

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

<b>(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD SIZE OF SIX PEOPLE IN</b>													
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Lilongwe</b>	<b>Zomba</b>	<b>Blantyre</b>	<b>Mzuzu</b>	<b>Karonga</b>	<b>Mangochi</b>							
Maize	9,071	18,142	8,800	17,600	9,583	19,166	9,500	19,000	8,000	16,000	9,000	18,000	
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	975	6,240	1,386	8,870	1,229	7,866	1,546	9,894	700	4,480	1,200	7,680	
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	5,250	5,250	4,571	4,571	7,214	7,214	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,000	6,167	6,167	
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	7,125	5,700	5,143	4,114	6,929	5,543	5,800	4,640	3,250	2,600	6,500	5,200	
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	0	0	5,543	4,434	8,786	7,029	3,500	2,800	0	0	6,433	5,146	
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,200	8,800	2,314	9,256	2,343	9,372	2,500	10,000	2,000	8,000	2,500	10,000	
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	90	4,320	90	4,320	100	4,800	97	4,656	90	4,320	100	4,800	
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	453	10,193	414	9,315	359	8,078	408	9,180	540	12,150	444	9,990	
Tomato ( 0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	821	12,315	943	14,145	1,014	15,210	923	13,845	640	9,600	1,017	15,255	
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	1,025	3,588	736	2,576	943	3,301	1,193	4,176	753	2,636	1,067	3,735	
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	329	4,935	340	5,100	307	4,605	390	5,850	375	5,625	300	4,500	
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,675	5,025	1,714	5,142	1,757	5,271	1,542	4,626	1,825	5,475	1,800	5,400	
Bread (5 blksts / wk) 20 days	450	9,000	430	8,600	437	8,740	500	10,000	500	10,000	450	9,000	
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	819	6,552	829	6,632	804	6,432	850	6,800	850	6,800	850	6,800	
Kitchen Salt	381	381	333	333	261	261	496	496	390	390	400	400	
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	93	3,720	134	5,360	50	2,000	143	5,720	70	2,800	125	5,000	
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	300	4,800	175	2,800	264	4,224	186	2,976	276	4,416	167	2,672	
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>113,356</b>		<b>119,819</b>		<b>122,611</b>		<b>123,409</b>		<b>109,092</b>		<b>126,745</b>	
<b>(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS</b>													
Charcoal (50 kgs)	11,991	23,982	13,095	26,190	14,643	29,286	14,583	29,166	7,481	14,962	9,444	18,888	
Protex	431	4,310	446	4,460	447	4,470	497	4,970	350	3,500	450	4,500	
Boom	388	3,104	380	3,040	364	2,912	458	3,664	475	3,800	350	2,800	
Clere Body Lotion	600	1,200	559	1,118	513	1,026	592	1,184	700	1,400	500	1,000	
Vaseline Blue Seal	794	1,588	816	1,632	829	1,658	755	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	
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>106,064</b>		<b>92,189</b>		<b>112,480</b>		<b>78,482</b>		<b>58,999</b>		<b>78,163</b>	
<b>Total Basic Needs</b>		<b>219,420</b>		<b>212,008</b>		<b>235,091</b>		<b>201,891</b>		<b>168,091</b>		<b>204,908</b>	
<b>(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS</b>													
	<b>Lilongwe</b>	<b>Zomba</b>	<b>Blantyre</b>	<b>Mzuzu</b>	<b>Karonga</b>	<b>Mangochi</b>							
<b>Education</b>													
Secondary (fees) per year	31,982	16,455	21,041	37,500	37,001	27,369				Fuel (cost at the pump)			
Primary (GPF) per year	1,575	4,500	1,955	1,985	4,573	3,000				Diesel (per litre)	K898		
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	12,567	24,909	30,261	23,931	19,065	22,691				Petrol (per litre)	K899.20		
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	22,900	31,182	26,251	29,338	27,091	23,427				Paraffin (per litre)	K719.60		
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													
<b>Average</b>	<b>Apr, 2020</b>	<b>May,2020</b>	<b>June,2020</b>	<b>July,2020</b>	<b>Aug,2020</b>	<b>Sept,2020</b>	<b>Oct, 2020</b>	<b>Nov,2020</b>	<b>Dec, 2020</b>	<b>Jan, 2021</b>	<b>Feb,2021</b>	<b>Mar,2021</b>	
Amount (MK)	<b>203,695</b>	<b>202,715</b>	<b>197,980</b>	<b>164,316</b>	<b>192,644</b>	<b>194,253</b>	<b>198,917</b>	<b>198,585</b>	<b>201,966</b>	<b>214,914</b>	<b>209,366</b>	<b>208,926</b>	

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K786 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Mrch, 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**