

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	9,714	19,428	11,233	22,466	9,750	19,500	8,917	17,834	7,500	15,000	11,000	22,000
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	800	5,120	964	6,170	907	5,805	1,092	6,989	700	4,480	833	5,331
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,000	4,000	5,143	5,143	7,429	7,429	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,000	5,667	5,667
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	4,375	3,500	5,143	4,114	7,700	6,160	7,233	5,786	2,500	2,000	5,700	4,560
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	7,250	5,800	5,543	4,434	10,071	8,057	3,500	2,800	6,514	5,211	5,833	4,666
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,325	9,300	2,286	9,144	2,343	9,372	2,500	10,000	2,000	8,000	2,500	10,000
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	87	4,176	78	3,744	100	4,800	100	4,800	95	4,560	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	270	6,075	329	7,403	251	5,648	362	8,145	538	12,105	477	10,733
Tomato ( 0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	619	9,285	457	6,855	700	10,500	728	10,920	578	8,670	590	8,850
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	570	1,995	471	1,649	693	2,426	582	2,037	635	2,223	1,150	4,025
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	298	4,470	316	4,740	307	4,605	390	5,850	370	5,550	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,388	4,164	1,500	4,500	1,393	4,179	1,167	3,501	1,300	3,900	1,400	4,200
Bread (5 bkfsts / 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)	788	6,304	824	6,592	813	6,504	833	6,664	850	6,800	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	299	299	349	349	257	257	486	486	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	95	3,800	135	5,400	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	125	5,000
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	279	4,464	212	3,392	294	4,704	285	4,560	245	3,920	150	2,400
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>105,576</b>		<b>111,244</b>		<b>114,225</b>		<b>112,122</b>		<b>109,409</b>		<b>119,932</b>

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

Charcoal (50 kgs)	9,469	18,938	12,350	24,700	12,857	25,714	11,667	23,334	7,500	15,000	5,300	10,600
Protex	419	4,190	467	4,670	447	4,470	497	4,970	270	2,700	450	4,500
Boom	354	2,832	379	3,032	357	2,856	442	3,536	450	3,600	400	3,200
Clere Body Lotion	523	1,046	547	1,094	513	1,026	617	1,234	700	1,400	500	1,000
Vaseline Blue Seal	781	1,562	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
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>93,229</b>		<b>86,427</b>		<b>106,084</b>		<b>72,044</b>		<b>58,990</b>		<b>68,428</b>
<b>Total Basic Needs</b>		<b>198,805</b>		<b>197,671</b>		<b>220,309</b>		<b>184,166</b>		<b>168,399</b>		<b>188,360</b>

**(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								
<b>Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500</b>								

Average	Oct 2019	Nov, 2019	Dec, 2019	Jan, 2020	Feb,2020	Mar,2020	Apri ,2020	May,2020	June,2020	July,2020	August,2020	Sept,2020
Amount (MK)	<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>	<b>197,980</b>	<b>164,316</b>	<b>192,644</b>	<b>194,253</b>

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K786 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 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**