

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe		Zomba		Blantyre		Mzuzu		Karonga		Mangochi	
Maize	8,929	17,858	9,400	18,800	9,667	19,334	9,542	19,084	8,000	16,000	9,000	18,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	300	4,200	475	6,650	250	3,500	375	5,250	700	9,800	500	7,000
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	1,038	6,643	1,371	8,774	1,271	8,134	1,546	9,894	700	4,480	800	5,120
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	5,250	5,250	2,857	2,857	7,000	7,000	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,000	5,767	5,767
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	6,125	4,900	3,429	2,743	8,643	6,914	6,100	4,880	3,000	2,400	6,433	5,146
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	6,875	5,500	4,229	3,383	8,643	6,914	3,550	2,840	0	0	5,833	4,666
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,225	8,900	2,314	9,256	2,300	9,200	2,500	10,000	2,000	8,000	2,433	9,732
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	91	4,368	86	4,128	100	4,800	100	4,800	85	4,080	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	413	9,293	600	13,500	454	10,215	446	10,035	530	11,925	500	11,250
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	713	10,695	821	12,315	731	10,965	1,417	21,255	563	8,445	1,017	15,255
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	914	3,199	1,093	3,826	1,014	3,549	1,629	5,702	815	2,853	1,083	3,791
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	331	4,965	331	4,965	307	4,605	387	5,805	375	5,625	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,600	4,800	1,564	4,692	1,743	5,229	1,572	4,716	1,525	4,575	1,800	5,400
Bread (5 bnfsts / wk) 20 days	450	9,000	430	8,600	439	8,780	500	10,000	500	10,000	400	8,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	794	6,352	829	6,632	811	6,488	850	6,800	825	6,600	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	361	361	336	336	257	257	532	532	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	95	3,800	134	5,360	50	2,000	100	4,000	70	2,800	125	5,000
Cassava /potatoes (2KgX2Bkfst/)	313	5,008	149	2,384	281	4,496	302	4,832	250	4,000	150	2,400
Sub-total		115,092		119,201		122,381		133,925		105,973		123,027
(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS												
Charcoal (50 kgs)	10,938	21,876	12,757	25,514	14,286	28,572	15,833	31,666	7,500	15,000	8,333	16,666
Protex	431	4,310	441	4,410	447	4,470	543	5,430	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	508	1,016	559	1,118	513	1,026	600	1,200	700	1,400	500	1,000
Vaseline Blue Seal	788	1,576	816	1,632	836	1,672	768	1,066	850	1,700	800	1,600
Electricity	9,596	9,596	7,405	7,405	13,386	13,386	5,892	5,892	4,849	4,849	8,187	8,187
Running Water (meter)	10,532	10,532	7,603	7,603	10,379	10,379	5,857	5,857	6,713	6,713	8,344	8,344
Housing (3 bedroom)	51,752	51,752	40,741	40,741	49,363	49,363	26,683	26,683	22,075	22,075	32,844	32,844
Sub-total		103,610		91,463		111,724		81,394		59,037		75,941
Total Basic Needs		218,702		210,664		234,105		215,319		165,010		198,968

(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS

	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi		
Education							Fuel (cost at the pump)	
Secondary (fees) per year	31,982	16,455	21,041	37,500	37,001	27,369	Diesel (per litre)	K898.00
Primary (GPF) per year	1,575	4,500	1,955	1,985	4,573	3,000	Petrol (per litre)	K899.20
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	12,567	24,909	30,261	23,931	19,065	22,691	Paraffin (per litre)	K719.60
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	22,900	31,182	26,251	29,338	27,091	23,427		
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	11,826	6,552	7,876	9,363	8,620	17,740		
Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1400; BT: MK700; ZA: MK500 – MK600; MZ: MK550 – MK600								

Average	Mar,2020	Apr,2020	May,2020	June,2020	July,2020	August,2020	Sept,2020	Oct, 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan,2021	Feb, 2021
Amount (MK)	212,883	203,695	202,715	197,980	164,316	192,644	194,253	198,917	198,585	201,966	214,914	209,366

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K786 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 22nd and 23rd February, 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