

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	6,643	13,286	6,800	13,600	6,500	13,000	5,417	10,834	5,000	10,000	8,000	16,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	257	3,598	308	4,312	250	3,500	495	6,930	500	7,000	400	5,600
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	713	4,563	1,050	6,720	814	5,210	1,017	6,509	750	4,800	700	4,480
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	5,000	5,000	6,000	6,000	7,286	7,286	6,250	6,250	2,250	2,250	6,333	6,333
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	7,500	6,000	5,857	4,686	7,643	6,114	7,993	6,394	4,250	3,400	7,167	5,734
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,250	5,000	6,043	4,834	8,357	6,686	3,417	2,734	6,514	5,211	4,667	3,734
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,275	9,100	2,371	9,484	1,986	7,944	2,500	10,000	1,800	7,200	2,300	9,200
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	93	4,464	92	4,416	100	4,800	100	4,800	100	4,800	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	280	6,300	363	8,168	343	7,718	423	9,518	550	12,375	700	15,750
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	500	7,500	364	5,460	537	8,055	432	6,480	500	7,500	1,100	16,500
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	733	2,566	671	2,349	850	2,975	692	2,422	625	2,188	1,733	6,066
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	294	4,410	344	5,160	304	4,560	380	5,700	350	5,250	250	3,750
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,375	4,125	1,574	4,722	1,386	4,158	1,417	4,251	1,300	3,900	1,600	4,800
Bread (5 bkfst/ wk) 20 days	359	7,180	350	7,000	344	6,880	350	7,000	400	8,000	317	6,340
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	859	6,872	841	6,728	844	6,752	858	6,864	850	6,800	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	298	298	343	343	230	230	424	424	390	390	317	317
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	85	3,400	74	2,960	50	2,000	89	3,560	70	2,800	90	3,600
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	168	2,688	129	2,064	184	2,944	122	1,952	271	4,336	122	1,952
Sub-total		96,350		99,005		100,811		102,621		98,200		121,755

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	12,086	24,172	10,000	20,000	11,571	23,142	11,625	23,250	7,500	15,000	8,333	16,666
Protex	425	4,250	413	4,130	419	4,190	422	4,220	475	4,750	450	4,500
Boom	355	2,840	364	2,912	347	2,776	425	3,400	725	5,800	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	488	976	456	912	496	992	588	1,176	550	1,100	450	900
Vaseline Blue Seal	706	1,412	779	1,558	700	1,400	750	1,066	760	1,520	800	1,600
Electricity	11,594	11,594	6,356	6,356	10,471	10,471	3,696	3,696	4,000	4,000	8,167	8,167
Running Water (meter)	8,788	8,788	7,011	8,970	8,970	5,238	5,238	6,826	6,826	6,826	8,298	8,298
Housing (3 bedroom)	46,104	46,104	33,584	33,585	38,334	38,334	22,192	22,192	18,750	18,750	31,250	31,250
Sub-total		100,136		76,463		90,275		64,238		57,746		74,181
Total Basic Needs		196,486		175,468		191,086		166,859		155,946		195,936

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi		
Education							Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Secondary (fees) per year	36094	27587	20850	25500	34781	21500	Diesel (per litre)	K815.80
Primary (GPF) per year	1847	3266	1713	2700	5006	2625	Petrol (per litre)	K824.70
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	7384	8156	9001	6229	6070	6508	Paraffin (per litre)	K648.70
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	7378	11859	9657	9542	8637	8086		
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	29627	16157	23825	10628	8663	8196		
Minibus fare to town and back							LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500	

AVG	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018	Jun 2018	Jul 2018
Amount (MK)	163,546	164,239	163,534	161,557	163,136	174,519	180,680	180,648	183,232	178,895	174,187	180,297

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 July, 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