

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	10,429	20,858	11,233	22,466	10,000	20,000	8,917	17,834	7,500	15,000	11,000	22,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	271	3,794	475	6,650	250	3,500	375	5,250	700	9,800	500	7,000
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	913	5,843	1,000	6,400	907	5,805	1,092	6,989	700	4,480	800	5,120
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,000	4,000	4,571	4,571	7,714	7,714	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,000	5,667	5,667
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	4,500	3,600	5,286	4,229	7,000	5,600	7,200	5,760	3,000	2,400	6,167	4,934
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,875	5,500	6,114	4,891	9,571	7,657	3,500	2,800	6,514	5,211	5,500	4,400
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,225	8,900	2,286	9,144	2,343	9,372	2,500	10,000	2,000	8,000	2,433	9,732
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	83	3,984	78	3,744	100	4,800	100	4,800	95	4,560	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	383	8,618	386	8,685	351	7,898	387	8,708	500	11,250	537	12,083
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	529	7,935	414	6,210	671	10,065	837	12,555	600	9,000	743	11,145
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	518	1,813	504	1,764	650	2,275	608	2,128	863	3,021	1,167	4,085
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	295	4,425	316	4,740	307	4,605	390	5,850	370	5,550	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,394	4,182	1,393	4,179	1,393	4,179	1,167	3,501	1,375	4,125	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)	796	6,368	821	6,568	813	6,504	813	6,504	850	6,800	833	6,664
Kitchen Salt	305	305	359	359	257	257	480	480	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	95	3,800	144	5,760	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	125	5,000
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	291	4,656	220	3,520	279	4,464	231	3,696	257	4,112	200	3,200
Sub-total		107,581		112,380		115,474		113,354		110,499		123,929

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	9,044	18,088	11,979	23,958	13,429	26,858	12,083	24,166	7,500	15,000	7,500	15,000
Protex	403	4,030	444	4,440	447	4,470	488	4,880	275	2,750	450	4,500
Boom	375	3,000	386	3,088	357	2,856	458	3,664	575	4,600	400	3,200
Clere Body Lotion	514	1,028	566	1,132	513	1,026	621	1,242	700	1,400	500	1,000
Vaseline Blue Seal	800	1,600	799	1,598	836	1,672	763	1,066	850	1,700	800	1,600
Electricity	9,596	9,596	7,405	7,405	13,386	13,386	5,892	5,892	4,849	4,849	8,187	8,187
Running Water (meter)	10,532	10,532	7,603	7,603	10,379	10,379	5,857	5,857	6,713	6,713	8,344	8,344
Housing (3 bedroom)	51,752	51,752	40,741	40,741	47,902	47,902	24,773	24,773	19,117	19,117	32,844	32,844
Sub-total		99,626		89,965		108,549		71,540		56,129		74,675
Total Basic Needs		207,207		202,345		224,023		184,894		166,627		198,604

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi		
Education							Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Secondary (fees) per year	31,982	16,455	21,041	37,500	37,001	27,369	Diesel (per litre)	K664.80
Primary (GPF) per year	1,575	4,500	1,955	5,955	4,573	4,573	Petrol (per litre)	K690.50
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	11,753	17,041	21,110	17,699	12,985	12,985	Paraffin (per litre)	K441.70
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	18,415	20,810	26,251	20,934	19,236	16,105		
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	11,826	6,552	7,876	9,363	8,620	17,740		
Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500								

Average	Nov, 2019	Dec, 2019	Jan, 2020	Feb,2020	Mar,2020	Apr, 2020	May,2020	June,2020	July,2020	August,2020	Sept,2020	Oct, 2020
Amount (MK)	205,759	211,197	223,173	221,391	212,883	203,695	202,715	197,980	164,316	192,644	194,253	198,917

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K786 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 21st 22nd and 23rd Oct, 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