	8,151	8,151
Housing (3 bedroom)	47,701	47,701	37,641	37,641	47,307	47,307	26,960	26,960	22,075	22,075	32,844	32,844
Sub-total		97,453		85,959		109,094		71,426		59,070		69,528
Total Basic Needs		197,897		190,057		227,436		181,679		163,598		194,939

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi		
Education							Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Secondary (fees) per year							Diesel (per litre)	K664.80
Primary (GPF) per year							Petrol (per litre)	K690.50
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year							Paraffin (per litre)	K441.70
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year								
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term								
Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500								

Average	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov, 2019	Dec, 2019	Jan, 2020	Feb,2020	Mar,2020	Apr, 2020	May,2020	June,2020	July,2020
Amount (MK)	195,858	198,915	198,918	205,759	211,197	223,173	221,391	212,883	203,695	202,715	197,980	165,954

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K786 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 27th and 26th July, 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