

CFSC BASIC NEEDS BASKET BASKET: LILONGWE, ZOMBA, BLANTYRE, MZUZU, MANGOCHI AND KARONGA DECEMBER, 2020

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

ITEM	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi						
Maize	9,500	19,000	11,200	22,400	10,500	21,000	9,167	18,334	9,500	19,000	11,000	22,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	314	4,396	483	6,762	250	3,500	375	5,250	700	9,800	500	7,000
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	950	6,080	1,171	7,494	807	5,165	1,100	7,040	700	4,480	1,200	7,680
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,500	4,500	3,714	3,714	8,143	8,143	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,000	5,667	5,667
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4	5,125	4,100	3,429	2,743	7,000	5,600	7,233	5,786	5,500	4,400	5,667	4,534
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	7,250	5,800	4,229	3,383	9,429	7,543	3,500	2,800	6,514	5,211	5,833	4,666
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,225	8,900	2,286	9,144	2,343	9,372	2,500	10,000	2,000	8,000	2,500	10,000
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	85	4,080	88	4,224	100	4,800	100	4,800	95	4,560	113	5,424
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	350	7,875	400	9,000	434	9,765	394	8,865	481	10,823	544	12,240
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	550	8,250	407	6,105	771	11,565	630	9,450	538	8,070	1,083	16,245
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	1,013	3,546	686	2,401	750	2,625	568	1,988	775	2,713	1,200	4,200
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	319	4,785	162	2,430	154	2,310	193	2,895	188	2,820	150	2,250
Kazinga Cooking oil	1,431	4,293	1,493	4,479	1,421	4,263	1,183	3,549	1,750	5,250	1,400	4,200
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	456	9,120	430	8,600	441	8,820	492	9,840	500	10,000	450	9,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	806	6,448	826	6,608	811	6,488	846	6,768	850	6,800	833	6,664
Kitchen Salt	369	369	346	346	257	257	486	486	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	88	3,520	135	5,400	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	125	5,000
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	388	6,208	212	3,392	261	4,176	321	5,136	250	4,000	183	2,928
Sub-total		111,270		108,626		117,392		110,487		113,116		130,098

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	11,838	23,676	11,423	22,846	13,786	27,572	12,500	25,000	7,500	15,000	9,450	18,900
Protex	431	4,310	441	4,410	447	4,470	500	5,000	350	3,500	450	4,500
Boom	369	2,952	380	3,040	357	2,856	450	3,600	475	3,800	350	2,800
Clere Body Lotion	293	586	380	760	5,676	11,352	300	600	375	750	313	626
Vaseline Blue Seal	781	1,562	799	1,598	836	1,672	152	1,066	850	1,700	800	1,600
Electricity	9,436	9,436	6,460	6,460	13,142	13,142	5,660	5,660	4,124	4,124	6,533	6,533
Running Water (meter)	7,524	7,524	7,248	7,248	9,897	9,897	5,284	5,284	8,351	8,351	8,151	8,151
Housing (3 bedroom)	47,701	47,701	37,641	37,641	47,307	47,307	26,960	26,960	22,075	22,075	32,844	32,844
Sub-total		97,747		84,003		118,268		73,170		59,300		75,954
Total Basic Needs	209,017		192,629		235,660		183,657		172,416		206,052	206,052

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi
Education						
Secondary (fees) per year						Fuel (cost at the pump)
Primary (GPF) per year						Diesel (per litre)
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year						Petrol (per litre)
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year						Paraffin (per litre)
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term						

Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1000; BT: MK416; ZA: MK400 – MK400; MZ: MK450 – MK500

Average	Jan, 2020	Feb,2020	Mar,202	Apr, 2020	May,2020	June,2020	July,202	August,2020	Sept,202	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020
Amount (MK)	223,173	221,391	212,883	203,695	202,715	197,980	164,316	192,644	194,253	198,917	198,585	201,966

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K786 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 13th and 15th December, 2020 in the cities of Blantyre, Zomba, Lilongwe, Mzuzu, Karonga and Mango

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NOTE: The data on electricity, housing, water and other additional costs is collected and analysed on quarterly basis