

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

(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD SIZE OF SIX PEOPLE IN													
	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga		Mangochi						
ITEM													
Maize	6,857	13,714	5,100	10,200	7,500	15,000	6,458	12,916	5,750	11,500	7,500	15,000	
Milling (Including Grinding)	329	4,606	483	6,762	250	3,500	375	5,250	700	9,800	500	7,000	
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	1,000	6,400	1,229	7,866	1,229	7,866	1,546	9,894	700	4,480	1,200	7,680	
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	6,875	6,875	6,000	6,000	8,714	8,714	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,000	4,500	4,500	
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	7,500	6,000	6,000	4,800	9,286	7,429	7,433	5,946	6,500	5,200	5,833	4,666	
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	7,000	5,600	6,343	5,074	8,714	6,971	3,550	2,840	0	0	7,000	5,600	
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,288	9,152	2,443	9,772	2,343	9,372	2,500	10,000	2,000	8,000	2,500	10,000	
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	94	4,512	92	4,416	100	4,800	100	4,800	85	4,080	100	4,800	
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	370	8,325	329	7,403	500	11,250	399	8,978	535	12,038	477	10,733	
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	863	12,945	457	6,855	750	11,250	953	14,295	653	9,795	763	11,445	
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	1,000	3,500	514	1,799	771	2,699	1,187	4,155	855	2,993	1,383	4,841	
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	323	4,845	341	5,115	310	4,650	390	5,850	375	5,625	300	4,500	
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 dys	1,719	5,157	2,014	6,042	1,943	5,829	1,542	4,626	1,850	5,550	2,000	6,000	
Bread (5 bkfst/ wk) 20 days	494	9,880	450	9,000	437	8,740	500	10,000	450	9,000	417	8,340	
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	830	6,640	850	6,800	829	6,632	850	6,800	850	6,800	883	7,064	
Kitchen Salt	400	400	360	360	269	269	496	496	390	390	400	400	
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	96	3,840	128	5,120	50	2,000	147	5,880	70	2,800	125	5,000	
Cassava /potatoes (2KgX2Bkfst/)	238	3,808	103	1,648	236	3,776	158	2,528	270	4,320	167	2,672	
Sub-total		116,199		105,032		120,746		118,754		106,370		120,240	
(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS													
Charcoal (50 kgs)	12,150	24,300	13,564	27,128	13,543	27,086	13,750	27,500	7,500	15,000	6,200	12,400	
Protex	438	4,380	446	4,460	443	4,430	493	4,930	350	3,500	483	4,830	
Boom	369	2,952	380	3,040	371	2,968	450	3,600	475	3,800	367	2,936	
Clere Body Lotion	368	736	349	698	330	660	292	584	438	876	375	750	
Vaseline Blue Seal	797	1,594	752	1,504	821	1,642	565	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	22,983	22,983	34,256	34,256	
Sub-total		105,407		96,405		109,513		78,225		60,110		74,429	
Total Basic Needs		221,606		201,437		230,259		196,979		166,480		194,669	
(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			Fuel (cost at the pump)			
Primary (GPF) per year	3,260	4,555	3,884	1,255	4,592		3,000			Diesel (per litre)		K898	
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	18,693	28,098	41,386	25,222	26,835		22,462			Petrol (per litre)		K899.20	
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	34,475	35,405	32,969	28,997	35,105		23,534			Paraffin (per litre)		K719.60	
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													
Amount (MK)	June,2020	July,2020	Aug,2020	Sept,2020	Oct, 2020	Nov,2020	Dec, 2020	Jan, 2021	Feb, 2021	Mar,2021	Apr, 2021	May,2021	
	197,980	164,316	192,644	194,253	198,917	198,585	201,966	214,914	209,366	208,926	207,409	203,988	

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 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