

**CFSC BASIC NEEDS BASKET BASKET: LILONGWE ,ZOMBA , BLANTYRE ,MZUZU ,MANGOCHI AND KARONGA April, 2019**

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	10,857	21,714	8,200	16,400	9,458	18,916	9,500	19,000	8,750	17,500	10,000	20,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	314	4,396	425	5,950	250	3,500	445	6,230	700	9,800	400	5,600
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	688	4,403	886	5,670	871	5,574	900	5,760	700	4,480	400	2,560
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	5,000	5,000	4,571	4,571	6,714	6,714	6,250	6,250	2,000	2,000	5,667	5,667
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	5,250	4,200	4,571	3,657	9,286	7,429	6,783	5,426	4,250	3,400	6,333	5,066
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,000	4,800	6,057	4,846	7,929	6,343	4,383	3,506	6,514	5,211	4,000	3,200
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,275	9,100	2,400	9,600	2,271	9,084	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	85	4,080	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	330	7,425	414	9,315	446	10,035	500	11,250	475	10,688	567	12,758
Tomato ( 0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	600	9,000	986	14,790	1,014	15,210	710	10,650	550	8,250	1,067	16,005
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	595	2,083	757	2,650	914	3,199	730	2,555	390	1,365	1,067	3,735
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	310	4,650	347	5,205	300	4,500	343	5,145	500	7,500	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,394	4,182	1,478	4,434	1,305	3,915	1,133	3,399	1,250	3,750	1,800	5,400
Bread (5 bnfsts / wk) 20 days	400	8,000	383	7,660	387	7,740	390	7,800	395	7,900	300	6,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	875	7,000	893	7,144	876	7,008	923	7,384	893	7,144	950	7,600
Kitchen Salt	281	281	380	380	251	251	508	508	390	390	300	300
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	88	3,520	111	4,440	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	90	3,600
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	248	3,968	111	1,776	223	3,568	194	3,104	281	4,496	102	1,632
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>107,754</b>		<b>112,807</b>		<b>119,786</b>		<b>116,768</b>		<b>107,954</b>		<b>118,422</b>

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

Charcoal (50 kgs)	10,036	20,072	13,014	26,028	10,929	21,858	8,692	17,384	7,500	15,000	8,333	16,666
Protex	456	4,560	463	4,630	433	4,330	517	5,170	470	4,700	450	4,500
Boom	349	2,792	383	3,064	347	2,776	388	3,104	465	3,720	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	505	1,010	461	922	519	1,038	604	1,208	500	1,000	450	900
Vaseline Blue Seal	750	1,500	809	1,618	764	1,528	713	1,066	795	1,590	800	1,600
Electricity	8,888	8,888	7,271	7,271	13,579	13,579	5,188	5,188	5,031	5,031	9,448	9,448
Running Water (meter)	8,581	8,581	6,988	6,988	10,741	10,741	6,070	6,070	8,045	8,045	9,142	9,142
Housing (3 bedroom)	46,313	46,313	35,000	35,000	44,125	44,125	24,875	24,875	22,000	22,000	31,375	31,375
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>93,716</b>		<b>85,521</b>		<b>99,975</b>		<b>64,065</b>		<b>61,086</b>		<b>76,431</b>
<b>Total Basic Needs</b>		<b>201,470</b>		<b>198,328</b>		<b>219,761</b>		<b>180,833</b>		<b>169,040</b>		<b>194,853</b>

**(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS**

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi	
<b>Education</b>							Fuel (cost at the pump)
Secondary (fees) per year	31313	37500	21545	40500	43078	27250	Diesel (per litre) K874
Primary (GPF) per year	1481	1506	1825	7875	6544	2800	Petrol (per litre) K868
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	7241	8156	12674	8023	10516	7821	Paraffin (per litre) K755.30
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	8372	11859	13775	10387	9305	9288	
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	32213	16157	28325	5714	7886	11667	
<b>Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500</b>							

AVG	Mei 2018	Jun 2018	Jul 2018	Aug 2018	Sept,2018	October,2018	Nov 2017	Des 2018	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Mrt 2019	Apr 2019
Amount (MK)	<b>182,366</b>	<b>176,420</b>	<b>180,297</b>	<b>178,074</b>	<b>176,087</b>	<b>182,162</b>	<b>187,684</b>	<b>190,543</b>	<b>194,483</b>	<b>193,343</b>	<b>194,723</b>	<b>194,048</b>

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K730 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Program of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 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**