

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

(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD SIZE OF SIX PEOPLE IN												
	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi						
ITEM												
Maize	6,429	12,858	9,200	18,400	7,500	15,000	6,417	12,834	6,250	12,500	8,500	17,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	371	5,194	550	7,700	250	3,500	375	5,250	700	9,800	500	7,000
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	1,013	6,483	1,429	9,146	1,214	7,770	1,546	9,894	700	4,480	1,200	7,680
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,500	4,500	5,429	5,429	6,857	6,857	3,500	3,500	4,750	4,750	5,833	5,833
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	5,250	4,200	5,714	4,571	6,000	4,800	6,033	4,826	6,000	4,800	6,833	5,466
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	3,675	2,940	6,286	5,029	10,286	8,229	3,417	2,734	0	0	6,000	4,800
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,488	9,952	2,757	11,028	2,343	9,372	2,800	11,200	2,500	10,000	2,700	10,800
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	94	4,512	100	4,800	100	4,800	100	4,800	100	4,800	100	4,800
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	260	5,850	300	6,750	297	6,683	363	8,168	555	12,488	611	13,748
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	425	6,375	413	6,195	593	8,895	888	13,320	670	10,050	1,017	15,255
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	421	1,474	507	1,775	721	2,524	1,157	4,050	845	2,958	1,117	3,910
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	531	7,965	341	5,115	310	4,650	397	5,955	400	6,000	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 days	1,844	5,532	2,256	6,768	1,900	5,700	2,217	6,651	2,100	6,300	2,000	6,000
Bread (5 bkfsts / wk) 20 days	538	10,760	497	9,940	470	9,400	550	11,000	530	10,600	433	8,660
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	788	6,304	860	6,880	824	6,592	892	7,136	850	6,800	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	400	400	373	373	269	269	500	500	390	390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	98	3,920	144	5,760	50	2,000	150	6,000	100	4,000	125	5,000
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	233	3,728	161	2,576	257	4,112	159	2,544	270	4,320	150	2,400
Sub-total		102,947		118,234		111,151		120,361		115,035		130,051
(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS												
Charcoal (50 kgs)	11,445	22,890	12,286	24,572	12,320	24,640	12,333	24,666	7,485	14,970	7,470	14,940
Protex	444	4,440	446	4,460	436	4,360	493	4,930	350	3,500	500	5,000
Boom	450	3,600	394	3,152	371	2,968	450	3,600	500	4,000	400	3,200
Clere Body Lotion	413	826	379	758	335	670	370	740	469	938	375	750
Vaseline Blue Seal	875	1,750	844	1,688	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		108,241		94,219		109,134		79,083		61,971		75,421
Total Basic Needs		211,188		212,453		220,285		199,444		177,006		205,472
(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			Fuel (cost at the pump)			
Primary (GPF) per year	3,143	4,779	4,436	1,312	4,573	3,000			Diesel (per litre)	K898		
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	15,709	26,962	44,447	26,089	27,307	24,361			Petrol (per litre)	K899.20		
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	30,021	33,726	33,585	29,351	36,606	25,209			Paraffin (per litre)	K719.60		
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	Sept,2020	Oct, 2020	Nov,2020	Dec, 2020	Jan, 2021	Feb,2021	Mar,2021	Apri ,2021	May,2021	June,2021	July,2021	Aug,2021
Amount (MK)	194,253	198,917	198,585	201,966	214,914	209,366	208,926	207,409	203,505	203,568	203,430	205,238

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K815 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 23rd and 24th August, 2021 in the cities of Blantyre, Zomba, Lilongwe, Mzuzu, Karonga and Mangoch

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NOTE: The data on electricity, housing, water and other additional costs is collected and analysed on quarterly basis