

**CFSC BASIC NEEDS BASKET BASKET: LILONGWE, ZOMBA, BLANTYRE, MZUZU, MANGOCHI AND KARONGA JANUARY, 2021**

<b>(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD SIZE OF SIX PEOPLE IN</b>												
ITEM	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi						
Maize	9,500	19,000	11,200	22,400	12,500	25,000	10,000	20,000	7,500	15,000	11,000	22,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	314	4,396	475	6,650	250	3,500	375	5,250	700	9,800	500	7,000
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	988	6,323	1,214	7,770	1,414	9,050	1,546	9,894	700	4,480	833	5,331
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,500	4,500	3,714	3,714	7,071	7,071	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,000	5,167	5,167
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	5,000	4,000	4,000	3,200	8,586	6,869	6,100	4,880	5,500	4,400	5,667	4,534
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,875	5,500	5,543	4,434	9,143	7,314	3,500	2,800	0	0	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	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	428	9,630	486	10,935	300	6,750	449	10,103	538	12,105	477	10,733
Tomato ( 0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	550	8,250	921	13,815	914	13,710	1,533	22,995	578	8,670	590	8,850
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	813	2,846	1,236	4,326	1,079	3,777	1,639	5,737	635	2,223	1,150	4,025
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	163	2,445	162	2,430	346	5,190	387	5,805	370	5,550	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,431	4,293	1,493	4,479	1,743	5,229	1,572	4,716	1,300	3,900	1,400	4,200
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	456	9,120	445	8,900	437	8,740	500	10,000	500	10,000	450	9,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	806	6,448	824	6,592	811	6,488	850	6,800	850	6,800	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	356	356	346	346	257	257	538	538	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	88	3,520	134	5,360	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	125	5,000
Cassava /potatoes (2KgX2Bkfst/)	388	6,208	199	3,184	314	5,024	296	4,736	245	3,920	150	2,400
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>109,815</b>		<b>121,903</b>		<b>130,140</b>		<b>136,553</b>		<b>106,598</b>		<b>119,406</b>
<b>(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS</b>												
Charcoal (50 kgs)	11,681	23,362	12,093	24,186	12,857	25,714	15,833	31,666	7,500	15,000	5,300	10,600
Protex	431	4,310	446	4,460	447	4,470	533	5,330	270	2,700	450	4,500
Boom	369	2,952	380	3,040	357	2,856	450	3,600	450	3,600	400	3,200
Clere Body Lotion	523	1,046	304	608	321	642	1,500	3,000	700	1,400	500	1,000
Vaseline Blue Seal	781	1,562	799	1,598	836	1,672	768	1,066	870	1,740	800	1,600
Electricity	15,579	15,579	8,026	8,026	13,503	13,503	5,963	5,963	4,364	4,364	7,964	7,964
Running Water (meter)	7,112	7,112	8,117	8,117	10,824	10,824	6,236	6,236	5,795	5,795	8,495	8,495
Housing (3 bedroom)	46,562	46,562	33,827	33,827	49,363	49,363	26,889	26,889	22,075	22,075	32,844	32,844
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>102,485</b>		<b>83,862</b>		<b>109,044</b>		<b>83,750</b>		<b>56,675</b>		<b>70,203</b>
<b>Total Basic Needs</b>		<b>212,300</b>		<b>205,765</b>		<b>239,184</b>		<b>220,303</b>		<b>163,272</b>		<b>189,609</b>

<b>(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS</b>												
	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi						
<b>Education</b>												
Secondary (fees) per year	30750	18221	20665	37500	45157			27495				Fuel (cost at the pump)
Primary (GPF) per year	1575	4500	3839	4407	4756			3000				Diesel (per litre)
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	19,686	16,762	26,502	19,238	20,217			15,682				Petrol (per litre)
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	27,299	20,638	34,160	21,524	23,864			16,509				Paraffin (per litre)
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	15,975	7,348	10,098	9,188	12,356			18,047				
Minibus fare to town and back	LL: MK1400; BT: MK700; ZA: MK500 – MK600; MZ: MK550 – MK600											

Average	Feb, 2020	Mar,2020	Apr, 2020	May,2020	June,2020	July,2020	August,2020	Sept,2020	Oct 2020	Nov, 2020	Dec, 2020	Jan, 2021
Amount (MK)	221,391	212,883	203,695	202,715	197,980	164,316	192,644	194,253	198,917	198,585	201,966	214,914

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K786 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programme of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 20th-22nd January, 2021 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**