

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	5,786	11,572	5,800	11,600	6,500	13,000	7,083	14,166	5,000	10,000	5,000	10,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	243	3,402	333	4,662	250	3,500	500	7,000	500	7,000	400	5,600
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	650	4,160	1,171	7,494	871	5,574	933	5,971	875	5,600	867	5,549
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	5,000	5,000	4,857	4,857	6,143	6,143	4,333	4,333	2,000	2,000	5,833	5,833
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	6,250	5,000	5,429	4,343	9,471	7,577	7,060	5,648	5,030	4,024	6,500	5,200
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,250	5,000	5,880	4,704	7,536	6,029	3,467	4,514	4,514	3,611	3,000	2,400
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,200	8,800	2,171	8,684	1,929	7,716	2,500	10,000	1,800	7,200	2,200	8,800
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	83	3,984	90	4,320	99	4,752	100	4,800	95	4,560	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	273	6,143	329	7,403	337	7,583	415	9,338	340	7,650	633	14,243
Tomato ( 0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	529	7,935	471	7,065	686	10,290	427	6,405	750	11,250	2,000	30,000
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	1,215	4,253	964	3,374	1,269	4,442	1,447	5,065	750	2,625	2,267	7,935
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	300	4,500	347	5,205	299	4,485	377	5,655	350	5,250	250	3,750
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,438	4,314	1,539	4,617	1,363	4,089	1,072	3,216	1,300	3,900	1,667	5,001
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	844	6,752	871	6,968	850	6,800	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	273	273	334	334	244	244	414	414	390	390	283	283
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	86	3,440	71	2,840	51	2,040	90	3,600	70	2,800	90	3,600
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	128	2,048	127	2,032	109	1,744	145	2,320	165	2,640	207	3,312
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>93,751</b>		<b>97,186</b>		<b>102,839</b>		<b>104,672</b>		<b>95,300</b>		<b>130,105</b>

**(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS**

Charcoal (50 kgs)	10,814	21,628	10,357	20,714	11,643	23,286	12,633	25,266	10,000	20,000	9,167	18,334
Protex	406	4,060	413	4,130	399	3,990	387	3,870	475	4,750	450	4,500
Boom	348	2,784	364	2,912	347	2,776	412	3,296	750	6,000	350	2,800
Clerc Body Lotion	475	950	440	880	474	948	554	1,108	525	1,050	483	966
Vaseline Blue Seal	693	1,386	779	1,558	700	1,400	713	1,066	745	1,490	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
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>96,722</b>		<b>85,549</b>		<b>91,704</b>		<b>52,930</b>		<b>49,883</b>		<b>72,726</b>
<b>Total Basic Needs</b>		<b>190,473</b>		<b>182,735</b>		<b>194,543</b>		<b>157,602</b>		<b>145,183</b>		<b>202,831</b>

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi	
<b>Education</b>							Fuel (cost at the pump)
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	
<b>Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500</b>							

AVG	Jun 2017	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018
Amount (MK)	<b>164,305</b>	<b>164,113</b>	<b>163,546</b>	<b>164,239</b>	<b>163,534</b>	<b>161,557</b>	<b>163,136</b>	<b>174,519</b>	<b>180,680</b>	<b>180,648</b>	<b>183,232</b>	<b>178,895</b>

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K730 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Program of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 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**