

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

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

ITEM	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi
Maize	5,929	11,858	6,000	12,000	7,500	15,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	329	4,606	492	6,888	250	3,500
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	1,013	6,483	1,129	7,226	1,214	7,770
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	5,600	5,600	5,014	5,014	8,786	8,786
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	5,813	4,650	5,714	4,571	8,529	6,823
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	4,750	3,800	6,114	4,891	9,729	7,783
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,463	9,852	2,514	10,056	2,343	9,372
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	93	4,464	92	4,416	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	264	5,940	357	8,033	457	10,283
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	958	14,370	450	6,750	636	9,540
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	1,317	4,610	541	1,894	814	2,849
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	308	4,620	341	5,115	306	4,590
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,981	5,943	2,228	6,684	1,900	5,700
Bread (5 bnfsts / wk) 20 days	494	9,880	483	9,660	470	9,400
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	819	6,552	857	6,856	821	6,568
Kitchen Salt	338	338	360	360	269	269
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	85	3,400	134	5,360	79	3,160
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	207	3,312	91	1,456	218	3,488
Sub-total		110,278		107,229		119,681

(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS

Charcoal (50 kgs)	12,050	24,100	13,250	26,500	13,044	26,088
Protex	419	4,190	446	4,460	436	4,360
Boom	365	2,920	381	3,048	371	2,968
Clere Body Lotion	344	688	358	716	335	670
Vaseline Blue Seal	838	1,676	837	1,674	821	1,642
Electricity	9,456	9,456	8,935	8,935	12,955	12,955
Running Water (meter)	7,877	7,877	7,981	7,981	10,324	10,324
Housing (3 bedroom)	54,112	54,112	42,659	42,659	49,448	49,448
Sub-total		105,019		95,973		108,455
Total Basic Needs		215,297		203,202		228,136

(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	July,2020	Aug,2020	Sept,2020	Oct, 2020	Nov,2020	Dec, 2020
Amount (MK)	164,316	192,644	194,253	198,917	198,585	201,966

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