

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

(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD SIZE OF SIX PEOPLE IN												
ITEM	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi						
Maize	5,714	11,428	8,000	16,000	7,500	15,000	6,417	12,834	5,750	11,500	7,500	15,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	357	4,998	517	7,238	250	3,500	375	5,250	700	9,800	500	7,000
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	1,013	6,483	1,271	8,134	1,214	7,770	1,546	9,894	700	4,480	1,067	6,829
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	6,250	6,250	5,714	5,714	8,571	8,571	3,500	3,500	4,250	4,250	5,833	5,833
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	6,450	5,160	5,429	4,343	9,671	7,737	6,033	4,826	6,000	4,800	6,833	5,466
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	5,750	4,600	6,057	4,846	10,143	8,114	2,917	2,334	0	0	7,000	5,600
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,475	9,900	2,714	10,856	2,343	9,372	2,800	11,200	2,500	10,000	2,500	10,000
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	93	4,464	100	4,800	100	4,800	100	4,800	100	4,800	113	5,424
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	313	7,043	321	7,223	443	9,968	399	8,978	518	11,655	544	12,240
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	419	6,285	354	5,310	564	8,460	613	9,195	538	8,070	950	14,250
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	548	1,918	614	2,149	793	2,776	857	3,000	753	2,636	1,050	3,675
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	310	4,650	341	5,115	306	4,590	397	5,955	400	6,000	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 days	1,981	5,943	2,227	6,681	1,900	5,700	2,133	6,399	1,950	5,850	2,000	6,000
Bread (5 blkfst/ wk) 20 days	490	9,800	490	9,800	470	9,400	500	10,000	530	10,600	500	10,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	819	6,552	860	6,880	821	6,568	900	7,200	850	6,800	900	7,200
Kitchen Salt	381	381	386	386	269	269	500	500	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	89	3,560	144	5,760	50	2,000	155	6,200	90	3,600	125	5,000
Cassava /potatoes (2KgX2Bkfst/)	225	3,600	121	1,936	287	4,592	159	2,544	236	3,776	133	2,128
Sub-total		103,015		113,171		119,186		114,608		109,007		126,545
(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS												
Charcoal (50 kgs)	11,044	22,088	11,496	22,992	11,667	23,334	13,275	26,550	7,500	15,000	8,500	17,000
Protex	419	4,190	446	4,460	436	4,360	497	4,970	350	3,500	450	4,500
Boom	394	3,152	380	3,040	371	2,968	450	3,600	500	4,000	400	3,200
Clere Body Lotion	347	694	358	716	334	668	296	592	469	938	375	750
Vaseline Blue Seal	831	1,662	823	1,646	821	1,642	753	1,066	950	1,900	800	1,600
Electricity	11,131	11,131	9,263	9,263	12,970	12,970	6,813	6,813	5,750	5,750	7,579	7,579
Running Water (meter)	9,116	9,116	7,426	7,426	10,345	10,345	6,336	6,336	7,930	7,930	9,656	9,656
Housing (3 bedroom)	54,488	54,488	42,900	42,900	51,539	51,539	30,932	30,932	22,983	22,983	32,696	32,696
Sub-total		106,521		92,443		107,826		80,859		62,001		76,981
Total Basic Needs		209,536		205,614		227,012		195,467		171,008		203,526
(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS												
	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi						
Education												
Secondary (fees) per year	29,381	18,359	21,851	40,500	46,108		29,740					
Primary (GPF) per year	3,143	4,779	4,436	1,312	4,573		3,000					
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	15,709	26,962	44,447	26,089	27,307		24,361					
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	30,021	33,726	33,585	29,351	36,606		25,209					
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	15,957	6,529	11,000	9,098	14,738		19,243					
Minibus fare to town and back	LL: MK1400; BT: MK700; ZA: MK500 – MK600; MZ: MK550 – MK600											
Average	Aug,2020	Sept,2020	Oct, 2020	Nov,2020	Dec, 2020	Jan, 2021	Feb,2021	Mar,2021	Apr, 2021	May,2021	June,2021	July,2020
Amount (MK)	192,644	194,253	198,917	198,585	201,966	214,914	209,366	208,926	207,409	203,988	203,568	203,430

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 July, 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