

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	9,071	18,142	9,200	18,400	9,750	19,500	8,917	17,834	7,000	14,000	9,500	19,000
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	921	5,894	864	5,530	1,092	6,989	700	4,480	800	5,120
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,875	4,875	4,286	4,286	8,214	8,214	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,000	6,567	6,567
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	5,125	4,100	4,286	3,429	8,214	6,571	7,100	5,680	3,000	2,400	6,717	5,374
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,250	5,000	4,743	3,794	9,071	7,257	3,500	2,800	6,514	5,211	6,167	4,934
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,325	9,300	2,343	9,372	2,343	9,372	2,500	10,000	1,800	7,200	2,433	9,732
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	89	4,272	90	4,320	100	4,800	100	4,800	90	4,320	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	229	5,153	286	6,435	246	5,535	337	7,583	556	12,510	533	11,993
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	538	8,070	568	8,520	671	10,065	548	8,220	478	7,170	660	9,900
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	555	1,943	453	1,586	664	2,324	701	2,454	740	2,590	1,400	4,900
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	294	4,410	324	4,860	307	4,605	390	5,850	370	5,550	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,338	4,014	1,500	4,500	1,393	4,179	1,167	3,501	1,300	3,900	1,467	4,401
Bread (5 bkfst/ wk) 20 days	450	9,000	425	8,500	439	8,780	450	9,000	500	10,000	450	9,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	790	6,320	839	6,712	813	6,504	825	6,600	850	6,800	800	6,400
Kitchen Salt	295	295	346	346	257	257	486	486	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	95	3,800	124	4,960	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	125	5,000
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	186	2,976	247	3,952	271	4,336	284	4,544	257	4,112	115	1,840
Sub-total		101,653		106,278		113,329		109,090		107,233		120,860

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	9,688	19,376	11,936	23,872	13,571	27,142	12,500	25,000	7,500	15,000	5,300	10,600
Protex	425	4,250	467	4,670	447	4,470	497	4,970	470	4,700	450	4,500
Boom	366	2,928	379	3,032	357	2,856	438	3,504	450	3,600	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	529	1,058	547	1,094	513	1,026	592	1,184	700	1,400	500	1,000
Vaseline Blue Seal	769	1,538	791	1,582	836	1,672	763	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		93,811		85,599		107,512		73,628		60,990		68,028
Total Basic Needs		195,464		191,877		220,841		182,718		168,223		188,888

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi	
Education							Fuel (cost at the pump)
Secondary (fees) per year							Diesel (per litre)
Primary (GPF) per year							Petrol (per litre)
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year							Paraffin (per litre)
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	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov, 2019	Dec, 2019	Jan, 2020	Feb,2020	Mar,2020	Apri ,2020	May,2020	June,2020	July,2020	August,2020
Amount (MK)	198,915	198,918	205,759	211,197	223,173	221,391	212,883	203,695	202,715	197,980	164,316	192,644

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 August, 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