

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	6,786	13,572	7,800	15,600	7,500	15,000	7,708	15,416	5,000	10,000	7,500	15,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	279	3,906	317	4,438	250	3,500	495	6,930	400	5,600	400	5,600
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	669	4,282	1,129	7,226	829	5,306	992	6,349	825	5,280	733	4,691
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,625	4,625	3,929	3,929	4,714	4,714	4,333	4,333	3,500	3,500	4,500	4,500
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	4,625	3,700	5,000	4,000	5,429	4,343	5,947	4,758	4,250	3,400	6,500	5,200
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,250	5,000	6,343	5,074	6,000	4,800	3,417	2,734	6,514	5,211	4,167	3,334
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,250	9,000	2,400	9,600	2,114	8,456	2,500	10,000	1,800	7,200	2,500	10,000
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	85	4,080	90	4,320	100	4,800	98	4,704	105	5,040	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	243	5,468	256	5,760	311	6,998	257	5,783	560	12,600	500	11,250
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	488	7,320	473	7,095	621	9,315	493	7,395	308	4,620	963	14,445
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	463	1,621	457	1,600	536	1,876	552	1,932	345	1,208	1,433	5,016
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	308	4,620	351	5,265	316	4,740	357	5,355	378	5,670	260	3,900
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,419	4,257	1,776	5,328	1,334	4,002	1,267	3,801	1,283	3,849	1,600	4,800
Bread (5 blkfst/ wk) 20 days	394	7,880	373	7,460	373	7,460	408	8,160	425	8,500	300	6,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	878	7,024	850	6,800	861	6,888	950	7,600	875	7,000	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	285	285	313	313	229	229	426	426	390	390	300	300
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	88	3,520	75	3,000	50	2,000	98	3,920	70	2,800	90	3,600
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	185	2,960	201	3,216	181	2,896	366	5,856	194	3,104	160	2,560
Sub-total		93,119		100,024		97,322		105,451		94,972		111,795

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	9,607	19,214	10,357	20,714	9,857	19,714	11,650	23,300	7,500	15,000	8,333	16,666
Protex	444	4,440	413	4,130	419	4,190	452	4,520	495	4,950	467	4,670
Boom	355	2,840	364	2,912	339	2,712	408	3,264	425	3,400	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	500	1,000	444	888	496	992	590	1,180	500	1,000	450	900
Vaseline Blue Seal	763	1,526	808	1,616	714	1,428	750	1,066	790	1,580	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	7,011	8,970	8,970	5,238	5,238	6,826	6,826	8,298	8,298
Housing (3 bedroom)	46,104	46,104	33,584	33,584	38,334	38,334	22,192	22,192	18,750	18,750	31,250	31,250
Sub-total		95,506		77,211		86,811		64,456		55,506		74,351
Total Basic Needs		188,625		177,235		184,133		169,907		150,478		186,146

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi	Fuel (cost at the pump)
Education							
Secondary (fees) per year	36094	27587	20850	25500	34781	21500	Diesel (per litre) K885.9
Primary (GPF) per year	1847	3266	1713	2700	5006	2625	Petrol (per litre) K888
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	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018	Jun 2018	Jul 2018	Aug 2018	Sept,2018
Amount (MK)	163,534	161,557	163,136	174,519	180,680	180,648	183,232	182,366	176,420	180,297	178,074	176,087

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 September, 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