

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	6,357	12,714	7,200	14,400	6,667	13,334	6,083	12,166	5,250	10,500	7,500	15,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	250	3,500	317	4,438	250	3,500	500	7,000	400	5,600	400	5,600
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	694	4,442	1,164	7,450	800	5,120	900	5,760	800	5,120	700	4,480
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,625	4,625	4,071	4,071	6,357	6,357	3,250	3,250	2,000	2,000	6,000	6,000
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	5,625	4,500	5,500	4,400	7,571	6,057	5,883	4,706	5,030	4,024	6,600	5,280
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,000	4,800	3,937	3,150	7,071	5,657	3,650	2,920	4,514	3,611	3,000	2,400
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,125	8,500	2,114	8,456	1,929	7,716	2,000	8,000	1,800	7,200	2,167	8,668
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	79	3,792	90	4,320	94	4,512	100	4,800	100	4,800	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	403	9,068	486	10,935	337	7,583	239	5,378	350	7,875	540	12,150
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	613	9,195	750	11,250	764	11,460	870	13,050	875	13,125	1,933	28,995
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	1,533	5,366	3,286	11,501	2,150	7,525	1,025	3,588	1,575	5,513	2,167	7,585
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	300	4,500	336	5,040	313	4,695	367	5,505	350	5,250	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,525	4,575	1,582	4,746	1,399	4,197	1,408	4,224	1,285	3,855	1,600	4,800
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	350	7,000	353	7,060	347	6,940	355	7,100	400	8,000	350	7,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	815	6,520	843	6,744	834	6,672	858	6,864	825	6,600	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	263	263	351	351	230	230	432	432	390	390	300	300
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	85	3,400	71	2,840	51	2,040	97	3,880	70	2,800	90	3,600
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	197	3,152	176	2,816	206	3,296	102	1,632	175	2,800	257	4,112
Sub-total		99,911		113,967		106,890		100,254		99,063		132,070

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	9,686	19,372	11,943	23,886	11,143	22,286	11,425	22,850	6,250	12,500	8,333	16,666
Protex	419	4,190	413	4,130	399	3,990	374	3,740	500	5,000	450	4,500
Boom	361	2,888	364	2,912	354	2,832	442	3,536	350	2,800	350	2,800
Clerc Body Lotion	475	950	444	888	474	948	592	1,184	750	1,500	483	966
Vaseline Blue Seal	663	1,326	773	1,546	714	1,428	699	1,066	750	1,500	800	1,600
Electricity	9,350	9,350	0	0	10,417	10,417	2,121	2,121	0	5,600	7,208	7,208
Running Water (meter)	7,818	7,818	6,004	6,004	8,088	8,088	3,720	3,720	0	8,098	7,267	7,267
Housing (3 bedroom)	45,313	45,313	6,604	6,604	38,667	38,667	17,917	17,917	0	18,750	31,250	31,250
Sub-total		91,207		76,762		88,656		52,930		49,883		72,257
Total Basic Needs		190,398		190,729		196,436		153,184		148,946		204,193

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi		
Education							Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Secondary (fees) per year	35438	31800	21675	25500	28170	21500	Diesel (per litre)	K815.80
Primary (GPF) per year	1404	3788	2000	4953	4680	2600	Petrol (per litre)	K824.70
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	3722	2769	8211	3235	3097	3421	Paraffin (per litre)	K648.70
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	4214	4229	7946	4750	2666	3907		
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	13838	5173	10466	4913	16990	3892		
Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500								

AVG	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018
Amount (MK)	168,286	165,289	164,305	164,113	163,546	164,239	163,534	161,557	163,136	174,519	180,680	180,648

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 March, 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