

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	7,286	14,572	7,600	15,200	7,667	15,334	8,250	16,500	5,750	11,500	9,000	18,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	321	4,494	358	5,012	250	3,500	485	6,790	700	9,800	400	5,600
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	763	4,883	1,207	7,725	829	5,306	992	6,349	825	5,280	800	5,120
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,688	4,688	4,286	4,286	5,786	5,786	4,583	4,583	2,250	2,250	5,000	5,000
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	6,000	4,800	4,857	3,886	6,500	5,200	5,700	4,560	4,250	3,400	6,667	5,334
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,250	5,000	5,771	4,617	6,429	5,143	3,583	2,866	6,514	5,211	4,167	3,334
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,313	9,252	2,400	9,600	2,157	8,628	2,500	10,000	1,800	7,200	2,500	10,000
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	86	4,128	89	4,272	97	4,656	100	4,800	105	5,040	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	290	6,525	346	7,785	394	8,865	369	8,303	425	9,563	573	12,893
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	500	7,500	600	9,000	753	11,295	752	11,280	638	9,570	1,783	26,745
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	666	2,331	653	2,286	710	2,485	818	2,863	660	2,310	1,433	5,016
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	283	4,245	351	5,265	313	4,695	363	5,445	150	2,250	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,344	4,032	1,776	5,328	1,391	4,173	1,200	3,600	1,145	3,435	1,800	5,400
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	394	7,880	380	7,600	386	7,720	380	7,600	400	8,000	400	8,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	874	6,992	850	6,800	881	7,048	946	7,568	925	7,400	900	7,200
Kitchen Salt	305	305	334	334	237	237	432	432	390	390	300	300
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	89	3,560	75	3,000	51	2,040	98	3,920	70	2,800	90	3,600
Cassava /potatoes (2KgX2Bkfst/)	258	4,128	190	3,040	199	3,184	147	2,352	273	4,368	187	2,992
Sub-total		99,315		105,035		105,295		109,811		99,767		133,832

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	9,214	18,428	12,950	25,900	10,286	20,572	11,667	23,334	7,500	15,000	8,333	16,666
Protex	425	4,250	419	4,190	423	4,230	455	4,550	470	4,700	483	4,830
Boom	353	2,824	389	3,112	347	2,776	421	3,368	425	3,400	350	2,800
Clerc Body Lotion	479	958	444	888	520	1,040	592	1,184	500	1,000	450	900
Vaseline Blue Seal	781	1,562	808	1,616	743	1,486	753	1,066	790	1,580	800	1,600
Electricity	8,708	8,708	6,204	6,204	12,917	12,917	4,379	4,379	5,100	5,100	8,150	8,150
Running Water (meter)	10,650	10,650	6,486	6,486	11,967	11,967	6,682	6,682	8,058	8,058	8,228	8,228
Housing (3 bedroom)	46,000	46,000	34,292	34,292	40,834	40,834	22,317	22,317	20,600	20,600	31,667	31,667
Sub-total		93,380		82,688		95,822		66,880		59,438		74,841
Total Basic Needs		192,695		187,723		201,117		176,691		159,205		208,673

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi	
Education							Fuel (cost at the pump)
Secondary (fees) per year	33563	27587	21250	41250	27003	21500	Diesel (per litre)
Primary (GPF) per year	2288	3266	1825	7936	4900	2800	Petrol (per litre)
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	6850	8156	9001	8023	10933	7133	Paraffin (per litre)
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	8922	11859	9657	10387	19351	8438	
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	35907	16157	19075	5714	7800	14620	
Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500							

AVG	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018	Jun 2018	Jul 2018	Aug 2018	Sept,2018	October,2018	November,2018
Amount (MK)	163,136	174,519	180,680	180,648	183,232	182,366	176,420	180,297	178,074	176,087	182,162	187,684

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