

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	6,143	12,286	6,000	12,000	6,500	13,000	5,667	11,334	5,750	11,500	8,000	16,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	243	3,402	317	4,438	250	3,500	500	7,000	400	5,600	400	5,600
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	663	4,243	1,150	7,360	800	5,120	1,042	6,669	700	4,480	767	4,909
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,750	4,750	4,000	4,000	7,571	7,571	4,167	4,167	3,250	3,250	6,333	6,333
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	4,625	3,700	4,143	3,314	8,000	6,400	6,933	5,546	5,030	4,024	6,833	5,466
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,250	5,000	4,223	3,378	7,286	5,829	3,217	2,574	4,514	3,611	3,000	2,400
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,125	8,500	2,114	8,456	1,914	7,656	2,300	9,200	1,800	7,200	2,500	10,000
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	84	4,032	89	4,272	93	4,464	97	4,656	95	4,560	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	278	6,255	480	10,800	283	6,368	369	8,303	440	9,900	507	11,408
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	679	10,185	736	11,040	821	12,315	860	12,900	615	9,225	2,267	34,005
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	1,315	4,603	1,764	6,174	1,861	6,514	1,078	3,773	640	2,240	2,667	9,335
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	300	4,500	337	5,055	299	4,485	373	5,595	400	6,000	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,463	4,389	1,525	4,575	1,391	4,173	1,492	4,476	1,330	3,990	1,600	4,800
Bread (5 bnfsts / wk) 20 days	358	7,160	347	6,940	344	6,880	350	7,000	400	8,000	350	7,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	846	6,768	839	6,712	851	6,808	888	7,104	875	7,000	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	278	278	337	337	230	230	412	412	390	390	300	300
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	85	3,400	71	2,840	51	2,040	100	4,000	70	2,800	93	3,720
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	117	1,872	161	2,576	210	3,360	169	2,704	218	3,488	233	3,728
Sub-total		95,323		104,268		106,712		107,412		97,258		141,103

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	9,686	19,372	11,607	23,214	11,214	22,428	11,100	22,200	6,250	12,500	8,333	16,666
Protex	413	4,130	413	4,130	399	3,990	396	3,960	440	4,400	450	4,500
Boom	351	2,808	364	2,912	347	2,776	425	3,400	350	2,800	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	469	938	440	880	474	948	588	1,176	500	1,000	483	966
Vaseline Blue Seal	693	1,386	779	1,558	700	1,400	750	1,066	775	1,550	800	1,600
Electricity	9,938	9,938	6,396	6,396	10,604	10,604	3,333	3,333	4,031	4,031	6,667	6,667
Running Water (meter)	9,726	9,726	6,396	6,396	9,325	9,325	4,517	4,517	2,886	2,886	7,859	7,859
Housing (3 bedroom)	46,250	46,250	15,375	15,375	39,375	39,375	19,833	19,833	20,375	20,375	30,000	30,000
Sub-total		94,548		88,049		90,846		52,930		49,883		71,058
Total Basic Needs		189,871		192,317		197,558		160,342		147,141		212,161

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi	Fuel (cost at the pump)
Education							
Secondary (fees) per year	33093	28838	20763	25500	20097	21375	Diesel (per litre) K815.80
Primary (GPF) per year	2663	3263	1781	2700	2053	2625	Petrol (per litre) K824.70
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	6866	5537	8242	6229	6158	6508	Paraffin (per litre) K648.70
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	9137	8791	9154	9542	12057	8086	
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	10143	10346	22200	10628	26678	8829	
Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500							

AVG	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018
Amount (MK)	165,289	164,305	164,113	163,546	164,239	163,534	161,557	163,136	174,519	180,680	180,648	183,232

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K730 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Program of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 23rd 24th and 25th April, 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