

CFSC BASIC NEEDS BASKET: LILONGWE, ZOMBA, BLANTYRE, MZUZU, MANGOCHI & KARONGA February, 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	6,857	13,714	6,800	13,600	6,833	13,666	6,167	12,334	5,250	10,500	7,500	15,000
Milling (Including Grinding) - 14 Tins	236	3,304	325	4,550	250	3,500	500	7,000	400	5,600	400	5,600
Beans(0.8kg/day) 8 days - 6.4 Kg	725	4,640	1,171	7,494	736	4,710	1,050	6,720	775	4,960	700	4,480
Usipa (250g/day) 4 days -1 Kg	3,375	3,375	3,000	3,000	5,607	5,607	2,833	2,833	1,950	1,950	5,333	5,333
Dry Utaka (200g/day) 4 days – 0.8 Kgs	5,563	4,450	3,857	3,086	7,571	6,057	6,450	5,160	5,030	4,024	6,167	4,934
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days – 0.8 Kgs	6,250	5,000	3,937	3,150	9,143	7,314	3,450	2,760	4,514	3,611	3,000	2,400
Beef (1 kg/day) 4 days – 4 Kgs	2,075	8,300	2,143	8,572	1,900	7,600	2,000	8,000	1,800	7,200	2,333	9,332
Eggs (12/day) 4 days – 48	84	4,032	90	4,320	90	4,320	100	4,800	90	4,320	100	4,800
Vegetable(rape)(750g/day) 30 days - 22.5kgs	344	7,740	603	13,568	406	9,135	420	9,450	550	12,375	487	10,958
Tomato (0.5 kg/day) 30 days - 15 Kgs	690	10,350	1,207	18,105	793	11,895	1,017	15,255	700	10,500	1,433	21,495
Onion (116g/day) 30 days - 3.5 Kgs	1,873	6,556	2,379	8,327	1,757	6,150	1,198	4,193	1,450	5,075	1,683	5,891
Fresh Milk (250mls/day) 30 days - 15x500 ml pkt	304	4,560	327	4,905	299	4,485	378	5,670	350	5,250	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking Oil - 3x 1 Litters	1,463	4,389	1,596	4,788	1,413	4,239	1,333	3,999	1,295	3,885	1,600	4,800
Bread (5 bkfts/week) 20 days - 20 Loaves	368	7,360	353	7,060	341	6,820	350	7,000	430	8,600	350	7,000
Sugar (2 kgs/week) - 8 Kgs	828	6,624	839	6,712	840	6,720	850	6,800	825	6,600	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt - 1 Kg	268	268	334	334	230	230	408	408	390	390	300	300
Tea(Chisangalalo)-40x 25g	86	3,440	71	2,840	50	2,000	97	3,880	70	2,800	90	3,600
Cassava/potatoes(2kgsx2bkfts/wk) -16 Kgs	193	3,088	201	3,216	199	3,184	161	2,576	198	3,168	213	3,408
Sub-total (food items)		101,190		117,626		107,632		108,838		100,808		120,650
(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS												
Charcoal (50 Kgs) - 2 Bags	8,789	17,578	11,486	22,972	10,714	21,428	11,350	22,700	5,000	10,000	8,000	16,000
Protex - 10 Tablets	419	4,190	413	4,130	406	4,060	454	4,540	475	4,750	450	4,500
Boom – 8 Packets	356	2,848	364	2,912	347	2,776	431	3,448	350	2,800	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion – 2 x 400 mls	475	950	444	888	460	920	571	1,142	500	1,000	467	934
Vaseline Blue Seal - 2 x 100 mls	675	1,350	773	1,546	686	1,372	680	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		89,397		75,845		87,728		52,930		49,883		71,599
Total for Basic Needs Bskt		190,587		193,474		195,360		161,768		150,691		192,198

AVG	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	Feb 2018
Amount (MK)	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	180,680

(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)	K815.80
Primary (GPF) per year	1,404	3,788	2,000	4,953	4,680	2,600	Petrol (per litre)	K824.70
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	3,722	2,769	8,211	3,235	3,097	3,421	Paraffin (per litre)	K648.70
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 20th and 21st February, 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