

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	8,571	17,142	8,400	16,800	9,000	18,000	8,250	16,500	6,250	12,500	10,000	20,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	329	4,606	408	5,712	250	3,500	485	6,790	700	9,800	400	5,600
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	725	4,640	1,321	8,454	943	6,035	1,025	6,560	850	5,440	933	5,971
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,125	4,125	3,714	3,714	5,214	5,214	4,917	4,917	3,500	3,500	5,167	5,167
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	5,750	4,600	5,429	4,343	7,929	6,343	6,133	4,906	4,250	3,400	6,333	5,066
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,100	4,880	5,486	4,389	6,357	5,086	3,583	2,866	6,514	5,211	4,000	3,200
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,325	9,300	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	84	4,032	90	4,320	100	4,800	100	4,800	105	5,040	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	408	9,180	390	8,775	337	7,583	399	8,978	490	11,025	500	11,250
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	635	9,525	591	8,865	710	10,650	810	12,150	538	8,070	1,533	22,995
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	710	2,485	693	2,426	1,000	3,500	870	3,045	490	1,715	1,767	6,185
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	308	4,620	341	5,115	314	4,710	362	5,430	280	4,200	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,400	4,200	1,533	4,599	1,334	4,002	1,200	3,600	1,145	3,435	1,800	5,400
Bread (5 bnfsts / wk) 20 days	400	8,000	383	7,660	389	7,780	380	7,600	390	7,800	400	8,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	865	6,920	847	6,776	877	7,016	950	7,600	950	7,600	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	300	300	346	346	240	240	432	432	390	390	300	300
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	94	3,760	96	3,840	51	2,040	99	3,960	70	2,800	90	3,600
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	275	4,400	179	2,864	219	3,504	147	2,352	262	4,192	167	2,672
Sub-total		106,715		108,598		108,631		112,486		103,318		131,506

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	8,636	17,272	13,864	27,728	10,571	21,142	11,183	22,366	7,500	15,000	7,500	15,000
Protex	438	4,380	428	4,280	449	4,490	467	4,670	470	4,700	483	4,830
Boom	355	2,840	356	2,848	361	2,888	408	3,264	425	3,400	350	2,800
Clerc Body Lotion	479	958	496	992	513	1,026	550	1,100	500	1,000	450	900
Vaseline Blue Seal	763	1,526	809	1,618	750	1,500	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		92,334		84,448		96,764		65,844		59,438		73,175
Total Basic Needs		199,049		193,046		205,395		178,330		162,756		204,681

(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	30000	21500	Diesel (per litre)
Primary (GPF) per year	2288	3266	1825	7936	4280	2800	Petrol (per litre)
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	6850	8156	9001	8023	7467	7133	Paraffin (per litre)
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	8922	11859	9657	10387	19831	8438	
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	35907	16157	19075	5714	8333	14620	
Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500							

AVG	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018	Jun 2018	Jul 2018	Aug 2018	Sept,2018	October,2018	Nov 2017	Dec 2018
Amount (MK)	174,519	180,680	180,648	183,232	182,366	176,420	180,297	178,074	176,087	182,162	187,684	190,543

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K730 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Program of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 12th and 13th December, 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