

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

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

| ITEM | Lilongwe | Zomba | Blantyre | Mzuzu | Karonga | Mangochi | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|---------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--|
| Maize | 8,857 | 17,714 | 6,000 | 12,000 | 9,833 | 19,666 | 9,333 | 18,666 | 6,250 | 12,500 | 7,500 | 15,000 | |
| Milling (Including Grinding) | 321 | 4,494 | 508 | 7,112 | 250 | 3,500 | 375 | 5,250 | 700 | 9,800 | 500 | 7,000 | |
| Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days | 950 | 6,080 | 1,207 | 7,725 | 1,200 | 7,680 | 1,517 | 9,709 | 700 | 4,480 | 1,133 | 7,251 | |
| Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days | 6,000 | 6,000 | 5,429 | 5,429 | 8,071 | 8,071 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 5,167 | 5,167 | |
| Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days | 7,125 | 5,700 | 5,429 | 4,343 | 8,214 | 6,571 | 4,833 | 3,866 | 3,250 | 2,600 | 7,333 | 5,866 | |
| Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days | 750 | 600 | 6,057 | 4,846 | 8,593 | 6,874 | 2,983 | 2,386 | 0 | 0 | 7,500 | 6,000 | |
| Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days | 2,213 | 8,852 | 2,343 | 9,372 | 2,343 | 9,372 | 2,500 | 10,000 | 2,000 | 8,000 | 2,500 | 10,000 | |
| Eggs (12/day) 4 days | 90 | 4,320 | 92 | 4,416 | 100 | 4,800 | 95 | 4,560 | 85 | 4,080 | 100 | 4,800 | |
| Rape (750g/day) for 30 days | 450 | 10,125 | 336 | 7,560 | 429 | 9,653 | 389 | 8,753 | 540 | 12,150 | 642 | 14,445 | |
| Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days | 725 | 10,875 | 543 | 8,145 | 943 | 14,145 | 903 | 13,545 | 668 | 10,020 | 800 | 12,000 | |
| Onion (116g/day) 30 days | 1,025 | 3,588 | 597 | 2,090 | 1,843 | 6,451 | 1,233 | 4,316 | 873 | 3,056 | 883 | 3,091 | |
| Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days | 313 | 4,695 | 340 | 5,100 | 307 | 4,605 | 393 | 5,895 | 375 | 5,625 | 300 | 4,500 | |
| Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys | 1,719 | 5,157 | 2,157 | 6,471 | 1,771 | 5,313 | 4,042 | 12,126 | 1,850 | 5,550 | 1,867 | 5,601 | |
| Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days | 471 | 9,420 | 467 | 9,340 | 437 | 8,740 | 500 | 10,000 | 400 | 8,000 | 450 | 9,000 | |
| Sugar (2 Kgs /Week) | 825 | 6,600 | 850 | 6,800 | 804 | 6,432 | 850 | 6,800 | 850 | 6,800 | 883 | 7,064 | |
| Kitchen Salt | 394 | 394 | 360 | 360 | 269 | 269 | 496 | 496 | 390 | 390 | 400 | 400 | |
| Tea leaves (Chisangalalo) | 95 | 3,800 | 136 | 5,440 | 50 | 2,000 | 143 | 5,720 | 70 | 2,800 | 125 | 5,000 | |
| Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/) | 288 | 4,608 | 133 | 2,128 | 264 | 4,224 | 184 | 2,944 | 277 | 4,432 | 160 | 2,560 | |
| Sub-total | | 113,022 | | 108,676 | | 128,366 | | 128,532 | | 104,283 | | 124,745 | |
| ITEMS | (B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Charcoal (50 kgs) | 12,819 | 25,638 | 13,297 | 26,594 | 14,286 | 28,572 | 14,583 | 29,166 | 7,481 | 14,962 | 7,633 | 15,266 | |
| Protex | 444 | 4,440 | 446 | 4,460 | 447 | 4,470 | 497 | 4,970 | 350 | 3,500 | 483 | 4,830 | |
| Boom | 388 | 3,104 | 380 | 3,040 | 371 | 2,968 | 450 | 3,600 | 475 | 3,800 | 367 | 2,936 | |
| Clere Body Lotion | 588 | 1,176 | 559 | 1,118 | 520 | 1,040 | 600 | 1,200 | 700 | 1,400 | 533 | 1,066 | |
| Vaseline Blue Seal | 806 | 1,612 | 837 | 1,674 | 821 | 1,642 | 758 | 1,066 | 850 | 1,700 | 800 | 1,600 | |
| Electricity | 9,456 | 9,456 | 8,935 | 8,935 | 12,955 | 12,955 | 5,705 | 5,705 | 4,476 | 4,476 | 8,454 | 8,454 | |
| Running Water (meter) | 7,877 | 7,877 | 7,981 | 7,981 | 10,324 | 10,324 | 6,009 | 6,009 | 7,776 | 7,776 | 9,203 | 9,203 | |
| Housing (3 bedroom) | 54,112 | 54,112 | 42,659 | 42,659 | 49,448 | 49,448 | 28,831 | 28,831 | 19,902 | 19,902 | 34,256 | 34,256 | |
| Sub-total | | 107,415 | | 96,461 | | 111,419 | | 80,547 | | 57,516 | | 77,611 | |
| Total Basic Needs | | 220,437 | | 205,137 | | 239,785 | | 209,079 | | 161,798 | | 202,356 | |

| (C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS | | | | | | |
|--|---|--------|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| | Lilongwe | Zomba | Blantyre | Mzuzu | Karonga | Mangochi |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Secondary (fees) per year | 27,000 | 19,413 | 21,925 | 37,500 | 33,460 | 27,372 |
| Primary (GPF) per year | 3,260 | 4,555 | 3,884 | 1,255 | 4,592 | 3,000 |
| Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year | 18,693 | 28,098 | 41,386 | 25,222 | 26,835 | 22,462 |
| Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year | 34,475 | 35,405 | 32,969 | 28,997 | 35,105 | 23,534 |
| Other (pens, books, etc.) per term | 17,348 | 6,728 | 10,445 | 6,130 | 12,755 | 18,590 |
| Minibus fare to town and back | LL: MK1400; BT: MK700; ZA: MK500 – MK600; MZ: MK550 – MK600 | | | | | |

| Average | May,2020 | June,2020 | July,2020 | Aug,2020 | Sept,2020 | Oct, 2020 | Nov,2020 | Dec, 2020 | Jan, 2021 | Feb,2021 | Mar,2021 | Apr, 2021 |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Amount (MK) | 202,715 | 197,980 | 164,316 | 192,644 | 194,253 | 198,917 | 198,585 | 201,966 | 214,914 | 209,366 | 208,926 | 209,117 |

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