

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

<b>(A) COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS FOR A HOUSEHOLD SIZE OF SIX PEOPLE IN</b>													
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Lilongwe</b>	<b>Zomba</b>	<b>Blantyre</b>	<b>Mzuzu</b>	<b>Karonga</b>	<b>Mangochi</b>							
Maize	7,300	14,600	8,000	16,000	8,667	17,334	8,500	17,000	5,750		11,500	8,500	17,000
Milling (Including Grinding)	357	4,998	600	8,400	250	3,500	375	5,250	700		9,800	500	7,000
Beans (0.8kg/day) 8 Days	1,063	6,803	1,457	9,325	1,243	7,955	1,195	7,648	700		4,480	1,200	7,680
Dry Usipa (250g/day) 4 days	4,125	4,125	4,286	4,286	7,714	7,714	3,500	3,500	4,250		4,250	5,167	5,167
Dry Utaka/Mcheni (200g/day) 4 days	7,125	5,700	5,143	4,114	6,643	5,314	7,700	6,160	6,000		4,800	6,400	5,120
Kapenta (200g/day) 4 days	7,975	6,380	5,257	4,206	12,571	10,057	3,117	2,494	0		0	6,333	5,066
Beef(1 kg/day) 4 days	2,613	10,452	2,743	10,972	2,343	9,372	3,000	12,000	2,500		10,000	2,700	10,800
Eggs (12/day) 4 days	96	4,608	100	4,800	100	4,800	100	4,800	100		4,800	107	5,136
Rape (750g/day) for 30 days	298	6,705	386	8,685	400	9,000	342	7,695	537		12,083	500	11,250
Tomato ( 0.5 Kg/day) 30 days	600	9,000	900	13,500	1,143	17,145	1,158	17,370	658		9,870	1,250	18,750
Onion (116g/day) 30 days	738	2,583	807	2,825	893	3,126	1,250	4,375	798		2,793	1,117	3,910
Fresh Milk (250ml/day) 30 days	323	4,845	351	5,265	317	4,755	443	6,645	300		4,500	300	4,500
Kazinga Cooking oil (100mls/day)30 days	2,263	6,789	2,582	7,746	2,236	6,708	2,233	6,699	2,475		7,425	2,000	6,000
Bread (5 bkfst/ wk) 20 days	548	10,960	542	10,840	519	10,380	600	12,000	550		11,000	550	11,000
Sugar (2 Kgs /Week)	844	6,752	861	6,888	867	6,936	908	7,264	850		6,800	850	6,800
Kitchen Salt	425	425	433	433	307	307	504	504	390		390	400	400
Tea leaves (Chisangalalo)	98	3,920	146	5,840	50	2,000	155	6,200	100		4,000	125	5,000
Cassava /potatoes (2Kgx2Bkfst/)	275	4,400	200	3,200	295	4,720	209	3,344	261		4,176	140	2,240
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>114,045</b>		<b>127,324</b>		<b>131,123</b>		<b>130,948</b>			<b>112,667</b>		<b>132,819</b>
<b>(B) COST OF ESSENTIAL NON-FOOD ITEMS</b>													
Charcoal (50 kgs)	15,388	30,776	12,748	25,496	18,095	36,190	13,333	26,666	7,463		14,926	10,238	20,476
Protex	500	5,000	600	6,000	486	4,860	597	5,970	350		3,500	500	5,000
Boom	469	3,752	489	3,912	450	3,600	455	3,640	465		3,720	400	3,200
Clere Body Lotion	390	780	424	848	339	678	308	616	438		876	365	730
Vaseline Blue Seal	881	1,762	1,185	2,370	836	1,672	1,040	1,066	1,050		2,100	800	1,600
Electricity	10,518	10,518	10,143	10,143	13,370	13,370	6,343	6,343	4,396		4,396	7,868	7,868
Running Water (meter)	7,067	7,067	6,912	6,912	10,876	10,876	6,899	6,899	6,609		6,609	8,668	8,668
Housing (3 bedroom)	56,227	56,227	43,415	43,415	54,483	54,483	30,674	30,674	23,380		23,380	33,003	33,003
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>115,882</b>		<b>99,096</b>		<b>125,729</b>		<b>81,874</b>			<b>59,508</b>		<b>80,545</b>
<b>Total Basic Needs</b>		<b>229,927</b>		<b>226,420</b>		<b>256,852</b>		<b>212,822</b>			<b>172,174</b>		<b>213,364</b>
<b>(C) SOME OTHER ADDITIONAL COSTS</b>													
	<b>Lilongwe</b>	<b>Zomba</b>	<b>Blantyre</b>	<b>Mzuzu</b>	<b>Karonga</b>	<b>Mangochi</b>							
Education													
Secondary (fees) per year	31,875	17,719	21,738	45,000	29,246	30,000							
Primary (GPF) per year	3,150	10,297	3,905	1,380	4,270	3,000							
Uniform/shoes (Primary) per year	18,525	27,502	43,116	30,022	25,014	24,448							
Uniform/shoes (Secondary) per year	29,400	35,220	34,431	34,125	41,794	26,010							
Other (pens, books, etc.) per term	13,900	7,145	11,195	10,591	14,246	19,335							
<b>Minibus fare to town and back LL: MK1400; BT: MK700; ZA: MK500 – MK600; MZ: MK550 – MK600</b>													
Average	Nov, 2020	Dec, 2020	Jan, 2021	Feb, 2021	Mar, 2021	Apr, 2021	May,2021	June,2021	July,2021	Aug, 2021	Sept, 2021	Oct, 2021	
Amount (MK)	<b>198,585</b>	<b>201,966</b>	<b>214,914</b>	<b>209,366</b>	<b>208,926</b>	<b>207,409</b>	<b>203,988</b>	<b>203,568</b>	<b>203,430</b>	<b>205,733</b>	<b>207,334</b>	<b>221,543</b>	

NB: 1 USA dollar (\$) = K810 Malawian Kwacha (MK). The Social Conditions Research Programm of the Centre for Social Concern Conducted these surveys from 20th to 22nd October, 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**