

CFSC BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LILONGWE, ZOMBA, BLANTYRE, MZUZU, MANGOCHI & KARONGA January, 2018

(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD SIZE OF SIX PEOPLE IN												
Commodity – Quantity	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha	Total	Kwacha	Total
Maize(50 Kg Bag) - 2 bags	4,786	9,572	5,200	10,400	5,167	10,334	5,500	11,000	4,750	9,500	5,000	10,000
Milling (Including Grinding) - 14 Tins	243	3,402	300	4,200	250	3,500	350	4,900	400	5,600	400	5,600
Beans(0.8kg/day) 8 days - 6.4 Kg	688	4,403	1,071	6,854	686	4,390	1,050	6,720	775	4,960	800	5,120
Usipa (250g/day) 4 days -1 Kg	3,875	3,875	4,143	4,143	7,071	7,071	2,917	2,917	1,500	1,500	5,333	5,333
Dry Utaka (200g/day) 4 days – 0.8 Kgs	6,250	5,000	4,714	3,771	7,357	5,886	5,900	4,720	4,530	3,624	6,000	4,800
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days – 0.8 Kgs	6,250	5,000	3,937	3,150	8,500	6,800	3,450	2,760	4,514	3,611	3,000	2,400
Beef (1 kg/day) 4 days – 4 Kgs	2,063	8,252	2,029	8,116	1,871	7,484	2,000	8,000	1,800	7,200	2,000	8,000
Eggs (12/day) 4 days – 48	89	4,272	89	4,272	90	4,320	117	5,616	100	4,800	100	4,800
Vegetable(rape)(750g/day) 30 days - 22.5kgs	313	7,043	417	9,383	500	11,250	412	9,270	350	7,875	513	11,543
Tomato (0.5 kg/day) 30 days - 15 Kgs	689	10,335	739	11,085	686	10,290	930	13,950	725	10,875	1,433	21,495
Onion (116g/day) 30 days - 3.5 Kgs	1,465	5,128	1,821	6,374	1,579	5,527	1,424	4,984	1,350	4,725	1,867	6,535
Fresh Milk (250mls/day) 30 days - 15x500 ml pkt	301	4,515	326	4,890	299	4,485	365	5,475	350	5,250	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking Oil - 3x 1 Litters	1,500	4,500	1,549	4,647	1,413	4,239	1,333	3,999	1,238	3,714	2,900	8,700
Bread (5 bkfts/week) 20 days - 20 Loaves	365	7,300	350	7,000	341	6,820	350	7,000	400	8,000	350	7,000
Sugar (2 kgs/week) - 8 Kgs	828	6,624	863	6,904	840	6,720	850	6,800	850	6,800	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt - 1 Kg	291	291	326	326	230	230	408	408	390	390	300	300
Tea(Chisangalalo)-40x 25g	81	3,240	71	2,840	50	2,000	90	3,600	70	2,800	90	3,600
Cassava/potatoes(2kgsx2bkfts/wk) -16 Kgs	156	2,496	191	3,056	180	2,880	163	2,608	198	3,168	170	2,720
Sub-total (food items)		95,297		101,410		102,226		104,727		94,392		119,245
(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS												
Charcoal (50 Kgs) - 2 Bags	9,557	19,114	11,314	22,628	10,714	21,428	11,183	22,366	5,000	10,000	7,500	15,000
Protex - 10 Tablets	419	4,190	411	4,110	406	4,060	453	4,530	475	4,750	483	4,830
Boom – 8 Packets	359	2,872	359	2,872	347	2,776	428	3,424	575	4,600	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion – 2 x 400 mls	444	888	456	912	453	906	558	1,116	525	1,050	500	1,000
Vaseline Blue Seal - 2 x 100 mls	704	1,408	756	1,512	686	1,372	650	1,066	750	1,500	800	1,600
Electricity (Meter) Average/Month	9,350	9,350	6,004	6,004	10,417	10,417	2,121	2,121	5,600	5,600	7,208	7,208
Running Water (Meter) - Average/Month	7,818	7,818	6,604	6,604	8,088	8,088	3,720	3,720	8,098	8,098	7,267	7,267
Housing (3 Bed roomed) - Rent/Month	45,313	45,313	30,792	30,792	38,667	38,667	17,917	17,917	18,750	18,750	31,250	31,250
Sub-total		90,953		75,434		87,714				49,883		70,955
Total for Basic Needs Bskt		186,200		176,844		191,940		157,657		144,275		190,200

AVG	Sept 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017	June 2017	July 2017	August 2017	Sept 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018
Amount (MK)	161,389	166,697	171,965	174,069	183,411	175,910	173,445	168,286	165,289	164,305	164,113	163,546	164,239	163,534	161,557	163,136	174,519

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS									
	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi			
Education							Fuel (cost at the pump)		
Secondary (fees) per year	35,438	31,800	21,675	25,500	28,170	21,500	Diesel (per litre)		
Primary (GPF) per year	1,404	3,788	2,000	4,953	4,680	2,600	Petrol (per litre)		
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	3,722	2,769	8,211	3,235	3,097	3,421	Paraffin (per litre)		
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	4,214	4,229	7,946	4,750	2,666	3,907			
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	13,838	5,173	10,466	4,913	16,990	3,892			
Minibus fare to town and back	LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500								

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K730 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Program of the **Centre for Social Concern** Conducted these surveys from 22nd and 23rd January, 2018 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