

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

(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD SIZE OF SIX PEOPLE IN													
ITEM	Lilongwe	Zomba	Blantyre	Mzuzu	Karonga	Mangochi							
Maize	7,143	14,286	8,200	16,400	8,583	17,166	8,500	17,000	6,250	12,500	8,500	17,000	
Milling (Including Grinding)	343	4,802	600	8,400	250	3,500	375	5,250	700	9,800	500	7,000	
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	1,050	6,720	1,486	9,510	1,214	7,770	1,233	7,891	700	4,480	1,200	7,680	
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,125	4,125	4,000	4,000	6,143	6,143	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	5,250	4,200	4,286	3,429	6,571	5,257	6,300	5,040	6,000	4,800	5,900	4,720	
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	7,450	5,960	4,743	3,794	11,000	8,800	2,983	2,386	0	0	6,167	4,934	
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,525	10,100	2,771	11,084	2,343	9,372	3,000	12,000	2,500	10,000	2,700	10,800	
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	95	4,560	105	5,040	100	4,800	100	4,800	100	4,800	107	5,136	
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	305	6,863	243	5,468	294	6,615	402	9,045	509	11,453	444	9,990	
Tomato (0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	463	6,945	836	12,540	779	11,685	790	11,850	673	10,095	567	8,505	
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	700	2,450	507	1,775	750	2,625	1,150	4,025	828	2,898	1,117	3,910	
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	304	4,560	326	4,890	310	4,650	387	5,805	415	6,225	300	4,500	
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 days	2,069	6,207	2,406	7,218	1,943	5,829	2,217	6,651	1,950	5,850	2,000	6,000	
Bread (5 bxfsts / wk) 20 days	488	9,760	500	10,000	473	9,460	550	11,000	480	9,600	400	8,000	
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	831	6,648	853	6,824	831	6,648	900	7,200	850	6,800	850	6,800	
Kitchen Salt	388	388	381	381	269	269	496	496	390	390	400	400	
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	100	4,000	139	5,560	50	2,000	150	6,000	90	3,600	125	5,000	
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	263	4,208	177	2,832	281	4,496	205	3,280	277	4,432	167	2,672	
Sub-total		106,782		119,145		117,084		123,220		111,723		118,046	
(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS													
Charcoal (50 kgs)	12,098	24,196	12,770	25,540	15,510	31,020	11,988	23,976	7,448	14,896	7,639	15,278	
Protex	456	4,560	503	5,030	407	4,070	500	5,000	450	4,500	483	4,830	
Boom	475	3,800	408	3,264	383	3,064	450	3,600	480	3,840	417	3,336	
Clere Body Lotion	363	726	391	782	335	670	375	750	438	876	344	688	
Vaseline Blue Seal	863	1,726	888	1,776	821	1,642	755	1,066	1,050	2,100	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		109,743		95,981		115,320		78,473		62,875		75,663	
Total Basic Needs		216,525		215,126		232,404		201,693		174,598		193,709	
(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	Oct, 2020	Nov,2020	Dec, 2020	Jan, 2021	Feb,2021	Mar,2021	Apri ,2021	May,2021	June,2021	July,2021	Aug,2021	Sept,2021	
Amount (MK)	198,917	198,585	201,966	214,914	209,366	208,926	207,409	203,988	203,568	203,430	205, 238	207,334	

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 September, 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